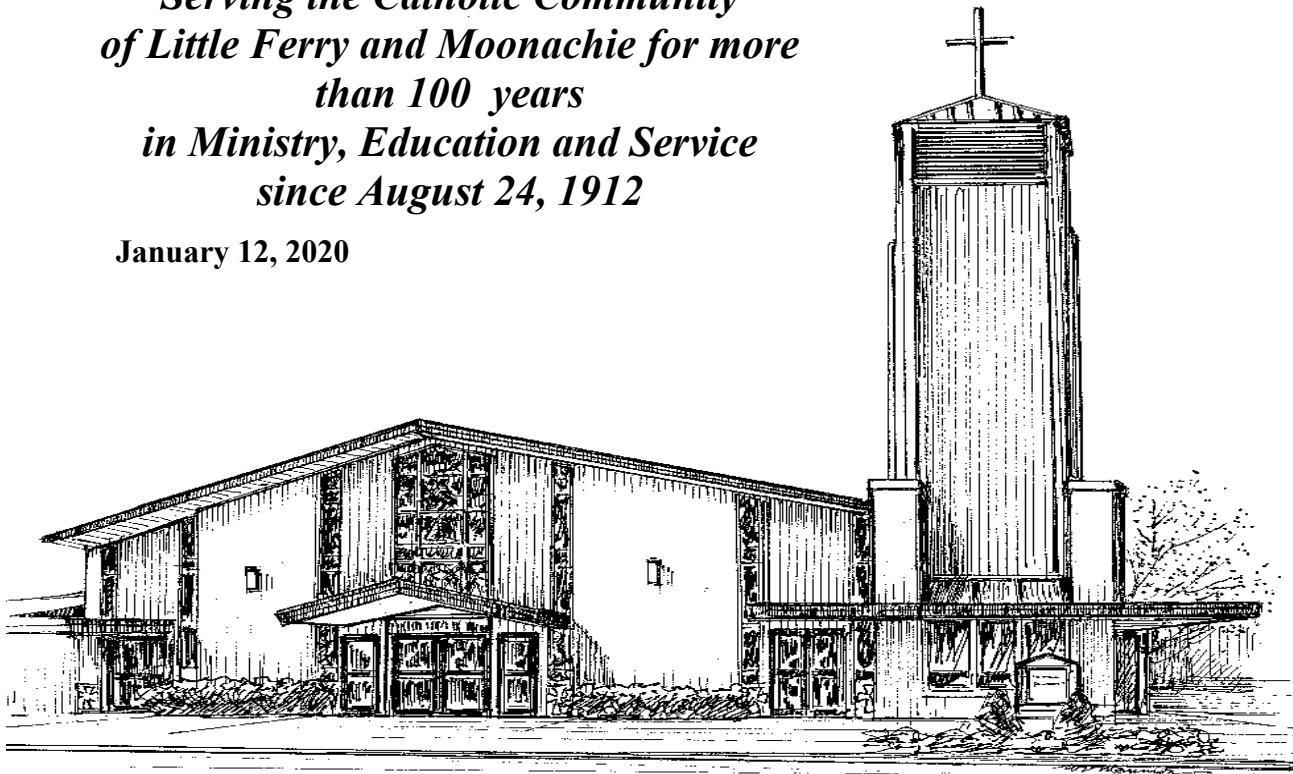


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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: Monday 7:00 PM

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

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The Holy Eucharist for this Week

5:30 PM Robert Fox

SUNDAY, January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM John Bussanich

