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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday/Sunday Vigil–4:30 p.m.
Sunday
8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 11:30 a.m.

CONFESSION TIMES

By Appointment

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

CHURCH 31 Asbury Road Farmingdale
9:00 a.m. / 7:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise announced

WEEKDAY

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA Church
31 Asbury Road Farmingdale
Monday–9:00 a.m.
Tuesday–9:00 a.m.
Thursday–9:00 a.m.
Friday–9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

31 Asbury Road Farmingdale

First Friday of the Month immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL

One West Main Street Farmingdale

Monday immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Temporarily Suspended due to COVID-19 until further notice.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

My friends, please allow me to share with you the insights and quote from Pope Francis, "Worshipping the Lord means giving Him the place that he must have; worshipping the Lord means stating, believing - not only by our words - that he alone truly guides our lives; worshipping the Lord means that we are convinced before Him that He is the only God, the God of our lives, the God of our history." Given this unprecedented time, I find it interesting that the Church's law distinguishes the "church" and the "parish." The church is a sacred place and space where we worship. The parish is a "certain community of the Christian faithful. For most Catholics, the two are often indistinguishable.

After three months of lockdown due to the public health crisis, authorities gave us the green light to open the church, following and observing all the protocols necessary to be safe. In effect, some of our faithful who really felt the need to come to church to pray and worship are satisfied and happy. Experience shows that coming to church is an essential element of our lives, especially during these challenging times. Similarly, the parish started to provide the faithful's spiritual and sacramental needs as we have the Masses and the congregation's sacraments. We opened the parish office to take care of the faithful and the parish's communication as we respond to the faithful's needs.

As your Pastor, I must repeat my appreciation and give a big word of thanks to every parishioner of our parish. I am most grateful to our parish personnel who, from day one of opening our church and parish, are so committed and diligent with their responsibility, consistently doing their job tirelessly to maintain the safety of all. Kudos to our parishioners who dedicate their time and are extremely generous with their offerings and donations. Without this support of monetary gifts, time, experience, and talent, we could not keep the parish open, vibrant, and active. To all of you, my dearest people of God, my utmost gratitude and immense appreciation. God loves you, as I do.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings are quite fitting for all of us as they are about the importance of hearing properly and listening with the heart. Upon reading and listening to the first reading, the boy Samuel mishears as he lies on his bed. When the Lord calls him, he mistakenly believes it is his guardian Eli calling him. Only after the 3rd call does Eli finally understand that what Samuel is really hearing is the call of God. Samuel's response, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" indicates the prerequisite for the perfect disciple: a commitment to listening to the voice of God and carrying it out.

In the Gospel, the two disciples of John the Baptist are also in the listening mode. They have committed to following John in response to an inner call from God. And yet now, in effect, John sends them away to listen to the voice of another - Jesus, "the lamb of God." John knows that a deeper listening is needed, that there is someone better to listen to, someone - as John would go on to say - more powerful than he, someone filled with God's Holy Spirit. The two disciples go home with Jesus at about 4 PM and spend the rest of the day listening to him.

It is important to ask how do we become good listeners to the Lord? How do we allow ourselves to become transformed by God's word - by Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh? Most importantly, perhaps, like those two disciples, we need to spend time with the Lord. In doing so, we will find out that it is not a skill; it is simply a commitment, a discipline. However, ordinary human skills can help us tune in to God's voice and allow it to change us. As with listening to another human being, when we listen to the Lord, we need to get rid of distractions, the sound of TV and radio, switching off the phone, etc. The best listening happens when we are alert but attentive. Please keep an open mind and try to set aside preconceived ideas or expectations because it is easy to mishear and misunderstand, imposing our own meanings. And do not interrupt—listening means exactly that.

Remember that communicating with God is not the same as holding a two-way conversation with a human being, but the essentials are the same. It is about the relationship, trust and openness, quality time, and listening with the heart to what is really being communicated. God's word is ultimately a person - Jesus Christ. When we listen to the Lord, when we encounter the Messiah, our lives are changed. Amen.

May God bless you.

