

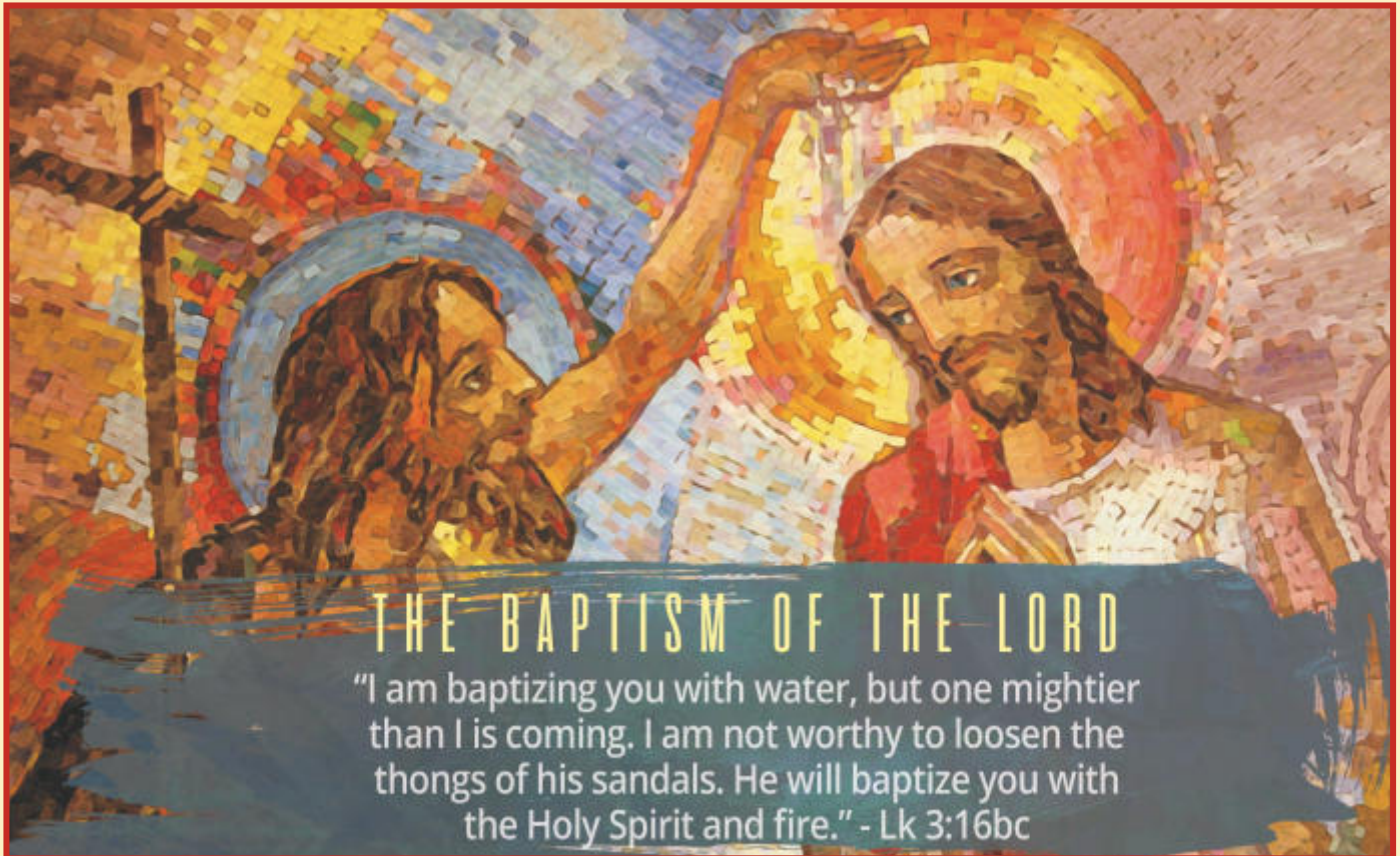


# Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

4671 Townline Road  
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**January 8, 2022 - January 9, 2022**



**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 3:16b

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM  
Wednesday 5:45 PM - 6:25 PM  
By appointment: 716-731-4822

**Adoration:**

Wednesday 5 PM - 6:25 PM

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday 4 PM  
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11 AM  
Wednesday 6:30 PM

**RCIA:**

Call 716-731-4822

**Trustees:**

Claire Curione and Kiersten Ryndak

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Amy McQuay

**Ministry to the Sick:**

Home visitations are available for all parishioners. Call 716-731-4822 to make arrangements.

