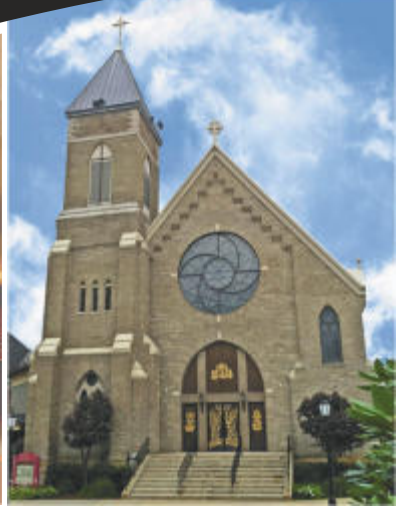
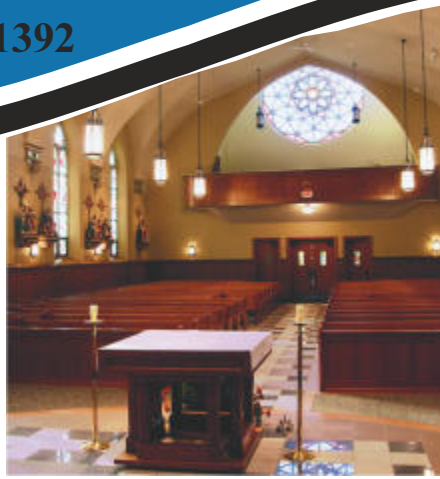
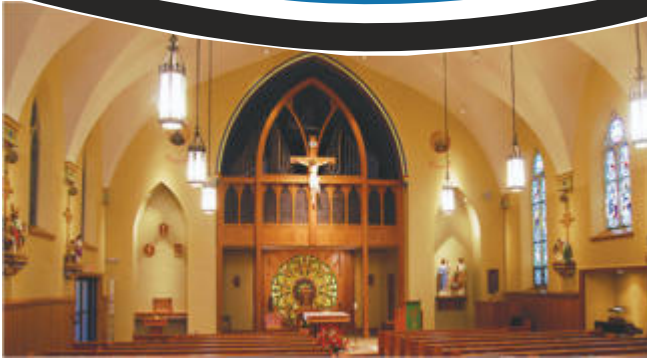


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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Liturgies: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Liturgies: 7:30 a.m. (Monday–Friday)

Holy Day Liturgies: 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. & any time by appointment.

BAPTISM

Call the Rectory office for scheduling.

MARRIAGE

Preparation required.

Call the Parish Priest for details.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Rectory Office when someone is hospitalized or seriously ill.

Call anytime for emergencies.

R.C.I.A. (*Becoming Catholic*)

Adult formation process.

Call the Rectory Office for information.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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 3:21-22a

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 11

9:00AM Rose Reigel by Collins Family

Wednesday, January 12

7:30 AM No Mass

Thursday, January 13-St. Hilary

9:00 AM Verna Wooditch by Marge Caruso

Friday, January 14

7:30 AM Donna Siggins by Delia Family

10:00 AM Msgr. Edward Zeitler (Lutheran Home)

Saturday, January 15

5:00 PM Joe Maljovec by Barry Johnson

Sunday, January 16-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ernie Marchini by Bob & Paula Mosier

10:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of St. Callistus

Scripture Readings for Week of January 9, 2022

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

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Online Gaming: 72% of teens, both male and female (ages 13-17) play video games. More than half of those teens said they have made new friends online. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children analysis of Cyber Tipline reports has found that gaming platforms are more often used in the online enticement of young boys than any other group of children. It is important for parents to talk to their child about safety in online gaming. Some important questions to ask are: Have you ever been cyberbullied while gaming? Do you know what information is OK to share about yourself while gaming? Has anyone talked about sex while you were gaming or asked you to send pictures of yourself? If your child answers yes, report the matter to law enforcement. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ for additional resources.

Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

Marriage Moments

A new year has begun. Perhaps you've made a New Year's Resolution. Perhaps not. Today, just think about today! What kindness can you offer your beloved today.



OUR ST. CALLISTUS FAMILY

Christian Burials - were recently given to Doris Bostjancic and Louise DeSio. The prayers and sympathy of the parish are extended to their families. May their souls rest in peace.

Special Retreat for Engaged Couples

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide a meaningful environment for deepening the conversations and habits necessary in a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here is what a past participant had to say: "I cannot thank you enough for an amazing experience this weekend. My fiancé and I will never forget it and all of the special moments." Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

Seventh Annual 138 Women's Conference

"Say Yes!" to the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30-12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This year's conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at www.138women.com for more information and to register."

