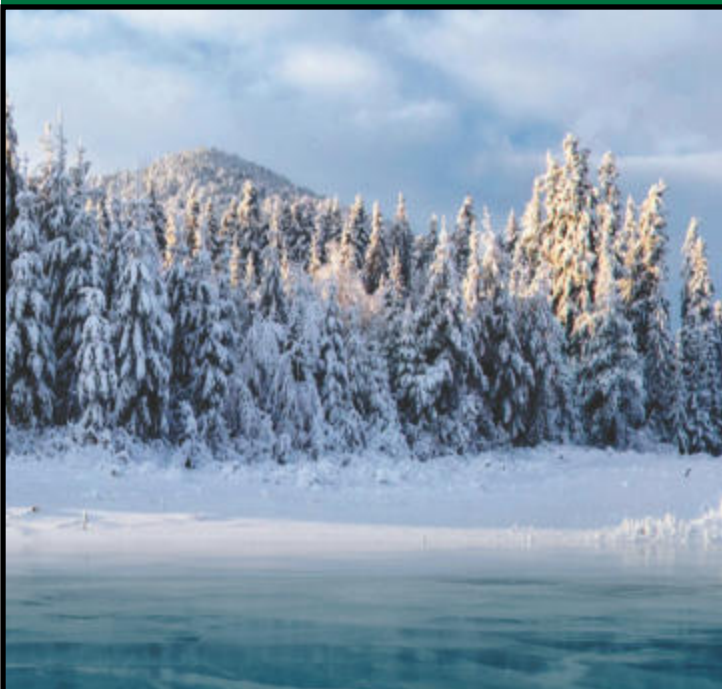


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Mission Statement

St. Matthias Parish is committed to becoming a prayerful community by celebrating the Sacraments together, and supporting the parish and one another by sharing the time, talents and treasures God has given us. Through prayer and good works we will strive to grow in peace and unity with God and our community.



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

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BLESS
THE LORD,
O my soul.
PSALM 104



MASS INTENTIONS

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

† Tommy Dembeck— by Cathy Pawlicki & Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 a.m. ~

† Frances Straka— by Daughter

† Francesco & Antoinette Orsini—
by Andy & Antoinette Ceccacci

11:00 a.m. ~

† Angeline Zaprawa— by Kaye Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

♥ Our Family of Parishes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

♥ Our Family of Parishes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

† Kirk Latimer— by Friends

♥ Vocations

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

† Tommy Dembeck— by Nancy Coulon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:30 a.m. ~

† Betty Straka— by Barbara J. Zakens

† Giovanni & Angela Cedroni— by Andy &
Antoinette Ceccacci

11:00 a.m. ~

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

3:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS

4:00 P.M. ROSARY

4:30 P.M. MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

8:30 A.M. MASS

10:30 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

11:00 A.M. MASS

1:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:40 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

9:00 A.M. MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

8:40 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

9:00 A.M. MASS

9:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M. SVDP

8:00 P.M. AA AND AL-ANON

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

8:40 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

9:00 A.M. MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

3:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS

4:00 P.M. ROSARY

4:30 P.M. MASS

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8:00 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

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*The Baptism
of the Lord*



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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)

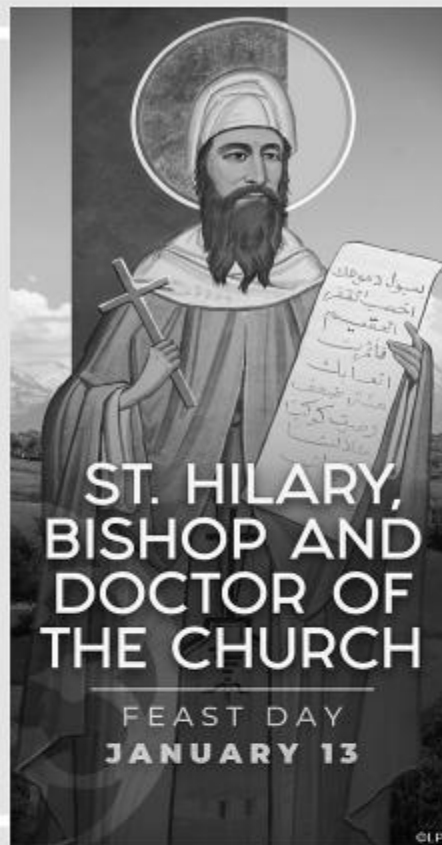
GOSPEL:

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



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“The Lord will Bless His People With Peace.” Ps. 29

