

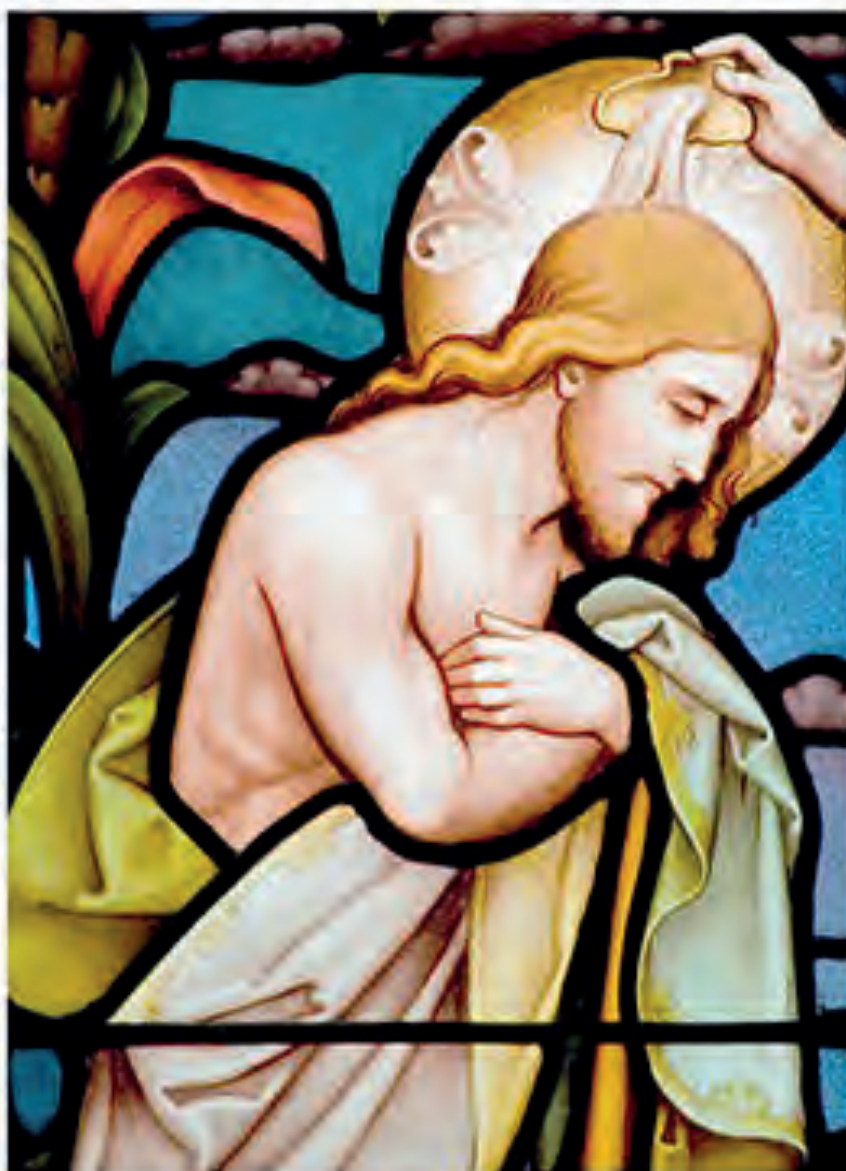
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AND A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN:  
"You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

MATTHEW 1:11



*January 9, 2022*



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Mass Schedule

**SATURDAY 4:30 PM**

**SUNDAY**

**8:00 AM · 10:00 AM · 11:30 AM**

**Holy Days of Obligation**

**9:00 AM & 7:00 PM**

31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ

Reconciliation

**SATURDAY 3:30 —4:00 PM**

Parish Hall Narthex

**Other days by Appointment**

Confessionals will not be used due to lack of ventilation. Masks will be worn by priest and penitents.

Weekday Mass

**St. Catherine's Chapel**

1 West Main Street Farmingdale, NJ

**Mon ▪ Tues ▪ Thurs ▪ Friday**

*No Mass on Wednesday*

**9:00 AM**

Devotions

**Novena — Monday's immediately following Weekday 9 AM Mass at Chapel**

**Eucharistic Adoration — First Friday of the Month immediately following 9 AM Mass at Chapel**

The Church is open during parish office hours for prayer.

## A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JESUS

Through His baptism and His penitential attitude, Jesus ultimately identified Himself with the common man. He has taken the place of sinners that we are. He demonstrates His solidarity with all humanity. It was an act of self-abasement. Jesus' baptism foretold His suffering, death, resurrection, and the Holy Spirit's Descent. As John has put it, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, the Father makes known to all who Jesus is, His own Beloved Son. He presents His Son as the beloved. The Father reveals the identity of His Son and the intimate relationship that they enjoy.

