

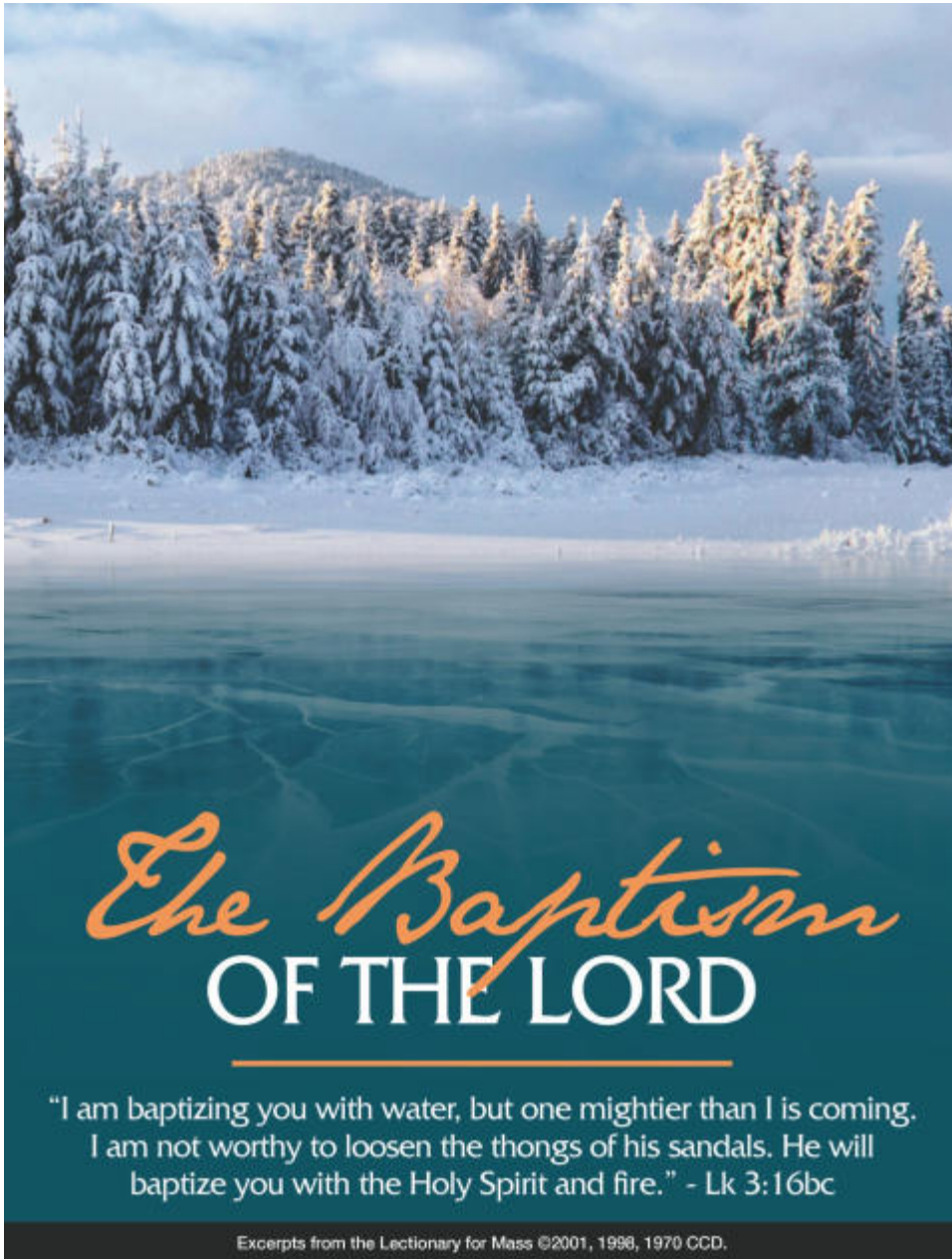


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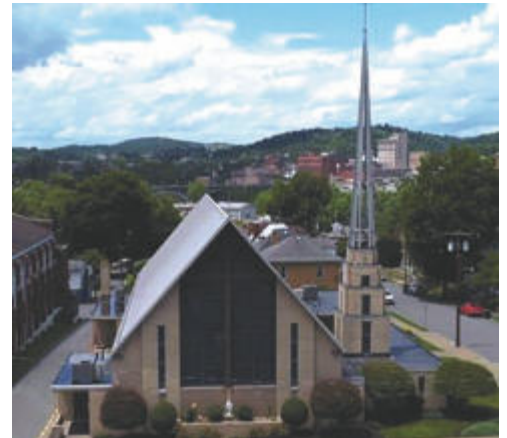
JANUARY 9, 2022 | BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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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Monday-Thursday | 9:30am-1:30pm

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WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH!

