The Two Popes will be here next Sunday!

The popular current film “The Two Popes,” starring Anthony Hopkins and Jonathan Pryce, will be shown in our parish hall next Sunday, Jan. 19th at 2:00 pm. The film is a thought-provoking speculation about a conversation that could have occurred between Pope Benedict (who was planning to resign) and his anticipated successor, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (who became Pope Francis). Please join us for this special presentation, followed by a discussion.

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).

Christmas Decorations and Ordinary Time

We need your help! This Mon., Jan. 13th, at 9:20 am, we will be removing our Christmas décor and preparing the church for Ordinary Time. If you can climb a ladder, please come to help.

Parish Offerings

Plate Collection (Jan. 4-5): $2,689.00
Building Fund: $1,452.00

God Bless You for Your Support!

Women’s Club– Jan. 14

All ladies of the parish are warmly invited to attend the first Women’s Club meeting of the year. Please join us on Tues., Jan., 14th, at 11:30 am in the hall for a pot-luck salad bar lunch. Please use the sign-up sheet near the church entrance.

In Need of Prayer:

Irene Hammond, Gale Keenan, Matt Van Scyoc, Martinez Family, Silva Family, Christine Eriser, Alice Blankenship, Bob & Evelyn Morales, Barbara Schofield, Kmi Tersini, Rosanna Opperman, Louis Mikklesten, Dennis Rightmer, Mike Mulligan, Duane Kasulka, Ross Miller, Jeff Lachance, Terry Whisler, Steven Kensrue.

A Note from One of Our Charity Fund Recipients...

“To all who donate to help others, Thank you so very much for helping me with my van repair. I’m so grateful! All the best to everyone this year. ~ God Bless.”

Saint of the Week

St. Hilary (c. 315-367); Jan. 13– Born in Poitiers, Gaul, Hilary was an adult convert to Christianity. As bishop of Poitiers, he defended Christianity against the Arians. On the advice of Arian bishops, the emperor exiled Hilary to the East, but his defense of orthodoxy created such problems there that they convinced the emperor to send him back. He continued to confront Arianism until his death. He was named a doctor of the Church in 1851. May we imitate his desire to proclaim the truth of Christ even when we face opposition.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

(Jan. 11-17)

Sat., 5:00 pm- +Tony & Kathryn Williams +Virginia Keller +Bob Chinnock
Sun., 9:00 am- +Joe Zenk +Gene Silva
Mon., 9:00 am- People of the Parish
Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service
Wed., 9:00 am- +Michael Povero
Thur., 9:00 am- Int. Sally Arbogast Int. Molly Linneamen
Fri., 9:00 am- +Jim Quaschnick

Schedule a Mass Intention

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the parish office.

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