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## Mass Intentions

### Sat., Jan. 8 at 4 PM

In loving memory of **Eric Maska**  
req. by *Patti Shepherd*

### Sun., Jan. 9 at 8:30 AM

In memory of **Diane Biniecki**  
req. by *Hank & Janet Fraas*

### Sun., Jan. 9 at 11 AM

In loving memory of **Erwin Adams**  
req. by *Mill Kram and MaryAnn*

### Wed., Jan. 12 at 6:30 PM

For the intentions of **Fr. Jim**  
req. by *Parishioners*

### Sat., Jan. 15 at 4 PM

In loving memory of **Eric Maska**  
req. by *Lurana Shanahan*

### Sun., Jan. 16 at 8:30 AM

In loving memory of **Eric Maska**  
req. by *Jan Zitzka*

### Sun., Jan. 16 at 11 AM

In loving memory of **Chris Beasock**  
req. by *daughter Mavon*

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 29:1-2; 3-4, 9-11

### Second Reading:

Acts 10:34-38

### Gospel:

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

*"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."*

## Parish Activities

### Wed., Jan. 12

**Adoration:** 5 PM - 6:25 PM

**Confession:** 6 PM - 6:25 PM

**Mass:** 6:30 PM

Sat., Jan. 15

**Mass:** 4 PM

### Sun., Jan. 16

**Mass:** 8:30 AM

and 11 AM

**Faith Form.:** 9:45 AM

## Saint of the Week

### St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Feast Day:** *January 13th*

Born a pagan in 315 in Poitiers, France, a pagan city, St. Hilary studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way to and through the Bible. He became a convert to Catholicism and was appointed bishop of Poitiers around 350. Referred to as the **Hammer of the Arians**, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, **Arianism** (*Arianism stated that Christ was created by God from nothing and therefore the Son is not co-equal and co-eternal with the Father, but is subordinate to God, and a changeable creature.*) St. Hilary was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II who preferred the Arian heresy. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually St. Hilary 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.

In 1851 Pope Pius IX named St. Hilary a Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine.

*St. Hilary, through reading and study you came to love the truths of the Catholic faith. Your love then showed itself in your willingness to suffer for that truth. Help us to know, love, and serve God by knowing, loving, and serving the instrument of His truth on earth - the Catholic Church.*



## The Work of Christmas

Even though the feast of Epiphany (January 6th) brings an official end to the Christmas season in the Church's calendar, Christmas should live in our hearts and actions each and every day of our lives.

The Litany below called "*The Work of Christmas*" composed by Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator, and civil rights leader, calls us to this action.

### ***The Work of Christmas***

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

*This poem, "The Work of Christmas" is from Howard Thurman's **The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations**.*



## Caritas Luncheon

*The Caritas Luncheon that was scheduled for Thursday, January 20th has been **cancelled** due to COVID.*

## Bible Study

### **The Eucharist in Scripture**

Discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the Mass. Built around three of Dr. Scott Hahn's foundational talks: "The Lamb's Supper," "The Fourth Cup," and "Consuming the Word," The Eucharist in Scripture examines the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and explores the Church's liturgy as the original context for the books of the Bible.

<b>WHEN:</b>	March 2nd / 4th through March 30th / April 1st <i>(April 13th / 15th last class)</i>
<b>WHERE:</b>	Fr. Cronin/Crissy Rooms
<b>DAY/TIME:</b>	Wednesdays after Mass at 7:15pm Fridays at 10am
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Judy Heppner
<b>REGISTRATION INFO:</b>	Cost \$30 for workbook and streaming rights
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## Please Pray For...

Peter Baio, Nancy Conti,  
Devin Coty, Rick Everts,  
Faye Finley, James Kirkpatrick Sr.,  
Ellen Schrack, Dcn. Paul Stankiewicz,  
Renee Sylvies, Fran & Joan Trentley,  
and John Wolf

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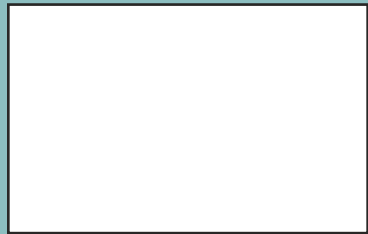


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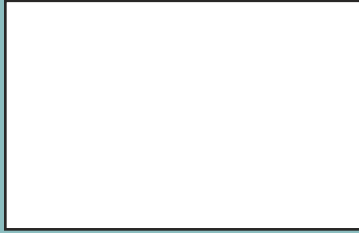


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