

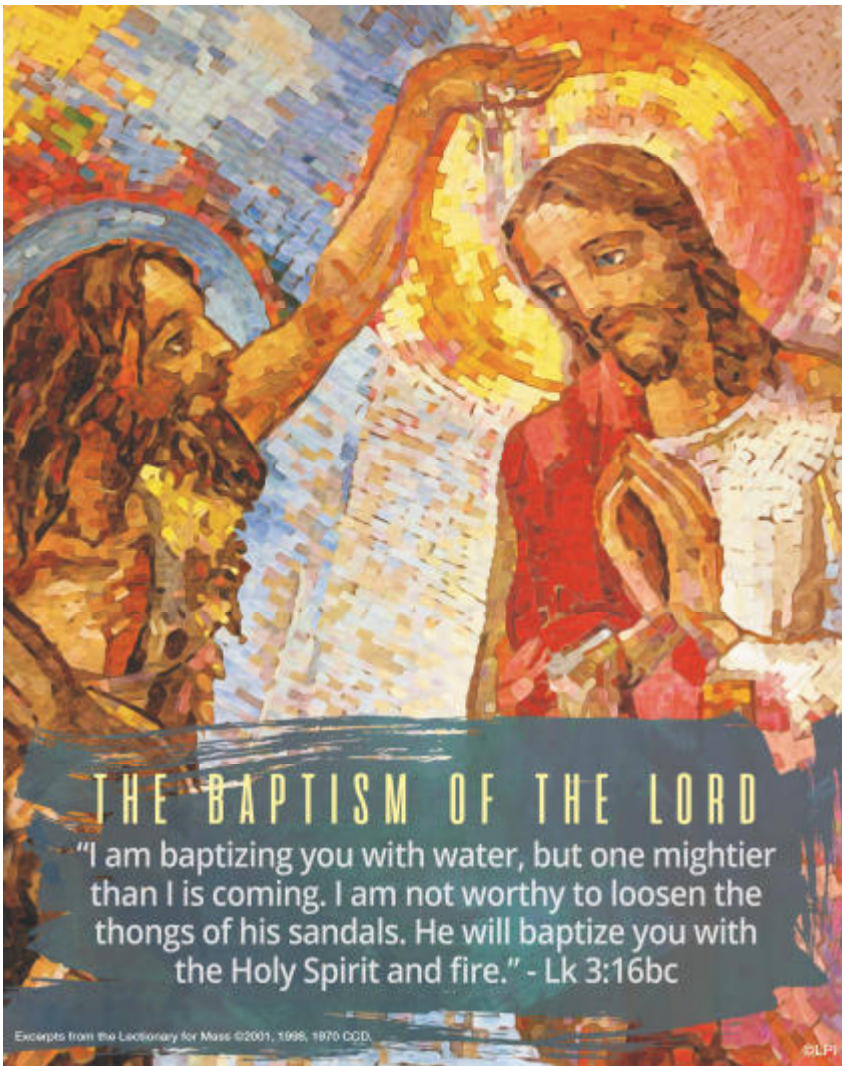


Mary, Mother of the Church

A Roman Catholic Parish * Msgr. Thomas Ginty, Pastor

Waterbury, Connecticut

The Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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The Parish Office is located at
SS. Peter & Paul Church

St. Leo the Great Church
14 Bentwood Drive
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NEW Mass Schedule

4:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Leo
8:00am Sunday Mass @ SS Peter & Paul
11:00am Sunday @ St. Leo the Great

NEW Daily Mass Schedule

8:00 am Wednesday & Thursday's @
St. Leo the Great

Confession Schedule

3:00 pm Saturday Afternoon @ St. Leo
or anytime by appointment



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I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?



We could use your help!

This weekend after the 8:00am mass at SS. Peter & Paul Church we will be taking down all the Christmas decorations. Any help would be greatly appreciated. The more hands, the quicker the work. Thanks!



ATTENTION BINGO WORKERS

There will be a meeting of all Bingo volunteers, including kitchen help and callers on

➔ **Wednesday Jan 19th at 7:00pm** ➔
in St. Leo the Great hall

Please try to attend this important meeting as we will be determining whether or not we can move ahead with our plans of reopening our Bingo games.



ATTENTION BINGO CALLERS

If you have already volunteered to be a Bingo caller, please attend the meeting above too!