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked man his thoughts;
Let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving (Is 55:6-7)

PSALM:

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of
salvation. (Is 12:3)

SECOND READING:

This is the one who came through water and blood,
Jesus Christ,
not by water alone, but by water and blood. (1 Jn 5:6)

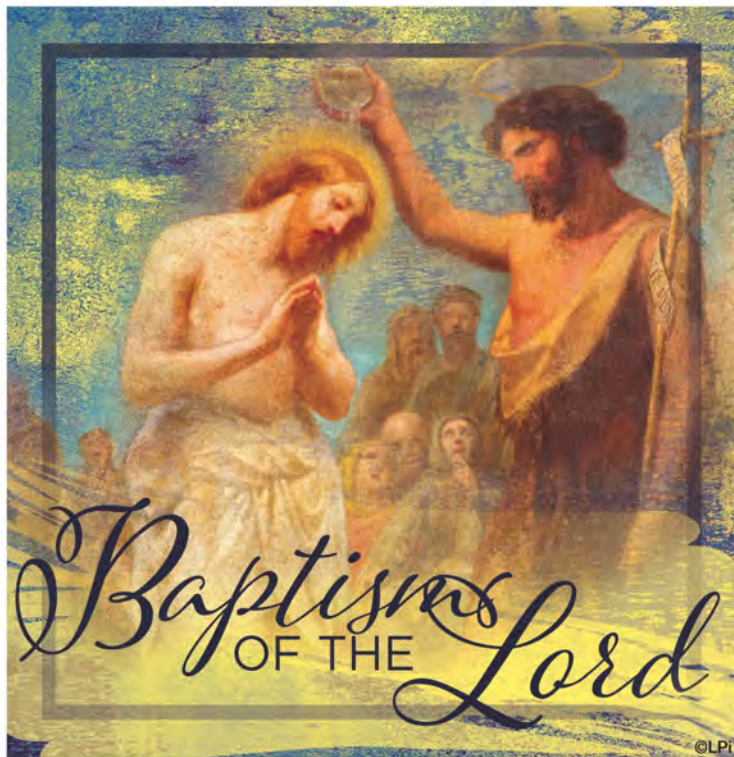
GOSPEL:

And a voice came from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
(Mk 1:11)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

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



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a "light for the nations." How do you see yourself serving others in need in your life?

SECOND READING

John teaches his community that God Himself has "testified on behalf of His Son." In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

GOSPEL READING

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday • January 9

4:30 PM

† **Helen & George Steinecke
& son, Arthur**

r/b Patty & Stephanie

Sunday • January 10

8:00 AM

† **Philip Galle**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family

10:00 AM

† **Cathy DiMaria**

r/b Adelaide Sangiorgi

11:30 AM

† **Roy Murray**

r/b Ken & Maureen Hillers

Monday • January 11

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Tuesday • January 12

9:00 AM

† **Joe Rodio**

r/b Rowell & Gloria Reyes

Thursday • January 14

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

FRIDAY • January 15

9:00 AM

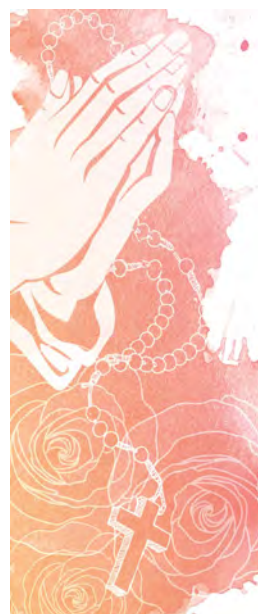
† **For all our Faithful Departed**



**Please pray for the sick, the
homebound and those who have
asked to remember them in prayer.**

**Continually keep in prayer all those
who serve in our Armed Forces and
all health care workers.**

**For prayer requests, living intentions
and Mass intentions,
please call the Parish Office.**



• **Mass Intention Request**

A beautiful Catholic tradition is to remember our deceased family and friends with Masses offered for their eternal rest in God's presence.

If you would like a loved one remembered at the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office.

