

Holy Apostles Parish

JANUARY 8TH AND 9TH, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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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HOLY APOSTLES PARISH
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Sunday	Parish Office Hours 9:00am to 12:00pm
Monday	10:00am to 2:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am to 2:00pm
Wednesday	10:00am to 2:00pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10:00am to 2:00pm
Saturday	10:00am to 3:00pm

Priests
 Rev. Michael A. Hobson
 Pastor x211

Rev. Kwang Lee
 Parochial Vicar x215

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 Deacon Jim Theriault

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 Cheryl Hunnewell x110

Parish Secretary
 Susie Scholl x115

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 Stephen Strug

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 Maura Gilmartin

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 Keith Baker
 Christine Patnaude

Director of Faith Formation
 781-293-7971
 Matthew Chick x112
 Office Hours:
 Mon-Wed 10AM to 5PM

Facilities Managers
 Paul Desmond (OLOL)
 Rick Weston (SJTW)

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00 PM	SJTW (Live streamed)
Sunday	7:30 AM	OLOL
Sunday	10:30 AM	SJTW (live streamed)
Sunday	5:00PM	OLOL

Daily Masses are held at OLOL at **9:00AM**
 Monday, Wednesday through Saturday
 (No Daily Mass on Tuesday)

SJTW = Saint Joseph the Worker Church
 (Open 8am-8pm except Tuesdays)

OLOL = Our Lady of the Lake Church (open for Mass only)

Funeral Masses are scheduled as needed at **9:00AM** at **Our Lady of the Lake Church on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday OR 11:00am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at either** Saint Joseph the Worker or Our Lady of the Lake churches as available. **No Tuesday funerals.**

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

SJTW church will be open from **8am to 8pm** every day of the week except for **Tuesdays.**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/BENEDICTION

(with rosary hosted by the Sodality of Our Lady) will be held at SJTW on **Mondays from 1pm-2pm and Thursdays 6pm-7pm.**

ROSARY: a PUBLIC ROSARY will be held from **11:35am to 11:50am on Sundays** (immediately following the 10:30am Mass) at SJTW and from **6:30pm to 7:00pm on Wednesdays.** *All are welcome!*

Confessions 3:00pm to 3:45pm on Saturdays at SJTW
 4:00pm to 4:45pm on Sundays at OLOL

Baptisms are scheduled through the Parish Office. None during Lent

Weddings are scheduled only after meeting with a priest or deacon at least one year in advance.

Bulletin Prayer Requests: Please call to include your loved ones in our prayers.

Please Pray for: Michael Durante, Fran Jutras, Heather March, Cein Monahan, Janet Fougere, Marygale Theresa, Joanne Johnson, James Fiorenza, Vincent Pesta, Sandra Lane, Ricky Coste, Eileen, Patty, Ken Duty, Dennis Hill, Pat, Stanislaw Zieba, Rachel, Ryan, Teddy, Isabella, Lori Mahoney, Carol Maines, Norma Rello, Pat Lyons, Jason, Mark, Mario, Patricia Appen, Joseph Taugus, Rebecca Shipman-Hurst, Maureen McLaughlin, Peter Muise, Marla and John Likanchuk, Ken Snow, Jessica Nihan, Jennifer H., Nick Wencis, Chris Keene, John O'Loughlin, Joel & Jackie Gervais, George & Deborah Cofrancesco, Vicky McKay, Rose B. & Maria and Tom E., Thomas D., Thomas Coen, Ernie Jutras and special intentions.

Offertory 12/27/2021 to 1/2/2022

Masses:	\$4,156.00
<u>Online Giving:</u>	<u>\$1,380.00</u>
Total	\$5,536.00

Clergy Retirement Trust \$585.00

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Mass Cancellations due to Inclement Weather

ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES & MASSES will be cancelled for the day/evening whenever there are Town School cancellations (except for funerals which might be rescheduled). This will allow for the safety of parishioners and parking lot snow removal. Mass cancellations for either church will be posted on our Holy Apostles Parish website, Facebook page, and Parish Office phone greeting

HOLY APOSTLES PARISH Mass Intentions

Sat. 1/8/22	4:00 PM	SJTW	James MacLellan, Mary MacLellan, Charles Harrington, & Margaret Cassidy (Memorial)
Sun. 1/9/22	7:30 AM	LOLO	
	10:30 AM	SJTW	2nd Anniversary Mass For Charles O'Donnell
	5:00 PM	LOLO	Francis Troland Birthday Remembrance
Mon. 1/10/22	9:00 AM	LOLO	
Wed. 1/12/22	9:00 AM	LOLO	
Thurs. 1/13/22	9:00 AM	LOLO	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri. 1/14/22	9:00 AM	LOLO	
Sat. 1/15/22	9:00 AM	LOLO	All Souls
	4:00 PM	SJTW	Theresa McDonnell (4th Anniversary), Stephen McDonnell (5th Anniversary), John McDonnell (38th Anniversary)
Sun. 1/16/22	7:30 AM	LOLO	
	10:30 AM	SJTW	5th Anniversary Mass For Olinda Goncalves
	5:00 PM	LOLO	Birthday Remembrance For Gregory Pike

Knights of Columbus News

SAVE THE DATE !!