If you are willing to LEARN to be a caller, please attend this meeting on the 19th too as there will be a portion of the meeting devoted to becoming familiar with the bingo machine and learning how to be a “Caller”.

It’s not difficult, there is a very minimal time commitment and it’s FUN!



Winter Weather and Closing alerts

Any time an event at our parish may need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be posted on TV

CHANNEL 3 OR 8



LADY’S GUILD MEETING.

Our Lady’s Guild meeting will be held
Tuesday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Guild Hall at St. Leo’s campus.

Discussions regarding upcoming events will be discussed. All ladies of the parish are welcome!



Baptized in Christ

On January 8, 2022
we welcome this child into a forever relationship with Christ and His Church through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Hudson Jeremy Kunkel

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

PSALM:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

SECOND READING:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

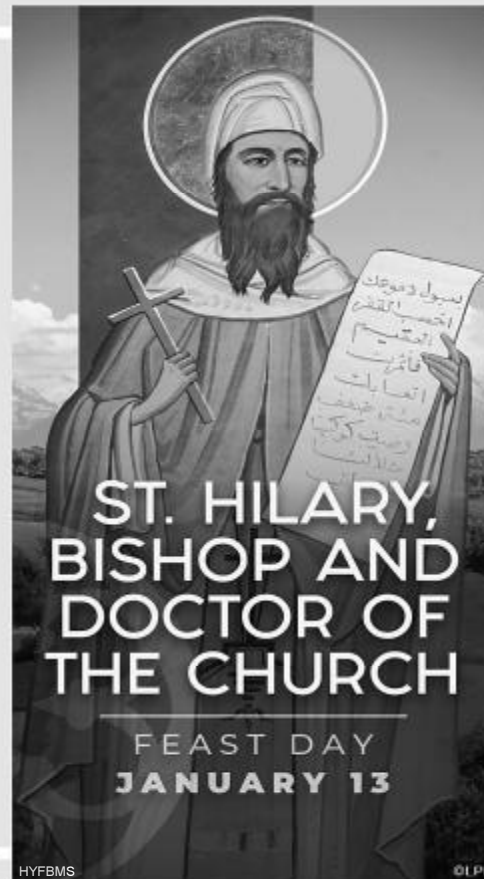
GOSPEL:

After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended
upon him
in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

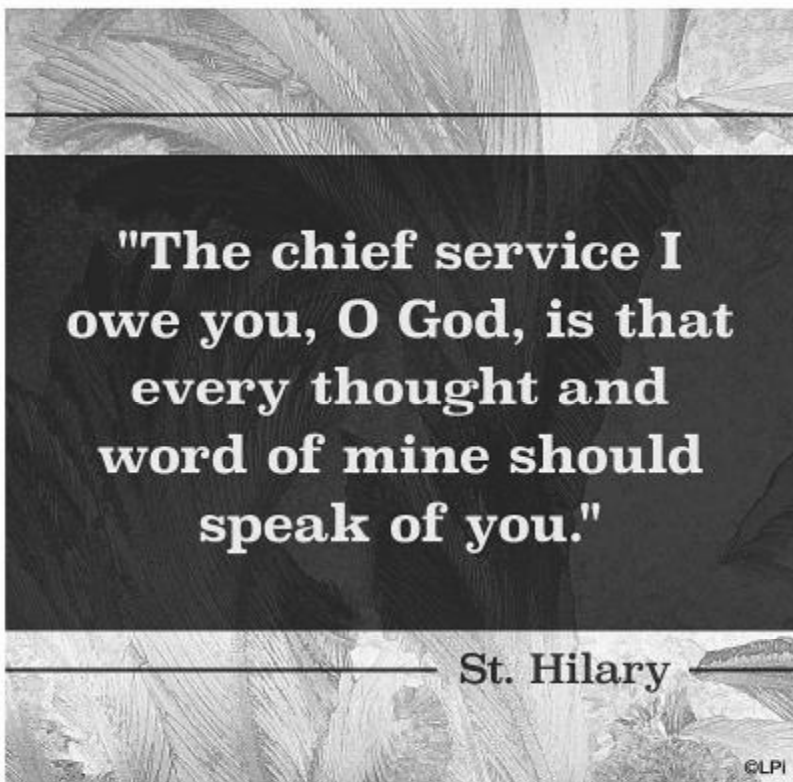
- Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the Week