The person's name will be printed in the bulletin and announced at Mass. There is a \$10 stipend.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

- SUN 1/10** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
- MON 1/11** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
- TUE 1/12** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
- WED 1/13** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
- THR 1/14** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
- FRI 1/15** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
- SAT 1/16** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
- SUN 1/17** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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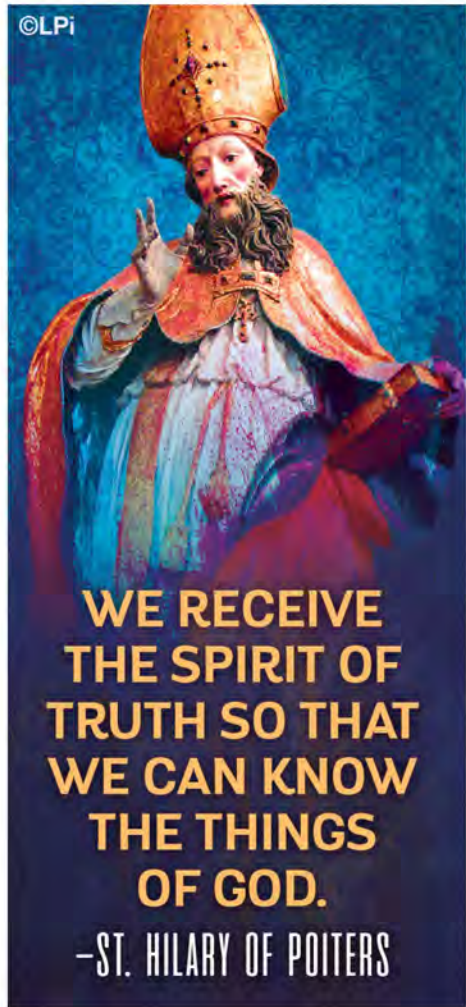
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LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?


BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**WE RECEIVE
THE SPIRIT OF
TRUTH SO THAT
WE CAN KNOW
THE THINGS
OF GOD.**

—ST. HILARY OF POITERS

*The future
starts
today, not
tomorrow.*

— ST. JOHN PAUL II



Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/ Letters of Eligibility

The godparents, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparents will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872-874).

- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation and if married, married in the Catholic Church.
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age.
- A sponsor attends Mass faithfully participating in the life and support of the Church, receiving the Eucharist, and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.

A sponsor must be registered at St. Catherine of Siena Parish and registered for at least six (6) months prior to the request.

Note, if he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish years ago but now lives elsewhere, he/she is not a member of this parish. Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in whose territory he/she resides. This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.

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An extremely low-gluten host (37 micrograms) is available for those in need. Please notify the Priest prior to the beginning of Mass.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 732-938-5375.

Baptism

Parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Course prior to the Baptism.

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the Month.

Please call the Parish Office for detailed information.

Ministry to the Homebound

Please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

Matrimony

Engaged Couples should contact our parish at least one year in advance of the proposed date of marriage and before making other arrangements.

Rite of Christian Burial or Memorial Mass

Please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

Reconciliation

In a time of COVID-19, please contact the Parish Office at 732-938-5375 for an appointment.

RESPONDING *to the Call*

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

CHRISTMAS PROJECT JOY

What we thought was impossible became possible because of your donations!

This Christmas, many of our local children and seniors awoke to a happier Christmas morning because of your generous support to the parish Christmas Project Joy Gift Card Collection.

We are blessed to have you as a donor and know that you care about meeting the needs of less fortunate in our community as much as we do.

May God continue to bless you!

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for your generosity

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

- Mk 1:9-11

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St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Warmly Welcomes the Following
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The Mazzoni Family
Ralph & Candice

The Sullivan Family
Dennis & Irene

With Warmth and Prayers,
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Our Family of Faith.

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Christ continues!

If you are new to the area and have questions regarding Parish Registration, please call the Parish Office. A parishioner is one who is committed through participation in the life of the Parish Community with presence and support with attendance at Mass and also through the regular use of offertory envelopes or support through online giving.



Colbie Jean Cahill

*We ask God's blessings on this
child and the family
every day of their lives!*





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DYC is our annual event for teens grades 8 - 12 to come together as a the young Diocesan Church for powerful day of dynamic presentations, fun events, breakouts and so much more!

This year DYC will look and feel different than the previous years but we are so blessed to have resources that can help connect us all.

For Parish Contact, please email
Kay Hetherington, at
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Blessing of Catechists

Jesus, on the road to Emmaus, your followers were frightened and alone; you had just been put to death on a cross.

They met a man on the road leading away from Jerusalem who told them all about you and what your presence among them meant. They did not realize that the man speaking and walking with them was you, raised from the dead.

When their eyes were opened and they received the gift of faith, they turned around to spread the word.

We ask you to bless all your disciples who now work as catechists in our parishes. Bless them and give encouragement to their work, that it will have an impact upon the world.