End of the Year Giving

If you plan on needing a statement of your contributions for tax purposes for 2021, please call the Rectory Office. If you made a pledge to CSA, the final payments are due by Jan. 31, 2022.



St. Callistus Meals are BACK!

(Previously Don't Eat Alone)

Drive thru or deliveries are available!

When: Sunday, January 16th

Where: St. Callistus Church

Pickups: Downstairs in Church Hall
(can grab a meal to take home right after mass)

Drive ups: outback

Time: 11:30AM-12:30PM

**Serving: Chicken casserole, corn,
roll & dessert**

You must call the rectory to sign up so we can prepare enough meals. 814-837-6694

If you'd like your meal delivered,
kindly give your address.

Sunday, Jan 09, 2022

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Tell it like it is

The hidden days are over. When the Spirit descends on Jesus and the heavenly voice proclaims him beloved, Jesus is effectively outed as the Divine Son. Did Jesus know this was the hour when his private life would come to an end? When any dreams he may have had for a quiet domestic existence were surrendered for good? The underlying truth is that on the day of our Baptism, we each surrender the notion of a private world that's all about us. As Pope Francis puts it, "Immersing us in Christ, Baptism also makes us members of his body, which is the Church, and participants in its mission in the world." Be the beloved. Share the love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (21). "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Monday, Jan 10, 2022

Give every child a chance

According to the National Center for Child Poverty, about 15 million children in the United States—21 percent of all children—live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line. The Christ Child Society seeks to address the critical needs of these children. U.S.-born Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick, who died on this day in 1955, founded the Christ Child Society in 1887 at the age of 20—despite being paralyzed from a childhood injury. Today, its 6,000 members volunteer nearly 400,000 hours and serve more than 75,000 children and their families annually. You may find a chapter—or start one—at nationalchristchild.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20 (305). "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022

Pray the way to a more perfect union

Dom Lambert Beauduin, a Belgian Benedictine monk, died this day in 1960—but not without influencing the way we pray at Mass. As a liturgical scholar, Beauduin championed—years before Vatican II—the idea of worshipers actively participating in the Mass rather than sitting in pews to pray their private devotions. He promoted the idea of congregants literally "being on the same page," able to follow along with the Latin by using worship aides to translate the words of priests and prayers. "Beauduin had an insatiable thirst for unity," notes a biographer. Pray for greater unity in our church today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28 (306). "On the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught."

Wednesday, Jan 12, 2022

Here I am, Lord

Jesus saw his healing ministry of the sick and spiritually oppressed as a call from God. It is the same call each of us receives, not only to serve God and his people but to serve ourselves—to be our best selves, which will bring us the greatest joy. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, known as an apostle of love, explains the profound grace that comes with responding to God's call in his "Jesus, the very thought of thee" hymn: "... how kind thou art! How good to those who seek! But what to those who

find? Ah, this No tongue nor pen can show! The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 (307).

"Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

Thursday, Jan 13, 2022

MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

In defense of the faith

Saint Hilary (d. 468) was a bishop during a time of great contention in the early church. He was popularly selected to lead, and he undertook scholarship that continues to be recognized today. His informal title, "Hammer of the Arians," has a violent ring to it, but in fact, he defended the Trinity against the Arian heresy through his writing, even though his opponents used the more forcible method of exile. Living a truly Christian life—loving those who oppose you, forgiving wrongs, turning the other cheek—has often been ridiculed by those who prefer the use of force. You can "defend" the faith by the way you choose to live.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45 (308). "A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean.'"

Friday, Jan 14, 2022

I feel your pain

Healing gospel-style involves assessing the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the ill person. As Pope Francis says, Jesus asks us: "To stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them." This holistic approach is slowly being embraced by Western physicians. Today's healthcare providers are encouraged to use such tools as the FICA method to assess a patient's *faith*; its *importance* in their decision-making; their connection to a *community* of like-minded believers; and the recommended *action* related to the spiritual assessment. We're all commissioned to be healers to some extent; the next time someone comes to you in pain, remember this compassionate approach.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12 (309).

"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?'"

