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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD—JAN. 9, 2022



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Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Readings

First Reading

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street, a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth: the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Our Response is:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters. The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Mass Readings

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Glory to you, O Lord.

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "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." 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael



Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**

Our Catholic Communities

Contributions	12/26	Last Year
Blessed Sacrament	\$2,714.00	\$ 458.00
Holy Family	\$2,287.00	\$1,512.00
Immaculate Conception	\$11,043.00	\$1,066.00
SS. Brendan & Jude	\$ 1,298.00	\$1,421.00
St. Mary's	\$ 1,049.00	\$ 793.00

Contributions	1/2	Last Year
Blessed Sacrament	\$1,072.00	\$1,414.00
Holy Family	\$ 821.00	\$ 630.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,790.00	\$2,034.66
SS. Brendan & Jude	Next week	\$1,102.00
St. Mary's	\$ 801.00	\$ 904.00

Marriage Preparation Class

Thank you for your Stewardship!

Marriage Plans in the near Future?

Deacon David and Connie Harvey

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SS. Brendan & Jude

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

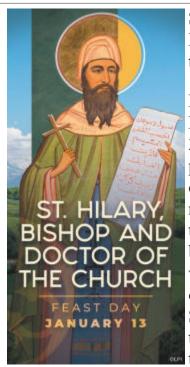
Immaculate Conception January 9th—All Grades

Baptismal Bib

Question: At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer: When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment. ©LPi

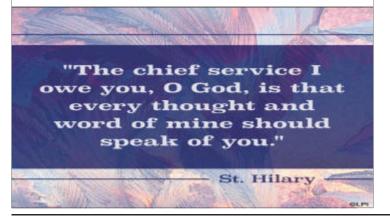


St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | Jan. 13th

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 Phyrgia 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.



Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-

19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,

8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and

5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24

-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-

19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3,

4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-

10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

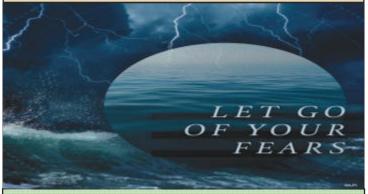
Observances for the Week

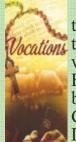
Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time





Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocaocations tion in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If God is calling you to this, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

Everyday Stewardship

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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Gospel Meditation

"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**

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Blessed Sacrament - Andover

Altar Breads & Wine

In Loving Memory of: Charles Costello *By:* Tammy & Mark Emery

Sun.	Jan. 9	9:00am	Jean Jackson By: Brad & Marcy Bledsoe
Sun.	Jan. 16	9:00am	James Bradstreet By: Mr. & Mrs. Terry McCormick

St. Brendan's - Almond

Confessions on Saturday's at 3:15pm

Altar Breads &. Wine

In Loving Memory of: Dr. John Kelly (Birthday Rem.) *By:* Family

Sat.	Jan. 8	4:00pm	Emily Campbell By: Maureen & Jim Edmonston
Mon.	Jan. 10	9:00am	All Living & Deceased Mothers of SSBJ By: Parishioners
Wed.	Jan. 12	9:00am	Herbert Zuschin By: Anne Zuschin
Fri.	Jan. 14	9:00am	All Souls By: Parishioners
Sat.	Jan. 15	4:00pm	Dr. John Kelly By: Family
St. Jude's - Alfred			

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Sun.	Jan. 9	11:00am	Emily Campbell By: Mom, Dad, & Allyson	
Sun.	Jan. 16	11:00am	All Living & Deceased Fathers of SSBJ By: Parishioners	

St. Mary's - Bolivar			
Sun.	Jan. 9	8:00am	Martin J. Mesler By: Tami & Larry Adams
Sun.	Jan. 16	8:00am	Betsy Bucher By: Joe Bucher

PRAYER CENTER

Please Pray For The Sick: Mary Fisk and all those being prayed for by our Prayer Circle, Our Nursing Home and Assisted Living Residents, the sick of our parishes and anyone in need of our prayers.

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Altar Breads & Wine

In Loving Memory of: Eddie Linnecke, Sr. By: Joe & Laurie Hennessy

Sun.	Jan. 9	11:30am	Kevin Dewey By: Linda Healy
Tue.	Jan. 11	12:05pm	Estate of John Ducette
Sun.	Jan. 16	11:30am	Terry Schmelzer By: Pat Schmelzer

Immaculate Conception - Wellsville

Confessions on Saturday's at 3:15pm

Altar Breads & Wine:

In Loving Memory of: Raymond Szymkowski

By: Shaun & Elaine Walsh

Áltar Candles:

In Loving Memory of: Alice Szymkowski By: Shaun & Elaine Walsh

Sat.	Jan. 8	4:00pm	Gertrude Roach Harmon (Birthday Remembrance) By: Madeleine Gasdik
Sun.	Jan. 9	9:45am	Jack, Edith, & Denise Colligan By: Tim & Sue Colligan And Family
Mon.	Jan. 10	8:10am	Wayne Harvey By: Debbie, Larry, & Bryan Clark
Tue.	Jan. 11	8:10am	Gerald J. Russello By: Debbie, Larry, & Bryan Clark
Wed.	Jan. 12	8:10am	Anita Molin Lewis By: Joanne Molin, the Molloy's, and the Haney's
Fri.	Jan. 14	8:10am	Louis F. Kaminski, Sr. By: Debbie, Larry, & Bryan Clark
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