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a "Spaghetti dinner & Movie" night on SATURDAY NIGHT FEBRUARY 26, 2022 at the Holy Apostles Parish Hall, 575 Monponsett Street Halifax, MA.

Details will be forthcoming as the Knights are able to work them out. The dinner will start after the 4:00pm Mass and the showing of a movie right after.

This is a family event, and so the movie will be appropriate for all ages and entertaining for all ages.

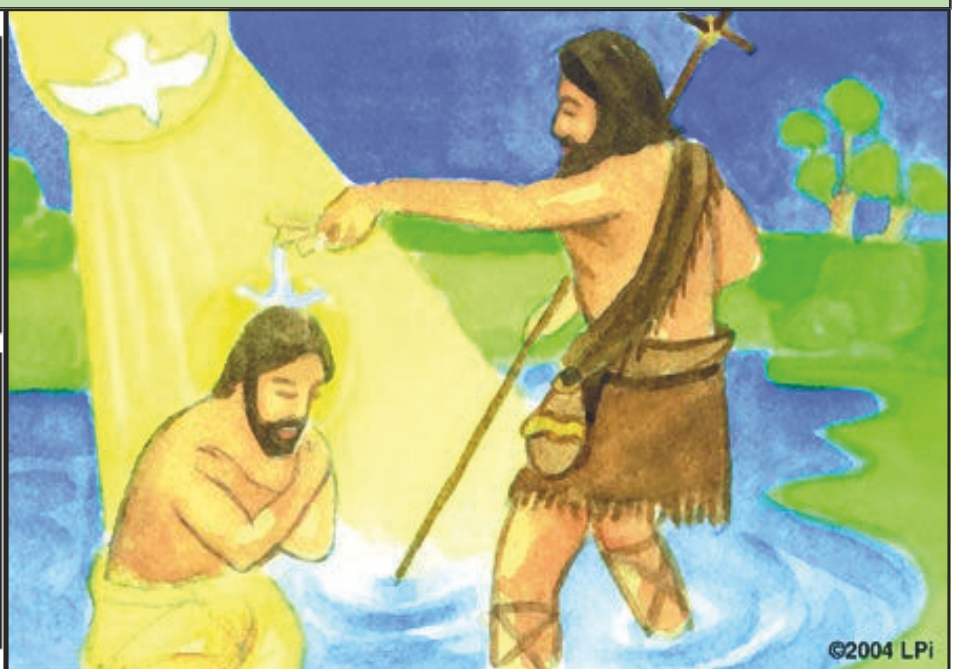
The Knights are grateful for anyone who would like to help out.

Volunteers are always greatly appreciated. If you are able and interested please call John at 781 293 5660 or email the council at Bishopcheverus11390@gmail.com, or see any of the knights.

Of course gift baskets for raffle and donations are also appreciated.

The Bishop Cheverus Council Knights of Columbus, Holy Apostles Parish are delighted for this opportunity to be involved in this community event and hope to make it a great success. See you then!

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”
— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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?

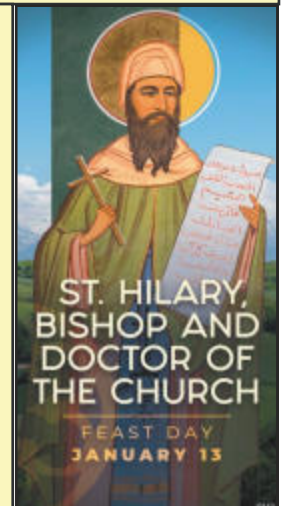
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | January 13

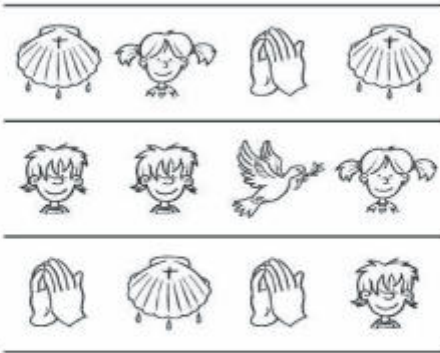
Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular 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.



PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is the same as the first one. Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will talk to God when I first wake up each morning.



GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Baptism of the Lord • Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN MESSIAH BAPTIZING	WATER POWERFUL SANDALS	HOLY SPIRIT FIRE JESUS								
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MISSION

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.



GOSPEL

Your Dad says, "Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat." After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles. He says, "That's my boy. You did a good job!" In today's Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized. After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said, "I'm pleased with you."

PRAYER

God, I want to make you and my parents happy.



Holy Apostles Faith Formation

Happy New Year. Please contact Matthew Chick at "faithformation@holypostlescatholic.com" with any questions.

Please note the following upcoming classes:

- Grade 2: Sunday, January 23rd - 9 to 10:15 AM
- Grade 3: Monday, January 24th - 4:45 PM to 6 PM
- Grade 4: Monday, January 31st - 4:45 PM to 6 PM
- Grade 5: Tuesday, January 25th - 4:45 PM to 6 PM
- Grade 6: Monday, January 24th - 6:15 PM to 7:30 PM
- Grade 7: Tuesday, January 25th - 6:15 PM to 7:30 PM
- Grade 8: Monday, January 31st - 6:15 PM to 7:30 PM
- Grade 9: Sunday, January 23rd - 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM

Local Covid-19 14-day Percent Positivity Rates

	<u>11/4/21</u>	<u>11/11/21</u>	<u>11/18/21</u>	<u>11/25/21</u>	<u>12/2/21</u>	<u>12/9/21</u>	<u>12/16/21</u>	<u>12/23/21</u>	<u>12/30/21</u>
Halifax	4.78%	4.10%	5.07%	8.06%	10.24%	9.95%	10.04%	12.02%	14.08%
Hanson	2.99%	2.41%	2.71%	5.17%	8.61%	10.13%	10.63%	11.38%	12.33%
Pembroke	2.81%	1.73%	3.18%	5.40%	7.63%	10.08%	10.62%	10.35%	10.52%
Whitman	2.77%	3.31%	3.97%	5.91%	8.66%	10.8%	10.85%	11.21%	12.18%
E. Bridgewater	3.11%	4.10%	5.38%	6.98%	8.37%	10.11%	11.00%	9.77%	12.07%

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), as of **12/27/2021** the “level of community transmission” for all 14 counties in Massachusetts are listed as **HIGH** transmissible areas, with positivity rates for Plymouth County at 12.68%, Bristol County at 13.02% and Barnstable County at 11.51%. The percent change in counties at each level of transmission is the absolute change compared to the previous 7-day period.

Please use the above information to assist your decisions regarding wearing a mask to church.

TO OUR WONDERFUL HOLY APOSTLES PARISHIONERS from your SAINT VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE members

Thank you for bringing joy - and the love of Christ - to so many of our neighbors in need this past Thanksgiving and Christmas season! Because of your generous donations, 27 families, totaling 97 recipients, received \$5,875 in gift cards to help them enjoy a happier holiday.

In addition, your donations to our Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Lake, in collaboration with the Greater Boston Food Bank, Halifax Walmart and Halifax Stop & Shop, helped 74 households with Thanksgiving meals and 76 households with Christmas meals. The total value for the meals and food gift cards was \$15,000.

May God bless each of you for all you do to help the less fortunate families in our parish community, not just during the holidays but all year long!



During the month of **January**, the Sodality of Our Lady will be hosting a **baby shower in support of unwed mothers**. Please place donations of **new** items in the playpen located in the Gathering Are at St. Joseph the Worker and/or the entry of Our Lady of the Lake. **Thank you.**

Holy Apostles Upcoming Important Dates

January 8	First Reconciliation 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM SJTW Church
January 8	Knights of Columbus Movie Night 7:00 PM - Sleeping Beauty
January 17, 20, 24	Adoration / Holy Hour for Life at SJTW
January 8 & 22	Food Pantry Distribution 9:00AM
January 22	Family Healing and Recovery Mass 11:00 AM
February 26	Knights of Columbus Spaghetti and Movie Night following 4:00 PM Mass



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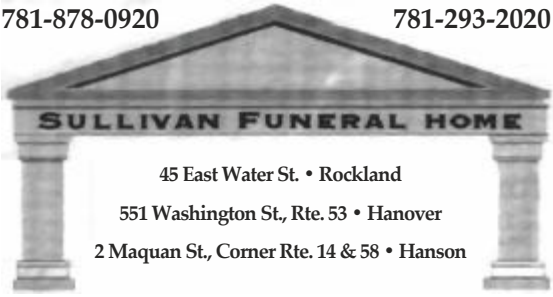
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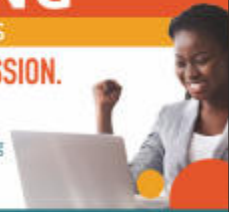
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