New Members

Catholic over the age of 18 (unless they are in school), we invite you to become registered members of our parish! This is a great way to practice the Catholic Faith. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards in the back of the church. Please fill out this form and return it either by mail or the collection basket. Soon after, you will get a letter confirming your membership in the mail. Please make sure you introduce yourself to the Priest celebrating the Mass you attend!

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 8

5:30 pm †John & Josephine Colasessano req. by
Joe & Carol Colasessano

Sunday, Jan. 9 - Baptism of the Lord

8:30am † Jim Ice req. by Margaret Blake
11:00am Our Parish Family

Monday - Tuesday Jan. 10 - 11 - NO Mass

Wednesday, Jan 12

8:00am - Word and Communion

Thursday Friday, Jan. 13 - 14 - No Mass

Saturday, Jan. 15

5:30 pm †John & Helen DeMary req. by Bob
DeMary

Sunday, Jan. 16

8:30am † Clifford "Poochie" Hoffman req. by
Carol Hoffman
11:00am Our Parish Family

PLEASE NOTE: *In the event of a Funeral Mass or school is delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather, the daily morning Mass will be cancelled and the Mass intention will be rescheduled.*

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Holy Mass intentions are available for the year of 2022. Please call the office or drop intentions in the collection box to schedule. Holy Masses are offered for the living and deceased.

PARISH LEVEL LISTENING SESSIONS



Pope Francis announced a worldwide synod to focus on the life and mission of the Church as we move forward together. The theme for this synod is, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

SYNODAL LISTENING SESSION

Monday, Jan. 17 at 1:00 PM; Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7:00 PM
Saturday, Jan. 22 at 10:00 AM; Sunday, Jan. 23 at 12:00
The facilitators are Nick Fantasia and Carol Boyers.

Synodal Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may
journey together to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the

Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Anyone of these sessions will provide an opportunity for every member of our parish community to share our thoughts and feelings, but more importantly to discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding us in our journey together. Please join us for one of these important listening sessions.



To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods. Immaculate Conception Church has made Rosemary Fantasia the coordinator for our church's Safe Environment team.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH & THE FAMILY

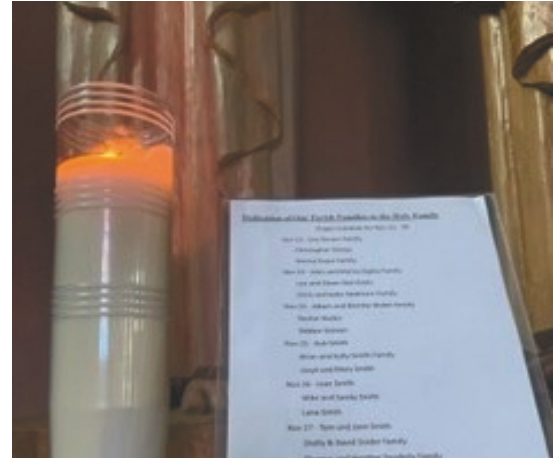
To mark the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. In our diocese the date is extended to March 19, 2022.

Pope Francis has also called for the Year of the Family from 19th March 2021 - 26th June 2022 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laeti*, on the pastoral care of families.

Dedication of Our Families to Saint Joseph and the Holy Family

To celebrate the Year of St. Joseph and the Family, we continue to pray each day for one of our Parish Families. The day chosen for your family will be notified through a letter (How? Surprise!) and a reminder call. We will also list the names of the families in the bulletin each week. I request our parish families to join me to pray during your family prayer time.

On the chosen day we dedicate your family to St. Joseph and the Holy Family by lighting a candle and placing your name in front of the Holy Family statue. Also, we will pray for you during the prayers of the faithful at Holy Mass. You may also wish to attend one of the Masses that week or weekend to pray for your special intentions.



Prayer Schedule for Jan. 22 - 23

Jan. 22 - Ron and Veronica Wilson
 Jan. 23 - Randy and Michelle Wilson
 Rusty and Kimberly Wilson

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION
 Building Fund
NEXT WEEK SECOND COLLECTION
 Church in the Developing World

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

	Jan 15 5:30 PM	Jan. 16 8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Ushers	Maria & Larry Morris, Margaret Blake, Jenny Camele	Dave Riffle, Nick Fantasia Nancy Ripoli, Darrell Capral	Steve Wilson, Pat McFarland, Kathy Servian, Jay Urse
Altar Servers	Izabella Charkandy, Vincent Cook, Lily King	Benjamin Borgeiinck, Jordan King, Giada Donato	Aden McFarland, Emily Servian, Miley Summers
Extraordinary Ministers	Jerry Boyers	Angie Sayre	Rhonda Wilson
Lectors	Carol Hoffman	Sherry Spadafore	Steve Perrotti
Security	Larry Morris, Margaret Blake	Nick Fantasia Darrell Capral	Steve Wilson, Pat McFarland
Sacristan	Jerry Boyers	Jim Gaskins	Steve Perrotti

Prayer Shawls Available

Prayer shawls made by members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry group and blessed by our priest in the church are available. Shawls can be given to those undergoing medical procedures, comfort after loss, during illness, and many other life events. Call Sister Stella at 304-367-0485 to get one.