10:00 AM Johanna Davis

12:00 PM Sergio Passaro

MONDAY, January 13

7:00 PM Maria De Sario

TUESDAY, January 14

8:00 AM Sr. Bridget O'Shea

WEDNESDAY, January 15

6:00 PM Bruno Morin

THURSDAY, January 16

8:00 AM Silvestro Morin

FRIDAY, January 17

8:00 AM Antonio Hroncich

SATURDAY, January 18

9:00 AM Saint Margaret Mass Guild

SATURDAY

5:30 PM Julia & Ralph Buonocore

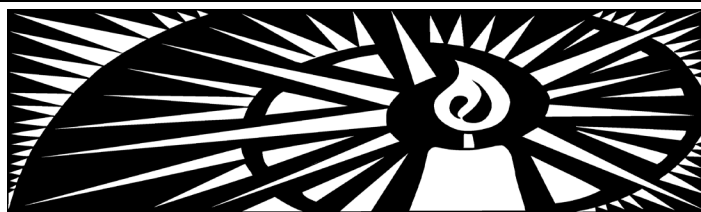
SUNDAY, January 19, 2020

Second Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM Otto Baumeister (55A)

10:00 AM Michael Anthony Pansini

12:00 PM Martino Matesic



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CERTAINTY

The Son of God died; it is by all means to be believed because it is absurd. And he was buried and rose again; it is certain because it is impossible.

—Tertullian

PEACE

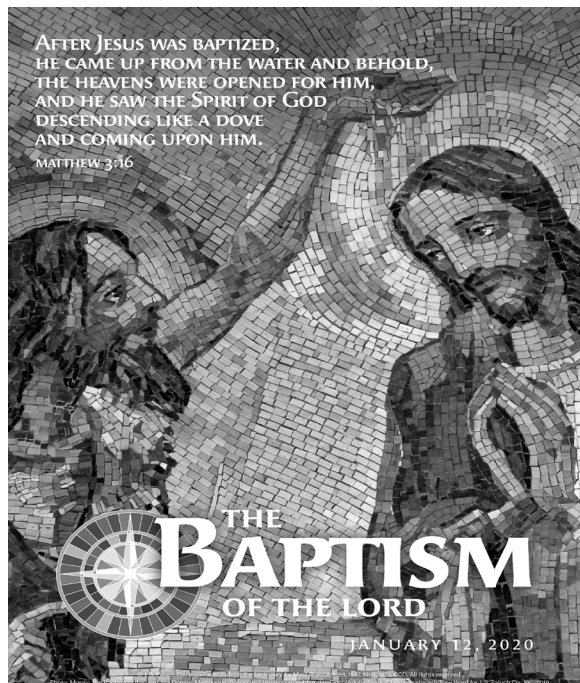
We should have great peace if we did not busy ourselves with what others say and do.

—Thomas à Kempis

UNITY

Unity is vision; it must have been part of the process of learning to see.

—Henry Adams





The Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020

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— Matthew 3:17

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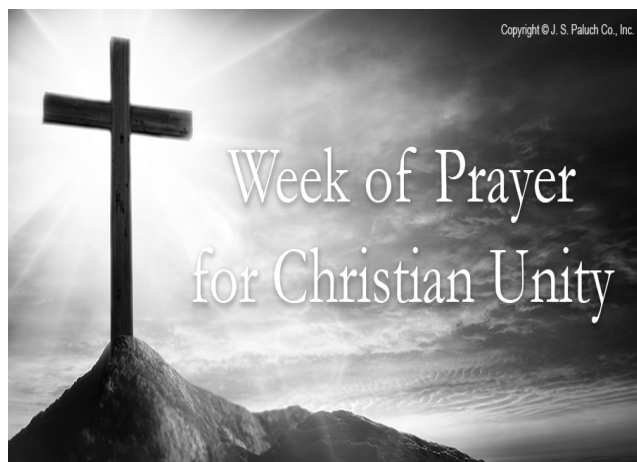
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THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday’s celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus’ baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age. Today’s reading from Isaiah describes God’s chosen Messiah, upon whom God’s spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power” (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew’s Gospel Jesus’ baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).



TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good

(Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St.

Hilary

Friday: St. Anthony

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367)

January 13

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, “the Latin Trumpet against the Arians,” heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ’s divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus’ challenge to his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.



