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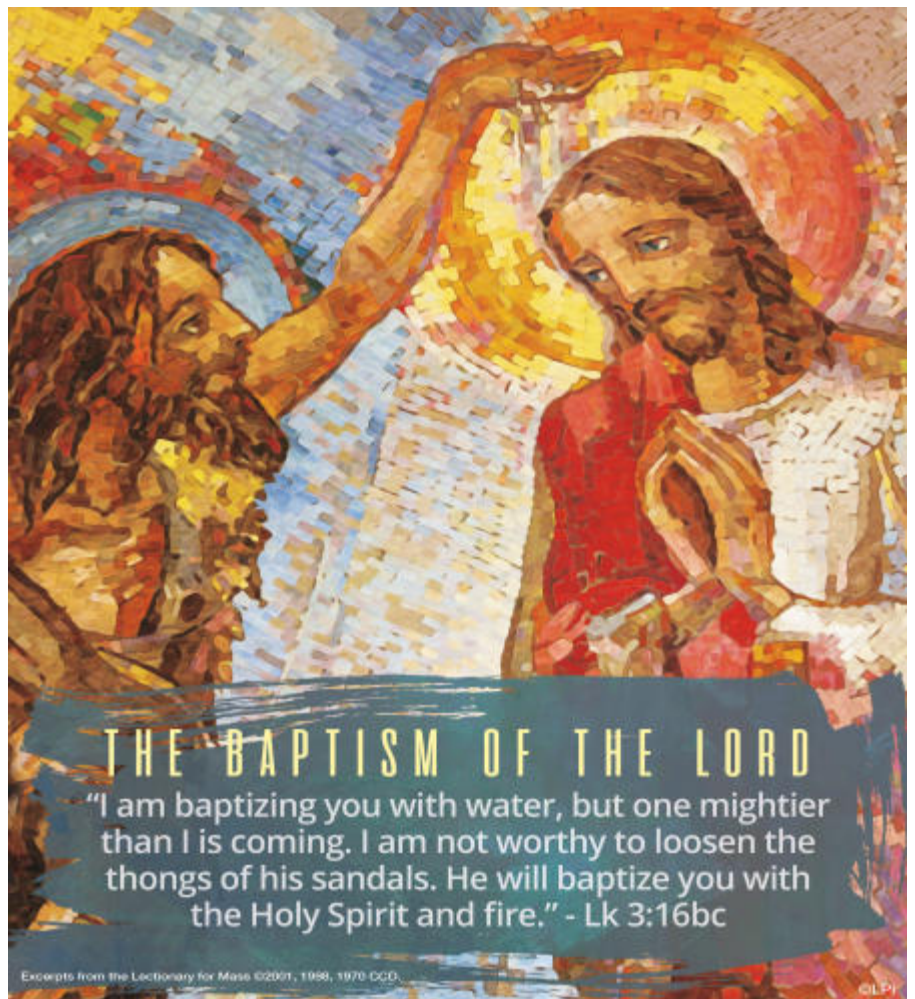
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**MASS TIMES**  
Daily (M-F) 8:30am (P-Church) & 12:15pm (Chapel)  
Saturday 4pm(L) & 5:30(P)  
Sunday 9am(L) & 11:30am(P)  
**1st Saturday of the Month:** 8:30am (P-Church)

**CONFESSIONS**  
Sat: 3:15pm (L)  
& 4:45pm (P)  
or anytime upon request

**DEVOTIONS**  
First Friday-Eucharistic Adoration  
9am-12 Noon (P-Church)

**HOLY DAYS:** 8:30am, 12:15pm, 6pm

# MASS INTENTIONS



## Saturday, January 8—The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 PM (LEO) Nicola, Pina, Maria and Joanna Antonelli, Michele & Michelina D'Amico by Tina D'Amico  
 5:30 PM (POP) Raquel "Rocky" Perricelli by Family