We enter the Christian community through baptism. We enter this new year of gathering together as that community by our being offered the feast of celebrating the baptism of Jesus. While within the influence of the Christmas graces, we are being introduced to Him as alive and beginning His New Years. We prepare for this celebration by recalling our own and our deep desires to be a part of His growing up. Each of us who will be at the Eucharistic gathering has been on the same journey from baptism through growing up and out. Much is asked of us and we in turn ask much of God Who calls us. We pray for the simplicity of heart which is cleansed and inspired through water and the Holy spirit. We may pray with the events of living that New Life and how we have extended the New Light through our years. The white garment of our own baptisms may be less white as our hair grows whiter. Each time we enter the Eucharistic community’s celebration we renew our baptisms by signing ourselves with holy water recalling the words by which we were initiated into that holy assembly. Water cleanses and the Holy Spirit enlivens. We re-enter the gathering to celebrate that Christ’s saving action in the Eucharist re-memembers us to the community no matter how stained our pasts may be. We are re-blessed to be re-sent no matter how white our hairs may be. The Gospel is the first person-to-person meeting described in scripture between John the Baptist and Jesus. They had met womb-to-womb when Mary visited John’s mother, Elizabeth. John here is carrying out his mission of righteousness by pouring the water of purification upon those seeking cleansing in the Jordan. Jesus presents Himself for this ministry and John wants Jesus to not ask for baptism. John is not worthy, but Jesus asks to have the law fulfilled. When the Law has been fulfilled and Jesus emerges from the waters of the Law, Jesus sees and hears Who He is to the Father. He is the one in Whom the Father is well-pleased. It is now public and God’s Spirit will urge Him to His staying faithful to this New Law of living according to the Spirit. His identity will be challenged and others will doubt, but Jesus Himself will not shout out in the streets, but present the gentleness and justice of God. He will not quench the small flames nor bruise a tender reed, but give breath and life for the light and life of all. We are baptized into Jesus’ being the Beloved of the Father. We are equally baptized into our being sent to extend Jesus life and Spirit into this world. The likelihood is that we are already living that grace. We always want more of all good things. We want more of God’s good spirit. We have been immersed in it and it is good on this day of Jesus’ Baptism to reflect on the truth of how we are extending his Light, hearing and speaking his goodness and keeping our garments clean. We are invited to hear ourselves what Jesus heard from the day of his baptism until his death, we are beloved and God is well-pleased with us as we try. A special prayer is made, during the baptism ritual, over our ears that we might hear what Jesus heard, the constant invitation to be the beloved of the Father. Those same ears hear other invitations to be identified by achievements, possessions or power. Jesus heard those voices as well and stayed faithful to his baptismal identity. That same identifying Father claims each of us every time we hear at the time of Holy Reception, “The Body of Christ” to which we reverently say, “Amen”.



**We welcome our newly baptized
 Into our Faith Community**



Alex Jesus Vicente-Sanchez



Please remember
 the family of

†Homer Gardner

who entered eternal life .
 May He Forever Rest in Peace.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The SVDP volunteers want to thank our parishioners who have responded to our request for the needs of our pantry in the past. We are again in the need of some items as follows:

Needed Items

Breakfast Cereal– Canned Soup, Veggies or Pasta - Rice or Pasta Mixes– Jello or Pudding -- Pancake Mix or Syrup -- Saltine Crackers

Thank You again and may God Bless You All!

**~ 2021 CSA Has Begun ~
Our CSA goal this year is \$42,680.00**

CSA Update as of December 27, 2021	
Total Gifts.....	176
Goal.....	\$ 42,680.00
Total Pledged.....	\$ 40,702.00
Difference.....	(\$ 1,978.00)

**Help us reach our goal!
Thank You so Much!!**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer for St. Matthias but don't have much time? How about joining our Lector group! You will get the following: training, a workbook to practice from and an explanation of your readings, setting your own schedule, select the Mass you want to read at and **THE MOST IMPORTANT THING** is proclaiming our Lord's word to the parish community. Right now I am in desperate need for readers at the 4:30 Saturday and 8:30 Sunday Masses. You must be at least 13 years old please. If you have a medical issue and cannot climb the steps to the Ambo, you can read from the pew. If this sounds like something you would like to do please call me;
Denise 586-566-7546.

This is a land line so please do not text me. Thank you and God bless.

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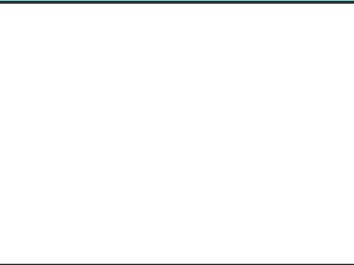
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