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**SUNDAY
JANUARY 9
2022**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M–TH: 9 am–12 pm & 1–3 pm

Friday–Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am and 11 am

Weekday Masses

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday 9:30 am - Confession

PARISH STAFF

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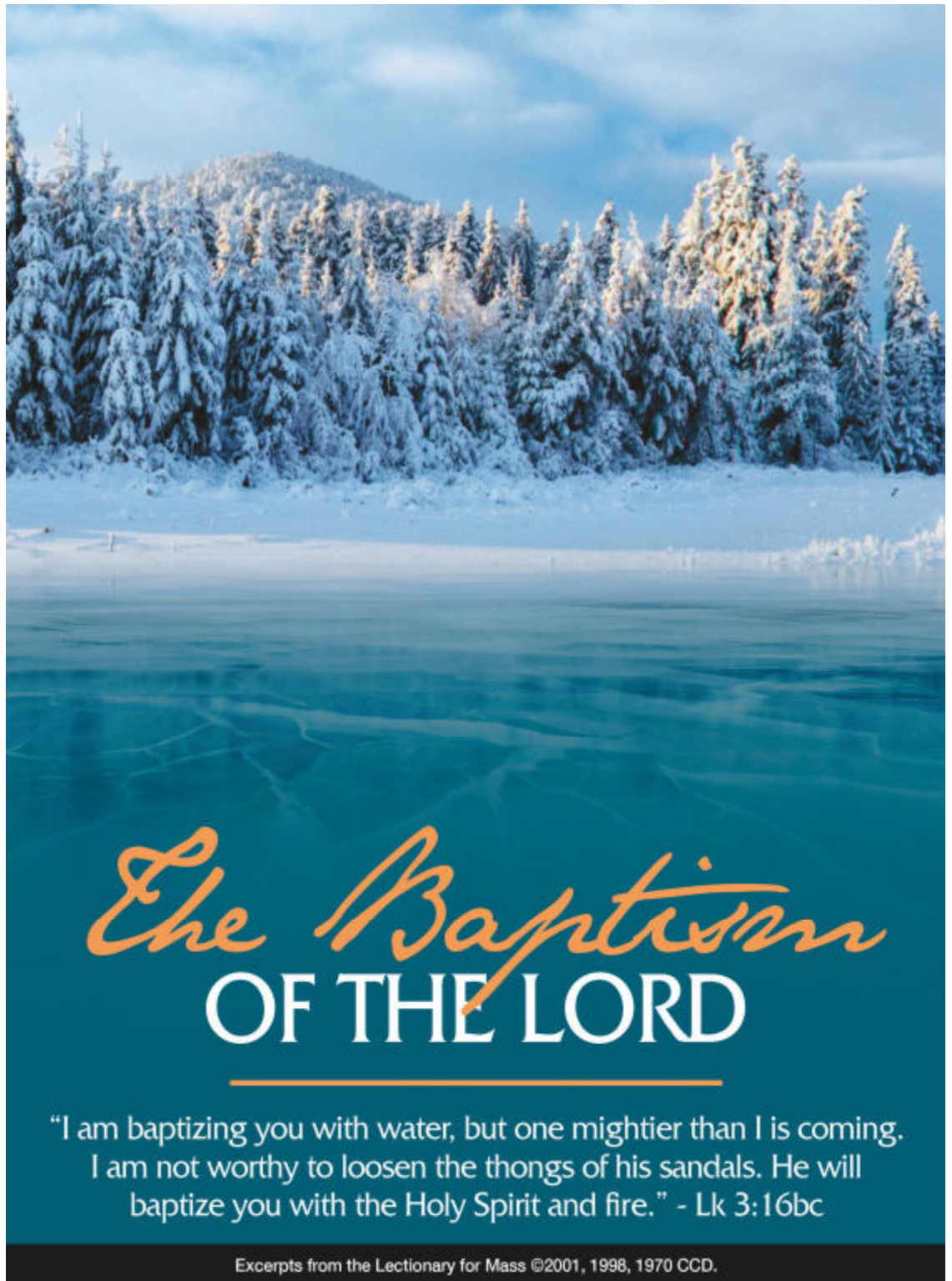
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The Baptism OF THE LORD