## Sunday, January 9—The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 AM (LEO) David Tweed (1st Year Anniv) by Sister Jackie/Aunt Rita  
 11:30 AM (POP) Mary Archbold by Children

## Monday, January 10—First Week in Ordinary Time

8:30AM (P-CH) Mary DeMunda by Andrea and Chris Ciccone  
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) Nellie Morreale by Lee and Patti Wallace

## Tuesday, January 11—Weekday

8:30AM (P-CH) Ambrose Quarantillo by Family  
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) Edmond McIntyre by Patricia Forbes

## Wednesday, January 12—Weekday

8:30AM (P-CH) Ronald Pennesi by Daughter Nancy  
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) John Archbold by Children

## Thursday, January 13—Weekday

8:30AM (P-CH) All Mother's Living and Deceased  
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) Rose Micale by Harrison and Penny Stump

## Friday, January 14—Weekday

8:30AM (P-CH) All Mother's Living and Deceased  
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) Rosemary Bettino (9th Anniv) by Family

## Saturday, January 15—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (LEO) Domenico Catanzariti (3rd Anniv) by Daughter Rosa & Family  
 5:30 PM (POP) Angelo and Mary Gigliotti by Family

## Sunday, January 16—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM (LEO) Anna M. Casale by Maria, Walt and Family  
 11:30 AM (POP) Deceased Members of the Cicco and Ferlito Families by Agnes Cicco

## PARISH ACTIVITIES/CALENDAR

### Saturday, January 8, 2022

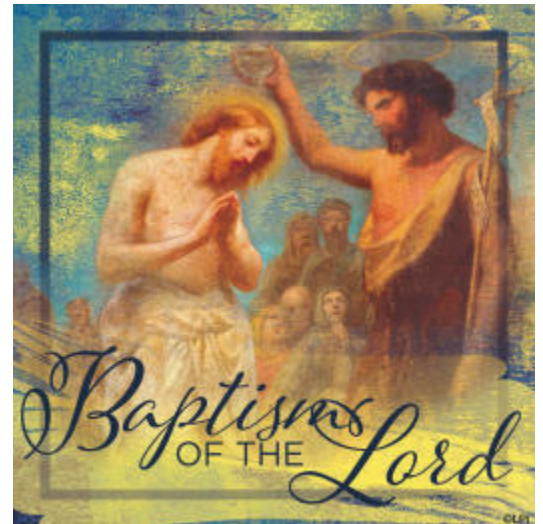
7:00pm Saturday Bingo—(L)  
 Progressive: #55  
 Queen of Hearts: \$63.00

### Tuesday, January 11

7:00pm 12 & 12 AI-Non Support Group—  
 (L) #6

### Wednesday, January 12

10:30am AI-Non Ray of Hope—(L) #6



### THIS WEEK'S TABERNACLE CANDLES BURN FOR

**POP Church Candle:**  
 Anita Testa by Tony, Bonny & Family  
**POP Chapel Candle:**  
 SVDP PARISH FAMILY  
**St. Leo Site Candle:**  
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**Letters of Recommendations:** To receive a letter of recommendation to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, it will be gladly given to *registered* parishioners (**for at least 3 months**), who are active, supporting members of our parish who regularly attend Sunday Mass and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, and if married, has done so in conformity with the laws of the Church.