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions  for the Week

MASSES AT SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH

Sunday, January 9th

(SSPP) 8:00am Helen Kandel—23rd Anniversary
(Daughter, Lillian)

Sunday, January 16th

(SSPP) 8:00am Special Intention

MASSES AT ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH

Saturday, January 8th

4:00pm Jerry Garcia—3rd Anniversary
(Family)

Sunday, January 9th

11:00am Pina Alaimo—Memorial (Sister,
Maria Salamone)

Wednesday, January 12th

8:00am Annie Carnemolla—Memorial
(Family)

Thursday, January 13th

8:00am Barbara Shappy—1st
Anniversary (Eastside Memorial
Funeral Home)

Saturday January 15th

4:00pm James Shukie—Memorial
(Fr. John Mariano)

Sunday, January 16th

11:00am Thomas Barrett—13th
Anniversary (Wife & Family)




PARISH COLLECTIONS

The regular collection reflects the offertory collected at the Masses as well as those contributions mailed into the parish office.

December 25th	Christmas Collection	\$4687.00
December 26th	Regular	\$4361.00
January 2nd	Regular	\$5609.00
Christmas		\$235.00
January 1st	Solemnity of Mary	\$813.00

We Thank you for your continued support!


**Daily Morning Mass
And Winter Weather**




Just a reminder....
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or delayed due to bad
weather there will be
NO daily morning
Mass at St. Leo the
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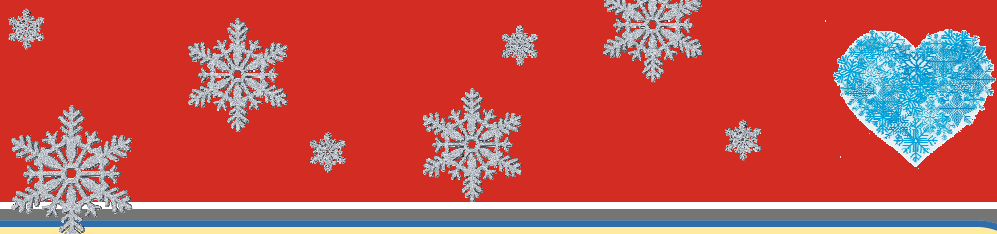
 The Men's Association presents

A night with the
Acoustic Routes
January 21st 6:30 to 9:30pm
St. Leo the Great Hall



 **POSTPONED**

We had to postpone our can & bottle drive but hang on to your cans and watch for a new date coming! Thanks.



Our Parish Social outreach ministry is back in action for 2022!

For the next 4 weekends we will be collecting for the Brian Gibbons Social Outreach Program

The program provides case management and support services to people living outside or those recently housed. Visits are made to campsites, factories, and abandoned buildings several times a week and even in the bitter cold and snowy days of the winter months. We provide food, warm clothing, hygiene products, camping equipment, and most importantly, HOPE. Items they mostly need are:

Warm Socks !!!

There will be a box for the socks & gift cards should be dropped in the collection basket. Thank You!!

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- Dunkin Donuts
- Burger King

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- Cumberland Farms gas cards
- Stop & Shop gas Cards
(some people live in cars)



And now with great warmth and anticipation, the entire parish community of Mary, Mother of the Church welcomes our new pastor:

Msgr. Thomas Ginty

We look forward to growing in faith and building a parish community lead by your faithful and spiritual leadership. We offer you our trust and support and invite you into our lives as we continue to build the Kingdom of God.

May God bless you and be with you on your new endeavor, know you can always count on us to assist you in any way. Gods peace be with you.



NEW MASS SCHEDULE - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2022

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish

4 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Leo the Great
 8 am Sunday Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Church
 11 am Sunday Mass at St. Leo the Great Church

Weekday Mass on Wednesday and Thursday at 8am at Saint Leo the Great Church

Saint Basil the Great Parish

4 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Pius X Church
 9:30am Sunday Mass at Saint Pius X Church

Weekday Mass on Monday and Tuesday at 8am at Saint Pius X Church

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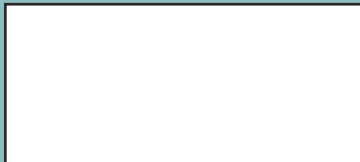
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