“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 3:16bc

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

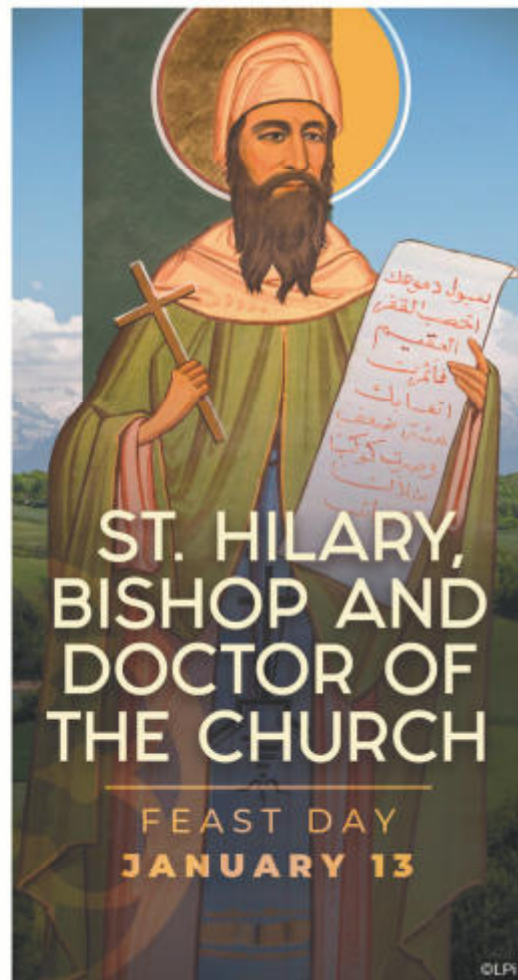
- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

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

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.



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.



MON 1/10	NO MASS
TUES 1/11 9AM	For the living & deceased members of our parish
WED 1/12	NO MASS
THU 1/13 9AM	Dick Stigliano [Family]
FRI 1/14 9AM	Mark Weller [Ann Nicolls]
SAT 1/15 9AM	Joseph M. Kulka [Patrice Dinger]
SAT 1/15 4PM	For the living & deceased members of our parish
SUN 1/16 8AM	For the living & deceased members of our parish
SUN 1/16 11AM	Joe Valley [Ken & Gretchen Wagner]



SAT 1/15 4PM	LECTOR M. Bradac	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. R. Fleis / J. Miller P. Polesnak / P. Polesnak	ALTAR SERVER K. Fleis
SUN 1/16 8AM	LECTOR J. Pursel	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. P. Clark / R. Mentrek T. Pagliaroli / J. Wolinsky	ALTAR SERVER C. Boren A. Zahniser
SUN 1/16 11AM	LECTOR M. Mondak	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. M. Hohman / S. Hohman	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED

*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED MONDAY, JAN. 17TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING DAY**

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>St. Bartholomew</u>
MON	NO MASS	7:30 AM
TUE	9:00 AM	6:00 PM *6:30 PM Confessions
WED	NO MASS	7:30 AM
THU	9:00 AM	NO MASS
FRI	9:00 AM	7:30 AM
SAT	9:00 AM *9:30 AM Confessions	

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>St. Bartholomew</u>
SAT	4:00 PM	5:30 PM
SUN	8:00 and 11:00 AM	9:30 AM



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is quart and gallon size storage bags. The upcoming item will be salad dressings.

Thank you for your care and concern for God's needy.

**2021
CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

Number of Pledges	317
Amount of Pledges	\$121,175
Amount Received to Date	\$117,335

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of those who have lost a loved one. Please keep in prayer those who have entered into eternal life:

**Mark Weller
Gene Verroco
Lorraine McCann
Bradley Phillips**

PRAYER Line

Keeping those in need in our prayers. If you, a family member or a friend are in need of prayer please call the prayer line with your request.

**Prayer Line,
Kathy Higgins #724-342-7858**

TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements for 2021 Sacrificial Giving to Notre Dame will be prepared and mailed February 1, 2022 for those on our tax list. If you would like a 2021 statement and want to be added to the list, please call the parish office, 724-981-5566.



*Our Parish Family Members That Died in 2021
We continue to remember them and
their families in our thoughts and prayers.*

Donald Saxe	Mary Tomko Holt	Daniel Conlin	Patricia Langley	Raymond Ammer
Thomas Test	Derek Hoffman	Patricia Venesky	William Sherman, Sr.	Lorraine McCann
Wanda Hale	Richard Rocco	James Hudson	George Diegan	Gene Verocco, Sr.
Ann Zurko	Gary Masters	Claudia Geroni	Anastasia Lenarcic	
Dorothy Fill	John Wassil	Mark Panin, Sr.	Ronald Crivello	
Patricia Burnett	William O'Marrie	Virginia Kocis	Joseph Bochy	
Edward Lisac, Jr.	Patricia Webster	Judy Ammer	James Cave	
Eleanore Addison	Thomas Zorzi	Joseph Valley	Richard Hawk	
Mary Jane Black	Eric Radachy	Hugh O'Brien	Maria Donatelli	
Viola Sferra	Marianne Kovac	Mary Matias	Albert Puntureri	

PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY!