We ask all this in your name, Jesus, our companion on the road from Emmaus. Amen.

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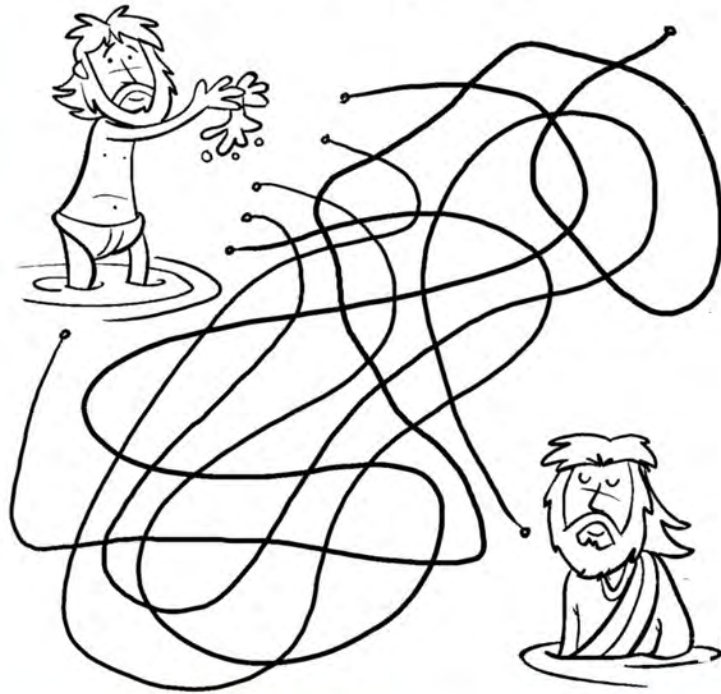
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Show John the path to baptize Jesus.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

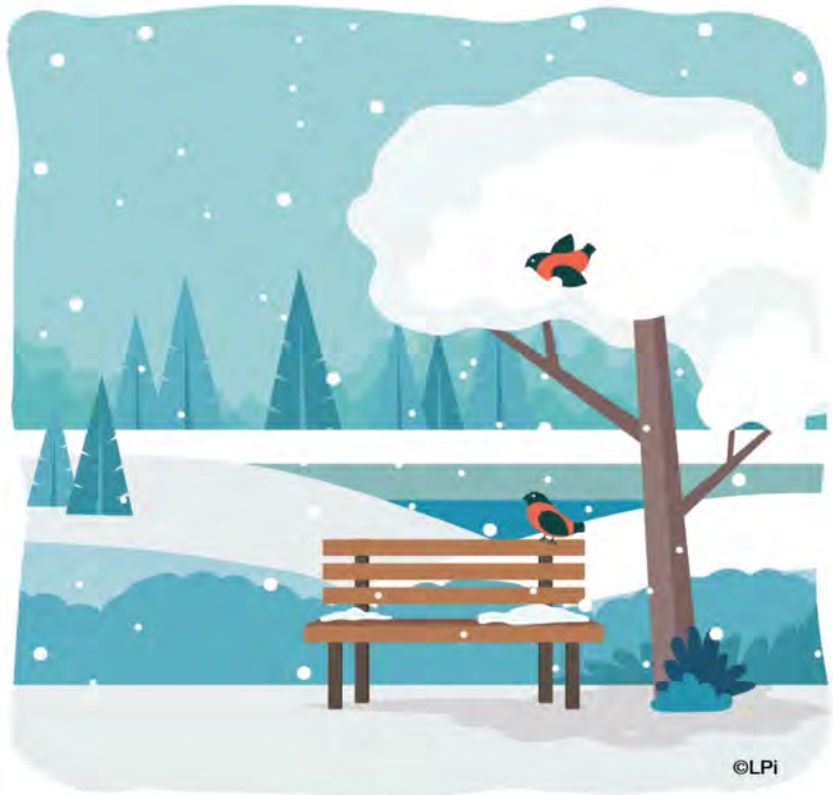
"Keep trying. You're doing great. I'm so proud of you." Every child should hear words like that. Every child wants to feel God's love. As Jesus grew from a boy to a man, he showed he was ready to live for God. At Jesus' baptism, God told Jesus, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you." God loves you as his child, too.

PRAYER

God, I am so glad you love me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Be careful to use kind words with your family and friends.



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