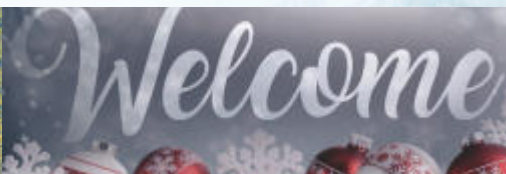
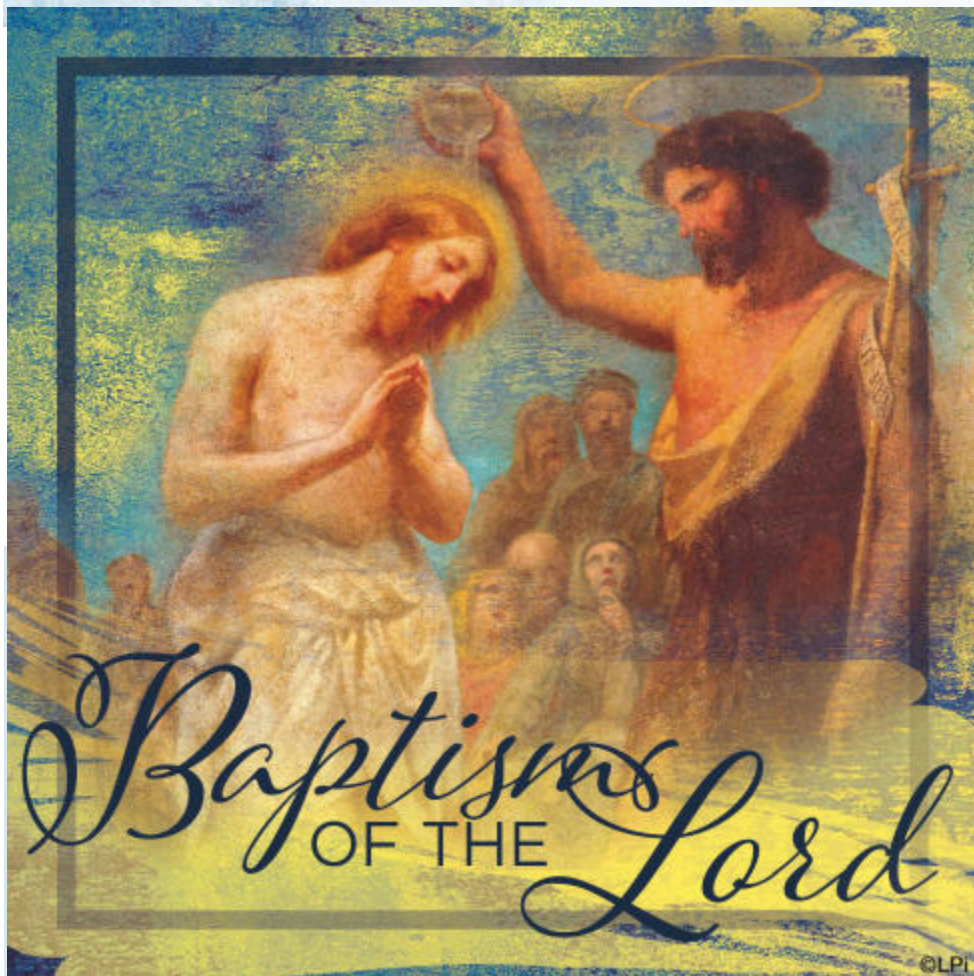


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Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. (Chapel)

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

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

Confession

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.
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MASS INTENTIONS
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday January 8th

5:00 pm † Julia Martiska by Evelyn & Family

Sunday January 9th

8:00 am Our Lady of Perpetual Help

10:00 am † Joe LeRoy by John & Judy Dolan

Monday January 10th

9:00 am † Angela Sestina by Sestina Family

Tuesday January 11th

9:00 am Prayers for Philip Renzelli

Wednesday January 12th

9:00 am † Louise Bartos by Mary Ellen & Margaret Ann Lydon

7:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

Thursday, January 13th

9:00 am † Naomi Dorsey by John & Mary Shields

Friday, January 14th

9:00 am Prayers for Karen Renzelli

Church Sanctuary Lamp Shines

For † Mary Talerico

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp Shines

for healing for all on our prayer list and prayer line

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday January 15th

5:00 pm † Josephine Quinn by Regina Defazio

Sunday January 16th

8:00 am † Louise Bartos by Perpetual Daughters

10:00 am Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**2022 MASS CALENDAR OPEN
FOR SCHEDULING MASSES**

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING

	December 25/26	January 1/2
Regular	\$ 12,694.60	7,704.00
Building	\$ 487.00	850.00
Food	\$ 50.00	150.00

Total \$ 13,231.60 \$8,704.00

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January 15-16, 2022

LECTORS

5:00 pm - Margaret Lydon
8:00 am - John Post
10:00 am - Pete Monell

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Rico and Linda Insani
Kristian McLean
Batista & Saverio Destito

SCHEDULES AVAILABLE ON MOBILE APP

IN OUR PRAYERS

*John Clutter
*Sister Barbara Fiddler
*Charlotte Rathman
*Delores Barnes
*Raymond & Barbara Smith
*Robin DePolo
*Kurt Skasik
*Mike Corcoglioniti

*Lee Foster
*Patrice Majewski
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*Lindsay Palmer
*Melva Roush
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*Jacqueline Thomas
*Kim Nicholson
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*Maureen & John Marsala
*Barb Mekonis

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD will resume this Sunday, January 9th between masses from 8:50 am to 9:50