IN MEMORIAL

A Building Fund Donation was made in Loving Memory of Joe Merendino by Madeline Oliverio, Guy Moreno & Holly DeVito

Building Fund Donation was made for in Loving Memory of Ott Meale by Phil and Ruth Monell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fairmont Catholic Winner
Circle Winning Numbers are #175
- Synod Listening Sessions
Jan. 17 1:00 PM
Jan 20 7:00 PM
Jan 22 10:00 AM
- Ladies Society Meeting -
March 8 at 6:00 pm in Marian Hall.



POPE'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Contact Parish office to schedule the baptism and make arrangements for the required parent preparation session.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Eucharist is celebrated in April/May for children who are enrolled in second grade at either Fairmont Catholic School or the Faith Formation Program.

PENANCE: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from 4:30PM on Saturday, and before and after all the Holy Masses.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation is celebrated for students in 9th grade who have been prepared during their 9th grade year. Catholic adults who have not been confirmed should contact the Parish Office for preparation in order to be included in the celebration.

MATRIMONY: Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Arrangements can be made by contacting Fr. Jojan (304)-281-0086, Sr. Stella (304)-367-0485, or the Parish Office (304)-363-5796.

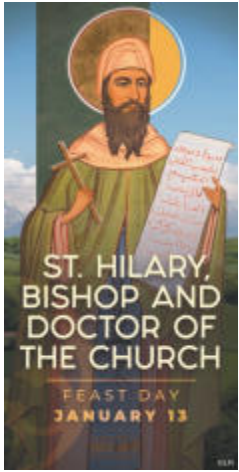
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Contact Sr. Stella (304)-367-0485 for more details.

1ST FRIDAY HOLY MASS & ADORATION: Holy Mass will begin at 7:00PM and followed by Adoration until 8:00PM.

STEWARDSHIP

	Christmas Totals	Jan 2
Attendance	551	212
Weekly Collection (Regular & Online)	\$4,730	\$5,464
Building Fund (Regular & Online)	\$1,105	\$1,791
FC School Support (Regular & Online)	\$745	\$333
Christmas	\$4,274	
Catholic Charities	\$801	
Kentucky Relief		\$667
Solemnity of Mary		\$519

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS | JANUARY 13



ST. HILARY OF POITIERS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

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.

Online giving is a convenient way to support your church. Check the website for Online Giving Instructions.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The liturgical season of Christmas concludes this Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. This is the day for us to remember the graces we have received in Baptism and to renew our Baptismal promises. Jesus' baptism reminds us of our mission

- a) To experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them and serving them in all humility.
- b) To live as the children of God in thought, word and action so that our Heavenly Father may say to each one of us what He said to Jesus: "You are My beloved son/daughter with whom I am well pleased." It means that we are to let His thoughts direct our thoughts, His mind controls our mind, His concerns be our concerns. In the Church we all share the same intimate connection with Christ; we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.
- c) To lead a holy and transparent Christian life and not to desecrate our bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Jesus' Body) by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy or hatred.
- d) To accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness.
- e) To grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, by reading the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass, and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- f) To be co-creators with God in building up the "Kingdom of God" on earth, a Kingdom of compassion, justice and love, and to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

On the day of our Baptism, as Pope St. John Paul II explains, "we were anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, the sign of Christ's gentle strength, to fight against evil. Blessed water was poured over us, an effective sign of interior purification through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We were then anointed with Chrism to show that we were thus consecrated in the image of Jesus, the Father's Anointed One. The candle lighted from the Paschal Candle was a symbol of the light of Faith which our parents and godparents must have continually safeguarded and nourished with the life-giving grace of the Spirit."

Most of us dipped the fingers of our right hand into the holy water font and blessed ourselves when we came into Church today. Why? This blessing is supposed to remind us of our Baptism. And so when we bless ourselves with Holy Water, we should be thinking of the fact that we are children of God; that we have been redeemed by the Cross of Christ; that we have been made a member of God's family; and that we have been washed, forgiven, cleansed and purified by the Blood of the Lamb.

Are you living and growing in the new life you have been given?

FAIRMONT CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT

2021 Goal: \$24,000.00
2021 Total \$21,331.82

Thanks for your continued support for our children.

Today, Church through the baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity and mission. First, it reminds us of who we are and Whose we are.