The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Valley Council, are planning an overnight pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on the first Saturday / Sunday in May 2022.

In order to determine the total cost and needs for overnight travel and lodging, we would like to determine the level of interest in this trip. The pre-paid cost would include transportation and lodging only. Meals and other incidentals are not included.

<https://www.nationalshrine.org/>

Please indicate your interest no later than January 31st by email to Deacon Frank Hannah: fhannah@eriercd.org or Rich Mondak: mondakrw@gmail.com or giving your written contact information to any of the Knights of Columbus in our Council.

LITURGICAL LIFE *Responding to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 2021-2022

Grades: **Pre-K–11th** / Sunday Mornings: **9:15am-10:45am**
 Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School
 Joe Ranelli, RE & Sacrament Prep Director
 Mary Lou Hornyak, Secretary
 Office: 724-981-5566 / Email: Religiously@notredame-pa.org

NOTE:

Calendar is subject to change due to the ongoing COVID circumstances. We will adhere to state mandates and guidelines as they unfold concerning the virus. Our primary means of communications to convey adjustments and notices will be email. Please check your email on a regular basis. If you do not have an email address, please notify the RE office.

January

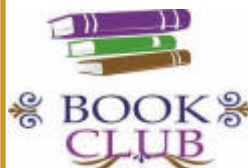
9 Class (Safe Environment In-Service/All Grades)
 16 Class
 23 Class
 30 NO CLASS (Confirmation Retreat)
 (11am Mass until 5pm - all candidates)

February

6 Class
 13 Class
 20 Class
 27 NO CLASS (First Penance Retreat)
 (11am Mass until 5pm - all candidates)

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 Tip line 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.



The Notre Dame Book Club will be meeting **Thursday, January 20th at 6:30 PM** in the **FOUNDERS ROOM**.

We will be reading *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro

A few books are available outside the parish office.

Please join us!

Christmas Flowers in Memory & Honor of: Additional Names



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| Rocco & Mary Arcade | Charles & Mary Kerins |
| Joseph & Ruth Boltz | Daniel & Mary Kerins |
| Borkowski Family | Michael Kerins |
| Frances Borkowski | Oscar & Helen Laycock |
| Henry Borkowski | Teresa Lyons |
| Marcia Borkowski | Thomas Lyons |
| David John Bornes | John Majoros |
| Brennan Family | Dorothy Meier |
| Mary H. Brestelli | John Meier |
| Kim Fuoco Conti | Stephen Myers |
| DeAngelis Family | Elsie M. O'Neill |
| Eugene Dillon | Pagliaroli Family |
| Castaleire & Felma Dyll | Rocco & Mary Pagliaroli |
| James & Anna Elliott | Roxanne M. Pagliaroli |
| Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Esmond | Fannie Scarnecchia |
| John Farmakis | Salvador Scarnecchia |
| Frances Fill | Frances Hope Stueve |
| Walter Fill | Louis Szugye |
| Philip & Dorothy Formichella | Mary Szugye |
| Pope Francis | Chase Tyillian |
| Ray Fuoco | George Tyillian |
| Gallagher Family | Mr. & Mrs. Edward Venesky |
| James & Mary Henighan | Michael Venesky |
| Theresa Hennessy | Harold Weller |
| Sandy Hricik | Julia Weller |
| Alfred & Ella Joseph | Michael Weller Sr. |
| Jim Jovenall | Frank & Leona Zagger |



Luminarias in Memory & Honor of: Additional Names

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| Borkowski Family | Daniel Kerins |
| Frances Borkowski | Mary Kerins |
| Henry Borkowski | Linnea, Vaughn, Graham, Gavin |
| Brennan Family | Dorothy Meier |
| Anna Elliott | John Meier |
| James Elliott | Jim & Ann Sherwood |
| Gallagher Family | Chase Tyillian |
| James Henighan | George Tyillian |
| Mary Henighan | |



End Of The Christmas Season

Today, January 9, 2022 officially ends the Christmas season. We want to extend our thanks to all of the people who cleaned, decorated, and who will help to undecorate after 11am Mass today. A special thank you to all of our musicians who provided a great presence of music to all of the liturgies this busy Christmas season. Blessings to all of you in 2022.

MARYANN PALITTI, D.M.D., M.D.S.
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