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**We lift up to the Lord
in our prayers and
good works for: the
sick, frail and the
homebound.**

Shirley Pizza	John McConnell
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Nicole Grano	Michele Porta
Johanna Hanush	Giovanna Careri
Lena Vitale	Grace Ehler
John Thomas Lazur Dersch	Julio Sanchez
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Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions especially for all those victims who suffered and lost so much, under the severity of hurricanes.



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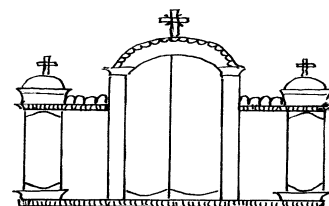
FOOD PANTRY

This weekend, January 11 & 12 is our Parish Food Pantry collection. Items can be dropped off at church after any Mass, and placed in the empty room outside of the restroom. We are in need of items people cannot buy with food stamps, such as laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, and personal hygiene products. We are also in need of coffee and cold/hot cereals.

Please note: At this time we are *not* in need of canned vegetables. The Pantry will be open on Wednesday, January 15 for those who qualify.

from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The wonderful generosity of our parishioners every month is very much appreciated by those we try to serve.



**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

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**Our parish Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place
Wednesday, January 15.**

**Mass will be
celebrated at 6 p.m. Adoration will
follow until 7 p.m. We will close with
Benediction of the Most Blessed
Sacrament.**

Training for Ministry

Come the beginning of next year we will start having regular training for Readers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This is open to all current Ministers. If you are thinking of joining one of these Ministries, you are also welcome to come to get information. Requirements for each Ministry are below.

The training will include what will need to be done before, during and after each Mass. We will also go over the use of the Web Terminal and APP for the scheduling program.

Altar Servers

To be an Altar Servers the child must be Baptized and have received First Holy Communion. The Child should also be halfway through 3rd grade. Altar servers are needed on weekends for 5:30pm, 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon. You would serve semi-monthly and can volunteer for Holy Days.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

To be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion you must be Baptized, received First Holy Communion and been Confirmed. You will need to be 18 years old. You must also be in good standing with the Church. You must be aware of the sacredness of the Body and Blood of Christ. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed on weekends for 5:30pm, 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon. You would serve semi-monthly and can volunteer for Holy Days.

Reader

To be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion you must be Baptized, received First Holy Communion and been Confirmed. You must also be in good standing with the Church. As a Reader you would be proclaiming the readings and general intercessions during the weekly Mass. Readers are needed on weekends for 5:30pm, 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon. You would serve semi-monthly and can volunteer for Holy Days.

Please watch for dates for training for each of the Ministries.

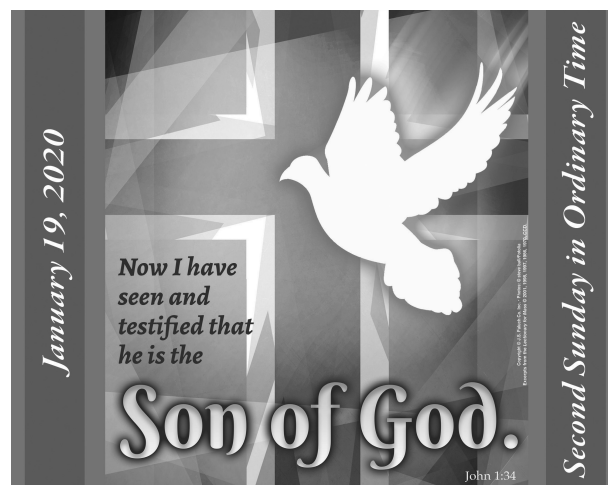


The Parish Bake Sale is scheduled for January 26/27 before and after all Masses. If you want to bake, or volunteer to help, please call Pat at 201-296-0141 or Maureen at 201-440-9650. Sponsored by the Parish Social Life Committee.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 22.

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place Closter for the Third Saturday Mass on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 12:00PM. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only those individuals directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. A support group, Meeting of Hope will follow the mass. For information please call 201-768-7565.



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