The response of Jesus is very inspiring. Through prayer, Jesus sought companionship with his Father. Above and beyond all human companionship, Jesus knew that only God could know, meet and satisfy the depth of His soul. Jesus was not praying for any specific favor from the Father. He just wanted to feel again and again the immense expansion of His soul who would never experience in moments when in communion with His Father. He was deeply aware that there was a Companion who would never fail, no matter how much His human companions would fail Him.

In baptism, each one of us is accepted by God as his beloved son or daughter. We are His adopted sons and daughters. In baptism, God said the same things about us: "This is My beloved son/daughter." We have become a new creation, and the Spirit of God is within us. Jesus said His 'Yes' to the Father and frequently sought companionship with his Father through prayer. We, too, are called to say 'Yes' to the Father and build up our relationship with Him by repeating and living our 'Yes.'

Baptism marks the inauguration of the messianic life of Jesus. He becomes the faithful servant of God, as foretold by Prophet Isaiah. Jesus began His ministry and proclaimed the kingdom of God to the people who walked in darkness and confusion. He worked for the cause of religious, social, economic freedom,

and justice. He became the light of the world that was filled with the darkness of sin and division.

He became a perfect leader who identified with the deepest longings and wishes of the people of all time. He showed the way to the Father, the final destiny of man. He loved people and worked for their liberation. For this, He had to face violent resistance from the opposing forces. He never gave up His mission but laid down His life for the sake of truth, justice, and love.

It is this life of Christ that we share in our baptism. We are called to complete transformation through the sacraments of baptism. For baptism opens the door to a new life, a life of love and service in Christ. We rise to a life set apart for Christ and our fellow human beings. Baptism is the aversion to sin and conversion to God. It is a rebirth, as St. Paul says in Colossians, chapter 3.

Thus, today's feast presents Jesus as the accurate model of the new life we receive in the Sacrament of baptism. We are true Christians if we can radiate the light of Christ to the people around us. We live in a world torn by religious fanaticism, extremism, and violence. Humanity is facing the great threat of war, terrorism, and complete annihilation. There is anxiety, fear, and helplessness in the lives of human beings.

In this context, the Spirit of Christ that we received at baptism should shine out to dispel the darkness of the world. We are called to be the light and the salt of the earth. The flame of love and service kindled at our baptism is to be protected from the wind of hatred, jealousy, and war. This flame has to spread and shine out worldwide through baptized Christians. The Church of the baptized should penetrate the deepest problems of humanity with the light of Christ. This is the true meaning of baptism.

May my heavenly Father's affirmation: "You are My beloved Son" sink deep into my consciousness. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

# 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)

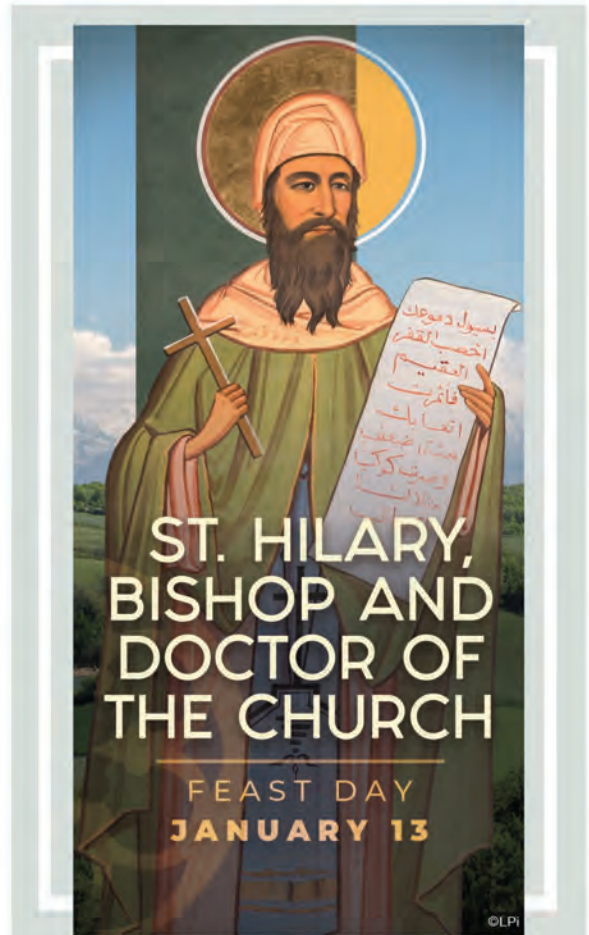
## GOSPEL:

