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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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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday Vigil: 5pm  
Sunday: 9am & 11am  
**DAILY MASS**  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8am  
**HOLY DAYS**  
8am & 7pm

**CONFESSION**  
Saturday: 4pm  
**OR CALL PARISH OFFICE**

**BAPTISM**  
Call parish office to schedule

**WEDDINGS**  
Arrangements to be made 6 months in advance

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
For those with serious illness, or in danger of death - call parish office

**St. Hilary Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00am & 5:30pm  
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 7:00 & 9:30am  
Wed. 7:00am ONLY    Holy Days: refer to website  
Confession: Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

**St. Victor Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:45 & 11:30am  
*Memorial Day - Labor Day 9:00 & 11:00am*  
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 7:30am  
Confession: Saturday 3:00-3:45pm



# OUR PARISH



## Mass Intentions

### Prayers This Week

Monday January 10 | Weekday  
8:00 am Msgr. Robert C. Wolff

Tuesday January 11 | Weekday  
8:00 am Elaine Dietz

Wednesday January 12 | Weekday  
NO MASS

Thursday January 13 | St. Hilary  
8:00 am Anna & Joseph Gingo

Friday January 14 | Weekday  
8:00 am William Lewis

Saturday January 15 | Vigil  
5:00 pm Parishioners of GA

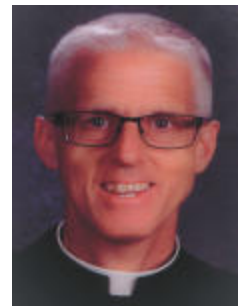
Sunday January 16 | 2nd Sunday in OT  
9:00 am Matthew Frlich  
11:00 am Chad Cook

## SPIRITUAL PROGRESS RATHER THAN SPIRITUAL PERFECTION

Having just entered a new year, we are presented with the opportunity to review what has just happened—while anticipating what is to come. This may create a spiritual dilemma for us—it might cause us to look too far back or too far ahead. The spiritually sound thing to do is to live in the present moment—growing one day at a time; this cannot happen yesterday or tomorrow! *Fr. Chris*

### Words for the Week— *Fr. Chris*

As I mentioned last week, we are reviewing the results of our “We Are Blessed” campaign. Once this review is complete we will begin establishing the new ministries many of you showed an interest in—and we will continue to support the ministries that have been part of our parish life these past many years. The insert in today’s bulletin gives us a nice overview of your commitments to the parish!



I want to thank Hummel Funeral Home for once again providing Guardian Angels with our annual calendars—we appreciate their commitment to our parish!

**Have a safe and blessed week!**



### COLLECTION

REGULAR OFFERTORY (WEEKLY & ONLINE)	Christmas	\$12,979.00
	12/26	\$5,724.27
	1/2	\$7,073.52

SPECIAL GIFTS	12/26	\$1,200.00
	1/2	\$1,000.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

*Parishioners: If you are interested in switching to online giving or want to make a one-time offering, you may set up automated contributions & change the timing or amount of your offering. The online giving portal is located at <https://copleyangels.org/support-our-parish>*

*If you prefer to write a check for your offering, please make checks payable to “Guardian Angels”*



### “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.”

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 ©LPi







## 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.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to parishioner Brad Mularcik, Jr. on his graduation from OSU in Mechanical Engineering in December 2021. He graduated magna cum laude. He was also commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army upon graduation. He will begin flight school at Ft. Rucker, AL in April 2022.



## 2021 YEAR-END TAX PLANNING

All contributions for 2021 needed to be received in the church office and/or postmarked by Dec. 31, 2021. Any gift received or post-marked on or after Jan. 1, 2022 will now be credited to 2022. Your 2021 Contribution Statement will be sent via email on file. If the address has changed please email updates no later than *Friday, January 21, 2022* to: [office@copleyangels.org](mailto:office@copleyangels.org). We will process these statements beginning *Monday, January 24, 2022*. If you prefer snail mail, please provide a legal size, self-addressed, stamped envelope to the parish office at: **1686 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road, Copley, Ohio 44321.**

## ST. HILARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 30

St. Hilary School will hold its annual Catholic Schools Week Open House Sunday, January 30 from 12-2pm. Tours will be offered and our teachers look forward to visiting with you in their classrooms. By virtue of the cluster parish arrangement, Guardian Angels & St. Victor Parishioners may qualify for the St. Hilary Parishioner tuition rate! St. Hilary School proudly offers over \$150,000 in tuition assistance annually to help make Catholic education affordable for all, and 529 Plan funds may be used toward tuition. Please join us, All are welcome! We admit qualified students of any gender, race, color, and national or ethnic origin. Please call Debbie Sinopoli, Director of Marketing & Admissions, at 330-867-8720, ext. 343 for more information about St. Hilary School or the Open House.

## AM1260 The Rock will broadcast "Mass for Life" - January 21, 2022



Happy New Year from the Rock! Please join AM 1260 The Rock as we broadcast the annual "Mass for Life." Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, Bishop of Cleveland, will celebrate Mass from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM. Listen via radio, through our website ([am1260therock.com](http://am1260therock.com)), or on our mobile app. Please pray for The Culture of Life to permeate our country and world as we begin this new year! God Bless You!

This year marks the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragedy of legal abortion across the United States. Just because something is legal, doesn't make it right. Please Join Right to Life of Northeast Ohio as they sponsor the Summit County March for Life at 9am on Saturday, January 22 in Cuyahoga Falls as we work to end abortion. The 1.5 mile route starts and ends at the Community Vineyard Church and goes past the Northeast Ohio Women's Center abortion clinic. For more details, visit [www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com](http://www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com) and click on the events page.



## Synod 2021 - 2023: For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission



In recent bulletins, you read information about the synodal process. The dates that Guardian Angels Parish will hold listening sessions are Tuesday, January 18 @ 9:00 am (after daily Mass) and Thursday, January 27 @ 7:00 pm. All are welcome as we are all on this journey of faith together! This is an opportunity to listen to one another in a spirit of prayer and dream about the Church we are called to be. The information gathered from the listening sessions will not only help us discern how we can move forward together as a parish community, but also as a diocesan and universal Church.



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