By Baptism we become the adoptive sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit.

Hence, "Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1213).

When we live in the baptism of Jesus we become at ease and a happy person even in the midst of troubles and difficulties of daily life.

How can we live faithful to our baptismal promises? We have the training to reject godless ways and worldly desires through our savior Jesus Christ. To reject worldly desires, find out that is there any trouble in evaluating about your own thinking, life style, time management and life goal. If you have trouble in those important things of life you have the difficulty to live baptismal promises and thereby peace and better relationship with God and others. Hence, come out of spiritual corruption. Instead start practicing faith in family and community. That will help you to live faithful to our baptismal promises. Let us ask Our Lord to make us faithful to our Baptismal promises so that we may be a happy person and heirs of eternal life.



TEC stands for Teens Encounter Christ. TEC is an international, spiritual-renewal movement in the Catholic Church that strives to bring young people and adults into a close, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. TEC is a community, led by the Holy Spirit, that gathers people into Christian groups of faith, while attempting to incorporate its ministry into the overall ministry of their members' dioceses and parishes.

The next TEC retreat that will take place in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be held from Friday, January 14th to Monday, January 17th, at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, West Virginia. It will be free for all teens who are in their junior year of high school through first year of college.

You can register on the Diocesan website, at <https://dwc.org/diocese/ministries/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/youth-ministry/tec/>, or you can contact Jeanne McKeets at the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis to register: 304-233-0880, ext. 374 or jmckeets@dwc.org.



WOMEN'S RETREAT – EMBRACED WITH COMPASSION...EMBRACING THE

WORLD. Please join us for our annual Women's Retreat, co-Sponsored with the DWC

Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, **February 25-27, 2022**, at St. John XXIII Pastoral

Center in Charleston. Presented by Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler. The weekend will consist of

presentations, quiet reflection, small group break-out sessions, media resources, and

communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or gerwright1@aol.com. You can register online at www.dwc.org/2022-Womens-retreat. \$150/pp single occupancy, \$125/per person double occupancy.



Three five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual

Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF). The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of the books associated with the courses. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dwc.org with your name, address, and phone number.

The New Testament Cycle 1 Jan 17-Feb 20 (registration open from Oct 13)

This course explores the stories in and behind the writings we call the New Testament. The course is a general overview introducing the student to the cultural context, composition, themes, and pastoral application of the New Testament accounts for growing in Biblical knowledge. We will study the texts from the threefold perspective of the World within the Text: Literature, The World behind the Text: History, and the World in Front of the Text: Our Culture. Through the study of Biblical maps, articles and religious art present on authoritative websites, our text and class discussions students can grow in New Testament knowledge, understanding and application to their life and ministry.

Introduction to Prayer Cycle 2 Mar 7-Apr 9 (registration opens Jan 19)

"Prayer is our means of taking a sighting, of re-orienting ourselves – by re-establishing contact with our goal. In the presence of God many components of our life fall into perspective and our journey makes more sense. Prayer is inseparable from living." (Casey, p.5). This course explores prayer as essential to our lives as Christian people, as individuals, and within our community of faith. Through this course, students will explore the qualities, forms, and expressions of prayer that help to form and sustain our lives as Catholic Christians.

Survey of Catholic Doctrine Cycle 3 Apr 25-May 15 (registration opens Mar 9)

This course will look at some of the major doctrines of the Catholic Church. Participants will come to a better understanding of the Trinity, original sin, church, salvation history, and the communion of saints. Participants will be asked to identify the meaning of magisterium, ecumenism, eschatology, and other Catholic terms.



PRESENTED BY



Sister Stella visits with Julia Oreskovich on her 105th birthday on December 28. Happy Birthday Julia.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

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Michelle McDonald, Conference Coordinator
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- **Early Bird Couple: \$27 | Early Bird Individual: \$18**
 - *Early bird pricing ends January 10.
 - **Couple: \$32 | Individual: \$20**
- Childcare is available for potty trained children ages 2-12 yrs: \$5/child
- A box lunch is included for each adult registrant.

At-Home Conference Experience: \$15 ([What's this?](#))

Scholarships for couples or individuals are available

Prayer to Saint Michael

St. 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, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

(To be prayed before every Mass)

IC PRAYER CIRCLE!

To enroll your family members and friends in the IC Prayer Circle, please call the office at 304-363-5796 or email us at church@ICFairmont.com. It is our honor to pray for those who are dearest to you at all weekend Holy Masses.

We give our prayerful support and condolences to the family members and friends of **Julius M. Guiseppi** who passed away on December 28, 2021. May he experience perfect peace and joy in the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us also express our condolences to his wife Barbara Henderson, his daughters, Karen and Connie.

Eternal Rest Grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him! May his soul and the souls of all of the faithfully departed rest in peace.



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