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

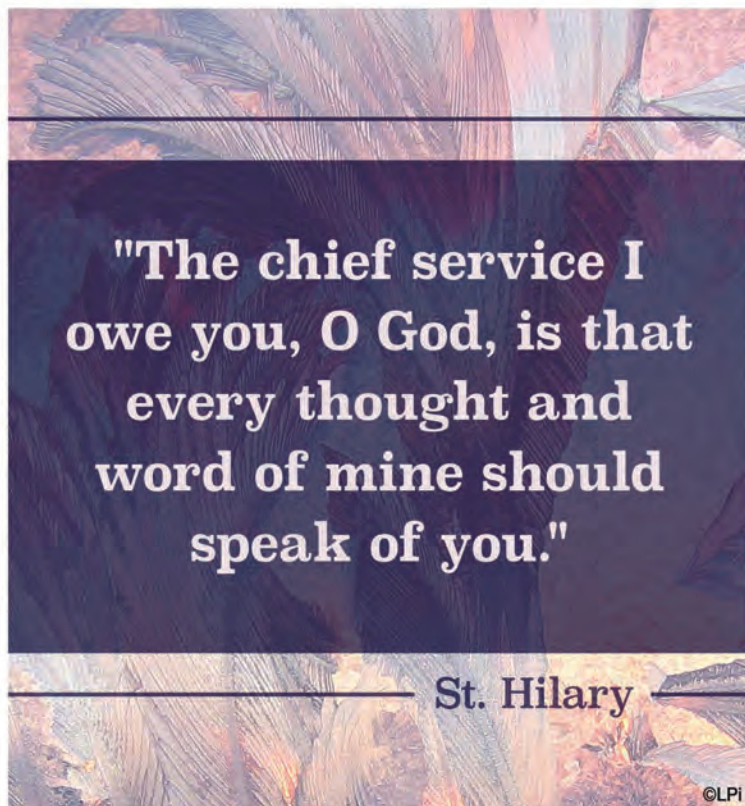
Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 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.





*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them..*

*Let us pray for those who have passed away and call  
on God's love and mercy to grant them eternal rest in  
Heaven.*

Saturday · January 8

4:30 PM

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

*r/b Patty & Stephanie*

Sunday · January 9

8:00 AM

† **Francis Giampino**

*r/b Lou & Marcia Ciccone*

10:00 AM

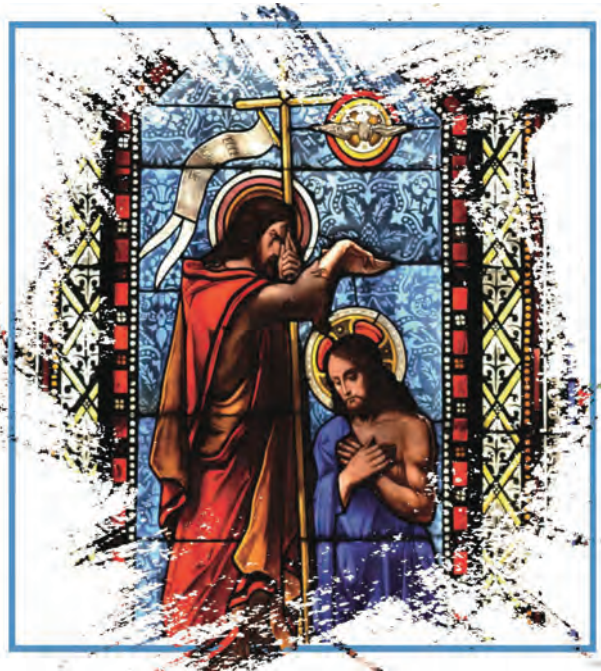
† **Jane Thompson**

*r/b Mary Reed*

11:30 AM

† **Dinh Nguyen**

*r/b Dorothy Gratton*



Monday · January 10

9:00 AM

† **Consolacion I. Anarcon**

*r/b Victoria Roberts & Family*

Tuesday · January 11

9:00 AM

† **Consolacion I. Anarcon**

*r/b The Amato Family*

Thursday · January 13

9:00 AM

† **Greg & Ina Ritchings**

**Living Intention**

*r/b James D'Amico*

Friday · January 14

9:00 AM

† **Ann E. Swift**

*r/b The Ciarcia Family*

HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED UPON HIM.

— LK 3:21

Please offer this prayer for those who are unable to attend Mass.

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



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IN LOVING  
MEMORY

BAPTISM

May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed. And especially for:

**Paul James O'Connell**

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*With Joyful Hearts, We Welcome  
Our Newly Baptized.*

Alton James Clark  
Seamus Peter Clark

*We ask God's blessings on these  
children and their family  
every day of their lives!*



## SPONSORS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

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).

### Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/Letters of Eligibility

In St. Catherine's Parish and in all Catholic Parishes in the U.S.

- 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.*

### Low Gluten Host

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

First-time parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Course prior to scheduling the Baptism.

Godparents are required to provide Sponsor Certificates before a Baptismal date is given.