Saturday, Jan 15, 2022

The stone rejected

In our continued observance of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, we are reminded by Pope Francis to consider the complexities of people's lives when we're tempted to judge their family or marital situation. "It can no longer simply be said," writes the pope, "that all those living in any 'irregular situation' are living in a state of mortal sin." Non-traditional families need to be offered "understanding, comfort, and acceptance." We need to stop applying moral laws as if they were, in the pope's words, "stones to throw at a person's life." Consider today the grace of God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness operating in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17 (310).

"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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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)

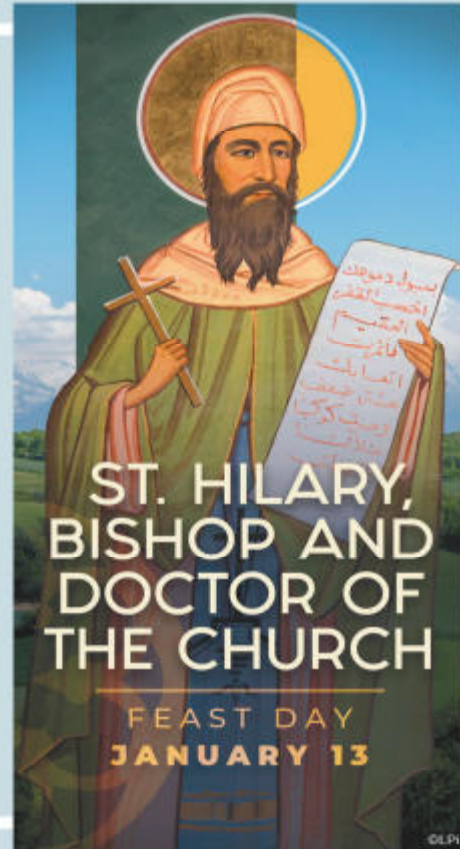
GOSPEL:

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 chief service I
owe you, O God, is that
every thought and
word of mine should
speak of you."

St. Hilary

From the Pastor...

The Baptism of Jesus might make some wonder why he has to get baptized since he has no sin? Jesus gets baptized in solidarity with all of humanity, to show that he is entering into the condition of alienation and sin that afflicts all of us. His baptism also points forward to his passion and suffering on our behalf and of course to his resurrection. John the Baptist makes it clear that he (John) is not the Messiah and that his mission is to get people ready for Jesus. What can we learn from this? Once again, the Incarnation means that the Lord has entered fully into our human situation with all its difficulties and redeems and transforms it. The Father is pleased that Jesus has taken on this mission to save all of humanity and says, "You are my beloved Son." Our own baptism orients us to follow and to participate in this great mission. First of all, through the power of the Spirit, we are saved, redeemed and made a new creation. Second, through suffering on behalf of others, we bring God's goodness and grace into every corner of our world. Third, with Jesus we enjoy the status of the beloved of the Father—a matter of not doing or having to jump through hoops, but of just being and reveling in the unconditional love of the Father.
Fr. Bill



Religious Education News

Sunday, January 9

8:45-10:15 - Elementary Classes
11:15-12:30 - Junior Confirmation class
6:00-7:30 - Class grades 6-10

Sunday, January 16

There will be NO classes this weekend, due to NO school on Monday.

I thought our Christmas Masses were wonderful celebrations revealing our love and thanksgiving for all that the Lord has done for us. I'd like to thank all who helped make it such a blessed time.

Thank you to Jeannie Iannuzzi and Cathy Johnson and all who helped decorate our beautiful church. Thanks to Sue Hutchins and all the cantors, musicians and organists for the awesome music.

Thanks, too, to all the lectors and ministers of Holy Communion.
May God bless all who participated!
Fr. Bill



Offertory Report – January 2, 2022
“Stewardship means returning the first portion of all God has given you.”

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| Offertory | \$3,460.00 |
| Loose Change | \$ 262.00 |
| Children | \$ 3.25 |
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| Candles | \$ 58.00 |
| Catholic Services Appeal | \$ 180.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary..... | \$ 388.00 |
| Faith Communications..... | \$ 35.00 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious | \$ 10.00 |
| Christmas Offering | \$ 195.00 |
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| 295 Envelopes issued.....86 envelopes used. | |
| -Thank you for your generosity- | |

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

- Tuesday - January 11**
6:00PM CDA-Parish Hall
7:00PM Boy Scouts-MP Rm.
- Wednesday - January 12**
4:30PM Girl Scouts-MP Rm.
- Thursday - January 13**
6:00PM Parish Council-MP Rm.
7:00PM K of C-Parish Hall
- Saturday - January 15**
Sunday - January 16
No Rel. Ed. Classes



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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