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Sundays 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon
Saturdays 7:00AM, 8AM 5:30 PM
Monday 7:00AM, 8AM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday-Friday 7:00AM, 8AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 1:00 PM until all are heard

MARRIAGES:

In accordance with the Common Policy of the Bishops of New Jersey, marriages should be arranged one year in advance of the proposed date. Please call the rectory for more information.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

May be received by anyone who is ill. Don't delay the sacrament until the person is dying. The strengthening and healing is important to experience when a person can encounter the Lord with conscious faith, and often with the support of family around the bedside. Far from being "scared" by the visit of the priest, the sick person is usually greatly consoled and grateful for your thoughtfulness in calling us. Please don't take it for granted that we know about people who are ill.

BAPTISMS are celebrated the 2nd Sunday of the month. Please call the Rectory for information and to register for a Baptism.



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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK –

St. Hilary of Poitiers | 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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God’s presence?

Second Reading:

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called “to live temperately, justly, and devoutly.” How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

Gospel:

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God’s words from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

COLLECTION

Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish. In order to receive credit for your weekly contributions, please use your envelopes and write the amount of your contribution on the envelope.

January 2	\$3,875.
Assessment	\$ 803.
Christmas to date	\$19,100.

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.

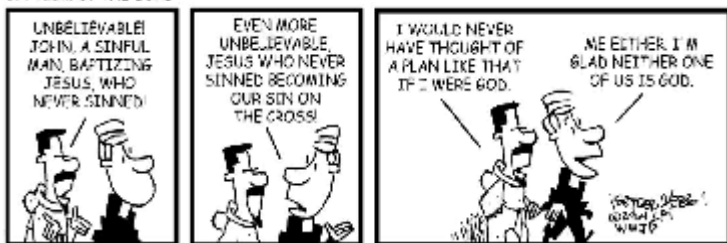
But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that 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?

Our 2nd collection today is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. When you support CCHD, you support organizations that work to protect the air, soil, and water for all the members of their communities.

To learn more about the CCHD and the way it upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Children’s Liturgy first Sunday of the month at 10:30 Mass. Children’s Liturgy of the Word third Sunday of the month 10:30 Mass.

CAFÉ GENEVIEVE—CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES!

The communal experience of Mass is continued each week downstairs in the church hall at Café Genevieve.

Please come down after the 9 and 10:30 Masses to enjoy coffee, tea or juice and a bagel, roll or pastry with your family, friends, and future friends.

Children of all ages are invited to enjoy games, puzzles, coloring pages, craft projects and other activities during Café Genevieve in Karen’s Corner. These activities are provided after the 10:30 Mass until noon each week, and are supervised. Please join us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic men. All men of the parish are invited to join. For information please contact : Council 253 at (908)355-2253 or Chris at (908)351-4444

The Baptism of Our Lord

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that “*Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.*” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS



Catholic Charities received a payment of \$3,367 as a result of your generosity to the Donation Bins at your Church from June 1st, 2021 to November 30th, 2021. These funds combined with monies from other parishes in a similar program throughout the Archdiocese enabled Catholic Charities to show the compassion of Christ to 48,053 individuals served in 84 programs at 26 sites (FY 20/21). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ’s love to the most vulnerable in our society.

SPECIAL DONATION

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.



STOCK UP NOW ON FIREWOOD

Do you need firewood for your backyard chiminea, fireplace or wood-burning stove?. You can get well-seasoned split hardwood logs right here at St. Gen's for half of what you pay in the supermarket. And at the same time, you will be supporting the camping program of Boy Scout Troop 23, including a campership fund that helps send financially-challenged Scouts to summer camp. Help yourself from Webby's Wood Shed, located behind the Rectory near the garages that face Livingston Road. Follow the directions on the envelopes provided to make a donation. Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

5:30pm Christina Halpin req. Tony Chodan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

7:30 Mary Foran req. The Berglund Family

9:00 James Doherty req. Mr. & Mrs. Kevin O'Leary

10:30 Salvatore Guida req. John & Mary Ann Trotter

12:00 Cabrera Family req. Nieces & Nephews

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

7:00 Gertruda Musial req. Family

8:00 Camille Madorma req. JoAnn & John Malone

7pm Margaret Byrne req. Mary, Michael & Martin

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

7:00 Marie & Floyd, Jerry, Dr. Jack & Pick Donahue,
Dr. Bob & Jane Messier

8:00 Mary Foran req. Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

7:00 Nancy Smith Olszewski req. Nancy Gersick

8:00 Peter Paolucci req. Pasquale Arena

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

7:00 Eugene Kyne req. Family

8:00 Augutin Armand req. Rattigan Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

7:00 Rev. Thomas J. Doherty

8:00 Ray Purkis req. Mary Ellen Purkis

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Vincent Sheridan req. Family

5:30pm Mary Foran req. Matyas, Kouvel, Argona
Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

7:30 Reidelina Rodriguez req. Kathy Huber

9:00 Ruben O'Campo (Living)

10:30 James Hasson req. Billy & Theresa Fogler

12:00 John Malone req. JoAnn & John Malone



Our prayers are with you as you recover ~

Tony Brennan, Carol Brink, Elaine Stachowicz, Licia Dossantos, Maria Joe Godinho, Mary Paul, Herminia Murphy, Michael Perrino, Michael Alexander, Carol Chiari, Brian Da Silva, Mary Bernier, Judith Leonardi, Charlie Poppe, Bernadette Szpond, Lyuba Labunsky, Marty Marino, Scott Sauer Family, Jason Hamilton

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