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

3:30 p.m. Saturday -Parish Hall Narthex  
Other days by appointment.

Confessionals will not be used due to lack of ventilation. Masks will be worn priest and penitent.

# IMPORTANT *Announcements*

## 2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We have contacted the supplier of our parish offertory envelopes regarding the delivery of our 2022 bi-monthly mailing. Due to Covid related company staffing issues, and the nationwide supply chain issues like trucking and shortage of paper, the delivery of the 2022 Offertory Envelopes have been delayed

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. An announcement will be made as soon as we receive word that the offertory envelopes have been printed and shipped.

General giving envelopes for both first and second offertories have been placed at the church entrance. Please, we ask you to include your full name, address and, if you can, provide your envelope number.

For your reference, the schedule of upcoming collections for this delayed bimonthly mailing, January 9 through March 6, is listed in the parish bulletin.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

## *Upcoming Collections*

### January 9

Weekly Offering  
2nd Collection  
Diocesan  
Assessment

### January 16

Weekly Offering  
2nd Collection  
Energy & Fuel

### January 23

Weekly Offering  
2nd Collection  
Latin America

### January 30

Weekly Offering  
2nd Collection  
Sponsorship for  
Catholic Schools

### February 6

Weekly Offering  
2nd Collection  
Maintenance &  
Repairs



## Upcoming Collections

### February 13

Weekly Offering  
2nd Collection  
Diocesan  
Assessment

### February 20

Weekly Offering  
2nd Collection  
Energy & Fuel

### February 27

Weekly Offering  
2nd Collection  
Chapel Restoration

### March 2

Ash Wednesday

### March 6

Weekly Offering  
2nd Collection  
Black & Native  
American



## FOOD INSECURITY

Each week, parishioners donate packaged food to our Narthex bin. While much of it is donated to food pantries around the area, we keep a supply to help those who come into the parish office seeking assistance.

If you are in need of food or know of someone in need, please contact the parish office



**We welcome you to St. Catherine of Siena Church to experience the warmth of our parish family.**

**If you would like to join the parish or if you are not Catholic and would like to learn about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office.**

## REASONS WHY TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong.

Registration is a commitment to community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of the parish. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits and administrative purposes, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining a Sponsor/Godparent Certificate and Letter of Eligibility, and donation statements for your income tax returns.

Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission .

Registering a parish is simple. It just requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself by contacting the Parish Office. Young adults 18 and over who are still living at home with their parents, or attend college, are recommended to register in their own name.



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Thank you to those who have already signed up to support our parish family ...**ONLINE**. If you haven't signed up yet, we remind you to consider sharing your financial gifts with us by signing up to our parish Online Giving Program, **WeShare**.



Being able to give online makes donating simple and easy, while at the same time keeping the process safe and secure. By offering online giving, we will be able to engage our parish families to join us in supporting the important work we have been called to do together.

It is simple to set up a one-time or recurring donation, and allocate the amounts of your choice to any of our second collections. Please prayerfully consider switching your gifts online. Your choice to give online will help our parish be better stewards of our Time, Treasure and Talent.

To create an online giving account, please visit <https://sienachurch.churchgiving.com> to create your online giving account. We welcome you to call the parish office for help setting up your account or to answer any questions about the program.

We thank you for your support and generosity.



### Weekly Collections & Attendance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS  
HELP AND SUPPORT!

#### Weekly First Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, December 18-19, 2021

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,108.00	91 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,186.00	96 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,453.00	107 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$802.00	131 people
IN MAIL	\$865.00	
Online Giving	\$2,106.00	89 donors
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$7,520.00</b>	

#### SECOND Collection

Saturday/Sunday, December 18-19, 2021

Diocesan Assessment	\$718.00
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#### Weekly First Sunday Collection

Sunday, December 26, 2021

8:00 AM Mass	\$1,433.00	58 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,273.00	106 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$992.00	81 people
IN MAIL	\$885.00	
Online Giving	\$1,701.00	84 donors
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$6,284.00</b>	

#### SECOND Collection

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Sponsorship for Catholic Schools	\$878.00
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#### Weekly First Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, January 1-2, 2022

4:30 PM Mass	\$649.00	76 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$991.00	73 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,259.00	98 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$640.00	74 people
Online Giving	\$4,036.00	94 donors
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$7,575.00</b>	

#### SECOND Collection

Saturday/Sunday, January 1-2, 2022

Parish Maintenance and Repairs	\$594.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$805.00
Candle	\$445.00

### Parish Weekend Collection & Attendance Reporting

The tallying of the Christmas collection ongoing at this time of the year as cash and checks earmarked for Christmas continue to come in through the mail and weekend masses.

We will publish the amount of the Christmas collection in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and financial support of the parish.

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