RCIA



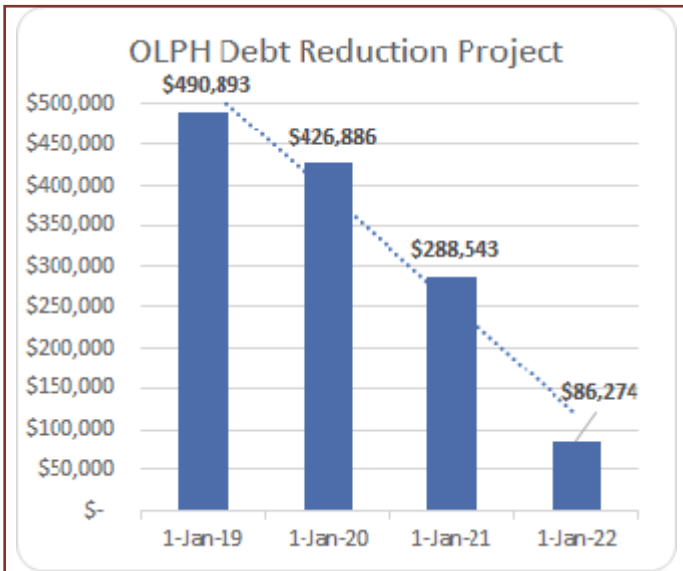
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Our 2022 focus is **removing** the debt.

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SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE



ST. HILARY OF POITIERS | JANUARY 13

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.

PARISH MESSAGE BOARD

HOLY HOUR



Every Week with the last Wednesday to be offered for an increase in vocations, requested by the Serra Club.

UN-DECORATING

Join us this **Sunday, after 10am Mass** to help us un-decorate the church. All trees, swags, lights, and the nativity will need to be stored. Then we need to prepare for the start of Ordinary Time. JOIN US!

WE GIVE THANKS.....

We want to extend our thanks to all who participated in Advent to Christmas and the Christmas Party. Both were successful events that wouldn't be possible without many volunteers. We are also grateful for all who attended these events as we prepared for the coming of Jesus.

We also thank all who helped clean and decorate the church prior to Christmas. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

Thank for your kindness. Your generosity with our Advent Projects was overwhelming. Highland Hospital was touched by the incredible outpouring from our parish.

We received so many "Advent Giving Boxes", we were able to give a box with each of the ten Christmas Dinner boxes provided this year *and* we sent several boxes to families of Norwood School needing extra food through the holidays *and* we set up a "giving table" with the contents of several boxes to let the food pantry patrons "shop" for extra items *and* we still had eight boxes left that we put in the food pantry.

Lastly, thank you to John and Judy Dolan who graciously give of their time every week to help stock and organize the food donations and to Regina DeFazio for being the food pantry shopper and stocking the pantry.

REMINDER

Parish Council will meet Wednesday, January 12th at 6:00.

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

FOR THE WEEK...

SUNDAY 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)

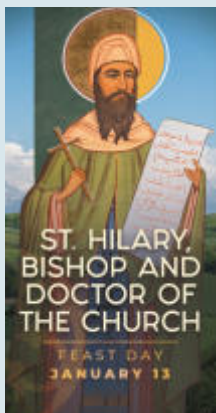
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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

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.



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

FIRST READING:

The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

SECOND READING:

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

GOSPEL:

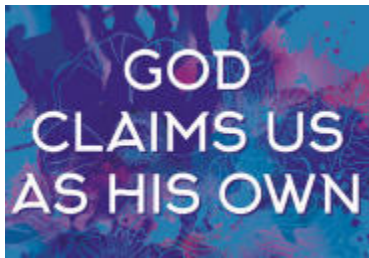
We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?



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.

Thank you for continuing to wear your mask in Church. Bishop Brennan agrees that wearing a mask is an annoyance but not a grave hardship. We are honoring the Lord's command, "Love your neighbor as yourself" with these safety measures.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD: BAPTISM MAKES US A NEW CREATION:

I Love new things. New houses, new cars, new clothes. But if we think about it, most of those are simply variations of something else.

The next version of the iPhone won't be that much different than its predecessor.

Cars don't change that much from one year to the next.

Clothing styles don't bring a radical newness to your wardrobe from one year to the next. After all, clothes are always clothes.

But what if there were a change that rocked our world? What if something happened that brought a newness we had never imagined, a newness that changed our lives? Wouldn't we want that?

The second reading today reminds us that something has happened. St Paul says to Titus: God saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, which he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior."

He's talking about baptism here. And baptism basically does 3 things.

- *It frees us from Original Sin. Original Sin means that we are born in a state of non-friendship with God. Baptism restores us to that friendship.
- * If we've committed any personal sins, God forgives those through baptism.
- * We become members of the Catholic Church and are able to receive the other sacraments.

This means we are a new creation. We are in a new relationship with God. What kind of relationship? The gospel we just read tells us. After Jesus is baptized, the heavens open and God the Father says to him:

"You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased."

- * Those words are addressed to all those who have been baptized.

"You are my beloved son... You are my beloved daughter."

- *God's name for us is "Beloved Son" or "Beloved Daughter."

* He is really present within our hearts in a new way. We have a new power to live in love. We have a new power to be the presence of Christ in the world.

Baptism makes us a new creation. We are given a new life, and that changes everything. We are given a new relationship with God that gives new meaning to every moment of our lives.



Have a prayer intention or interested in being a part of the "Prayer Line" Group, Please Call Mary Shields @ 304-685-8252 or Janet Cox @ 304-641-8696

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