## 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)

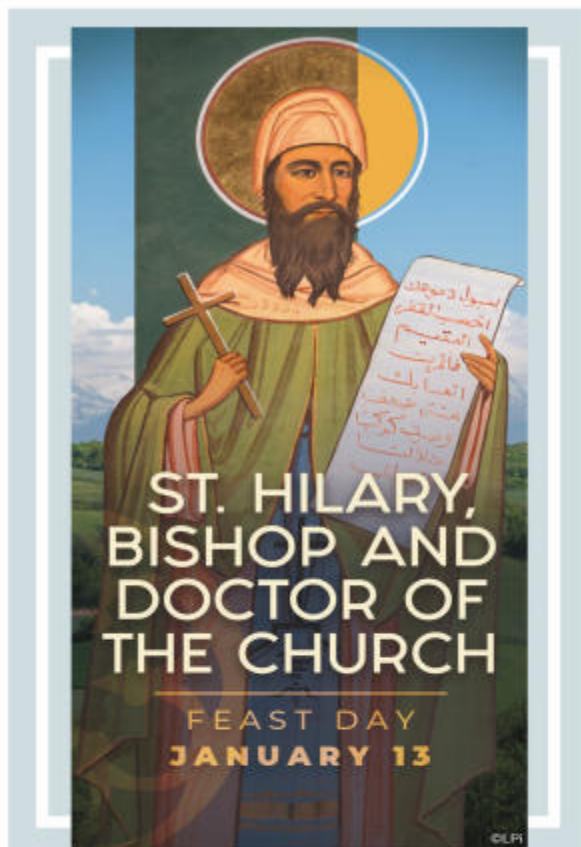
### GOSPEL:

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

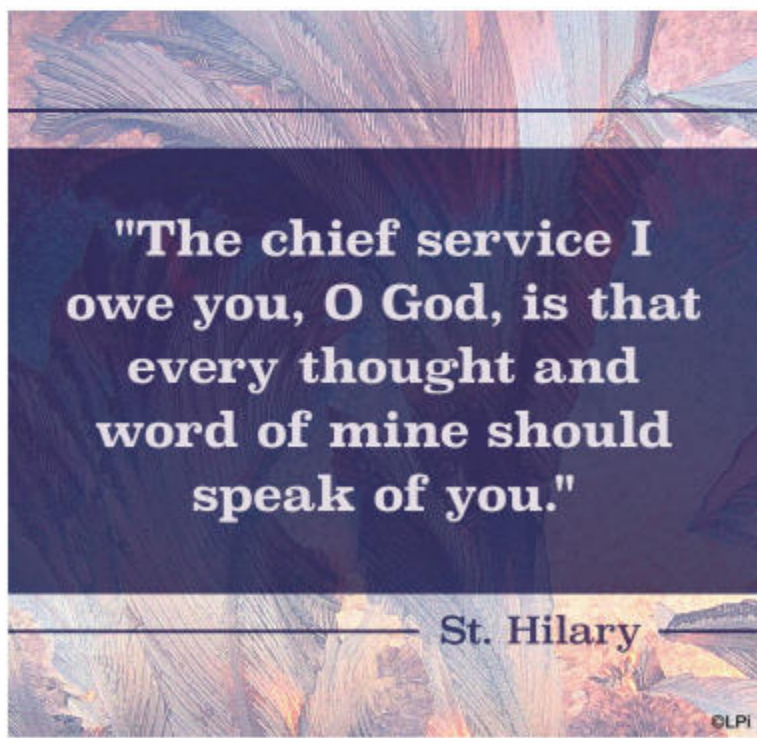
Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 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

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Your continuing generosity is greatly appreciated. It is because of your support that our St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry is able to continue to feed the many needy families in our area. We would appreciate donations of the following non-perishable foods:

**Peanut butter, jelly, tuna, spaghetti sauce, SpaghettiOs.**

If you know of anyone in need of food, please call our pantry at 957-7146. Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted. Please mail to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society, attn: Treasurer, 1040 Cayuga Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304. Our food barrels are located at both parish sites for non-perishable food donations. GOD BLESS YOU for all you do to help these families.

**(The Poor Box is the Bread Box for the Poor)**

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT  
MEAT RAFFLE**

**Friday, February 4, 2022**

- 6pm Doors Open
  - 7pm First Spin
- St. Gregory The Great Ministry Center, 100 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville
- Attend in person—Must purchase a table of 8
  - **Attend virtually—watch live on Facebook**
  - Multiple ticketing options: advanced tickets for meat rounds, basket raffles, big raffle items and split club
  - All Diocesan COVID regulations followed
  - No outside alcohol permitted
  - Questions email: [meatraftletime@gmail.com](mailto:meatraftletime@gmail.com)
  - Register: <https://form.jotform.com/213057351858156>

**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

## 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. ©LPi

## FAITH FORMATION NEEDS YOUR HELP! We Need Donations!

The time is drawing near for our Faith Formation February Fair to be held on **February 6, 2022.**

**We are in need of the following items:**

**Gift Cards and Gift Certificates \* Theme Baskets to Raffle \* Items to place into baskets**

**Men's Basket Items**

If you can donate something or know someone who owns a business and could ask them to donate, it will be greatly appreciated. If you'd like to donate something, contact Sr. Joanne or Belinda in the faith formation office. Thank you in advance for helping to make our event a success.

**Are you struggling with addiction** of any kind and in need of a support system and/or just someone to talk with confidentially? Please call 284-6641 for more information.

WLOF 101.7 FM You can listen to Fr. Jacek Mazur on Tuesdays at 8:00pm or Sundays at 11:00am as he speaks about aspects of the message of Divine Mercy as revealed by Jesus to St. Maria Faustina. Or you can listen by logging to: [www.stationofthecross.com](http://www.stationofthecross.com), under: PODCASTS click: Divine Mercy in my Soul.

**Knights of Columbus, 755 Erie Ave, NT** invites you to a Farmers Breakfast on **Sunday, January 9, 2022** from 8:30am/11:30am at the Hall. All you can eat!

Cost is \$11.00 adults and children 12 and up. Children 6-11 \$5.00 and children under 5 are Free!



**CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL**—The following SVDP Parishioners have achieved Honor Roll for the 1st quarter: Johnny Esposito, Erik Parkes, Zachary Crogan, Matthew Woyksnar. Congratulations!

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH INTEREST FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number: (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please Circle:

- New Registration
- Update or Change of Address/Name
- Lector
- Minister of Holy Communion
- Usher
- Altar Server

**Please place in Collection Basket/or mail.**

## Lifelong Faith Formation



### Faith Formation Schedule

Classes resume this week as usual on January 9, 10 and 13 following the Christmas and New Year's Recess.

There will be **NO CLASSES** on January 16, 17, and 20 due to the Martin Luther King Holiday. Please note that the number of sessions for each group is the same.

### Good News to Share!

Presently, there are 11 YOUNG people who have made their Confirmation assisting us in various capacities at Faith Formation. This is a source of pride and joy for our parish. Please pray for the young and encourage them in any way you can. What **JOY** we experience by their presence! We have young apostles among us!

### We Need Donations

The time is drawing near for our Faith Formation February Fair to be held on **February 6, 2022** in the parish center. We will begin working on assembling baskets on **Sunday, January 9 at 10 AM**. If you are interested in helping, contact Belinda or Sr. Joanne at Faith Formation. We are in need of the following items:

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### Enrollment Masses for First Reconciliation

Students making their First Reconciliation and at least one parent need to attend one of the First Reconciliation Enrollment Masses to be celebrated on:

January 22, 2022 at 4:00 PM at St. Leo's Worship Site or

January 23, 2022 at 11:30 PM at Prince of Peace Worship Site

Please contact Sr. Joanne if you cannot attend either of these Masses.

### Essay Contest

The Catholic Communication Center sponsors a yearly essay contest for students in grades 3 through 8. The topic for this year is: Describe a moment when you felt close to God. The prize is \$100, a Bible, the religion teacher receives a \$100 prize and \$100 for a classroom party for the winner. If your child is interested or you know of someone who may be interested, please contact me. Entries are due to them by March 31, 2022.

### Save Time and Help a Worthy Cause!

We can help you make holiday clean up a little easier. Bring your returnable bottles and cans to church, faith formation or to the Empower store located at 4701 Military Road. We'll redeem them for you and it will benefit our Faith Formation program. Our account number at the Empower store is #64. Thank you for helping us to make a difference with our young people by enhancing our programs.

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