

Holy Name of Jesus

National Catholic Church - P.N.C.C.

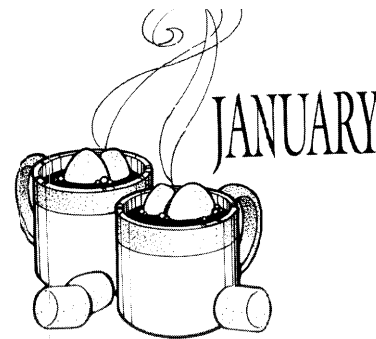
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May God grant You
His choicest Blessings
In the New Year!



Great Date to put on your Calendars for the beginning of 2010!

Sunday, the 24th, we are privileged to keep a parish tradition and to welcome a special guest! We have planned to meet with St Adalbert's RC Church for the third time in observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In the sharing, it comes as our turn to host. Father Carl Urban has invited, on his and our behalf, the Most Rev. Howard Hubbard, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, to officiate and offer the homily during the afternoon service. We are indeed humbled and honored that the Bishop found some time in his busy schedule to share this service with us. Please see further information inside.

Major Fund-Raiser begins drawings this month!

Beginning sales in November, the Serendipity Calendar project begins its fourth year the first of this month. We haven't reached to level when we first began this project, and each year the participation has gone down. Perhaps we could achieve a higher level in 2010!!!

Although the drawings will begin, this month may still have some sales made. Remember, the better we do on this project, the better we can defray some of the expenses the parish incurs. Thanks to those of our family who had extended themselves in sales during the last two months of 2009. We hope this project will bring additional success in 2010!

The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us

He was light
coming into a world of darkness.
He was love
coming into a world of hate.
He was life
coming into a world of corruption.
He was peace
coming into a world of strife.
He was bread
coming into a world of hunger.
was water coming into a world of thirst.
He was righteousness
coming into a world of sin.
He was hope
coming into a world of defeat.
He was God
coming into a world of humanity.

Parish Offices for 2010!

Please remember that the Nomination Forms are due on the 3rd of this month. Please allow your voice in the democratic process of our Church be heard. The Nomination Committee shall compile the results and prepare a report for the Annual Gathering on the 31st.

If you are approached to serve in the various parish offices for 2010, please consider it prayerfully. It is an honor and privilege to serve the Lord Christ in this ministry. Thank you in advance for your consideration of parish administration.

2010!

January 2010

3 - Solemnity of the Holy Family *Święto Święta Rodzina*

Lessons 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
GOSPEL Luke 2:41-52

LECTOR: MARILYN HIETALA

- The SOCL will once again take up its schedule of learning sessions
- Coffee Hour Hosted by the Bertasso Family.
- The Womens' Adoration Society will meet for its monthly meeting, in church, following Holy Mass.
- **NOMINATION FORMS ARE DUE!!!**

10 - Solemnity of the Lord's Baptism *Święto Chrzest Pana*

Lessons Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
GOSPEL Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

LECTOR: CLAUDIA BERTASSO

- *The re-affirmation of our Baptismal vows will take place prior to Holy Mass this day.*
- Coffee hour provided for by Pete & Liz Battaglia
- The SOCL and Catechism students will meet for class.

17 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time *2a Niedziela Zwykła*

Lessons Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
GOSPEL John 2:1-11

LECTOR: LARRY PANFIL

Intentions śp. Stanley J. Podkulski, ofr by Stanley and Lyn Podkulski

- Coffee hour, as of this writing, is unassigned
- Religious classes will be held this morning.

- Monthly meeting of the Parish committee follows Coffee Hour.

24 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time *3a Niedziela Zwykła*

Lessons Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

LECTOR: DEACON KONICKI

- Coffee Hour, unhosted, as yet
- Catechetical and SOCL classes will be held.
- We are hosting the 102nd Annual Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. **The Bishop of the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese, Most Rev. Howard Hubbard will be the principal celebrant and homilist.**

31 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time *4a Niedziela Zwykła* (Scholarship & United Choirs Sunday)

Lessons Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13
GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30

Intention Prayers will also be offered for our National United Choirs, its members and its programs.

LECTOR: MARILYN HIETALA

- Coffee hour, as of this writing, is unassigned
- No religious classes held this morning.
- Promptly at 10:45 am, the annual congregational meeting shall be conducted. All parishioners are invited to express their voice and vote.

(SNOW DATE, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH)

- Collection for the N.U.C. Music Scholarship program today.

- Candles shall be blessed today in observance the Feast of Candlemas
- Throats will be blessed today in honor of St Blasius

Special Thanks go out to:

- the members of the Parish and additional helpers for preparing the altars and the parish church for the holydays and the placing of the flowers;
- to Liz Battaglia for musical preparations for the Nativity festal Masses - and to the Choir members for planning time and adding their voices;
- to our acolytes, novice and veteran, who served the Christ Child at the altar for these worship times.
- to our SOCL students for making a wonderful reminder of our Christmas 2009.



- 1 - John Linscott
- 3 - Logan Slezak
- 4 - Zach Bixler
- Zachary Prusky
- Christopher Brook
- Courtney Carroll
- 5 - Derrick D'Amico
- 8 - Alex D'Amico
- Lawrence Panfil
- Christine DeCocco
- 9 - Theodore Zebrowski
- 11 - Cyndie Williams
- 14 - Karen DeMidio
- 17 - Stacia Roicki
- 18 - Stephanie Dominy
- Darian Topolski
- 20 - Joshua Bilinski
- 22 - Catherine Martucci
- 23 - Christina Naumowicz
- Laurie Lee Woodworth
- 25 - Richard Maliszewski
- Richard Okonsky
- 26 - Cadence Smith
- 27 - Eric Kaminski
- Jack Kaminski
- 29 - Judi Horton

Wedding Anniversary

- 20 - Alice and George Houser

SOME EVENTS TO PLAN FOR ...

Sunday, January 24th – Prayer for Christian Unity – hosted by us (**SEE NOTE BELOW**)

Sunday, January 31st - Our Congregational Meeting will have quite a few reports to be heard.

AND - Music Scholarship Sunday! The National United Choirs is asking every PNCC parish again this year to denote this Sunday as United Choirs Sunday. They are asking for a special acknowledgement of the work of the Choirs in our parish and our church. A common hymn will be sung in all parishes this Sunday.

Most of us will never do great things,
but we can do small things in a great way.

A
year
that's
full of
happiness
for you and
yours we pray.
And may a gleam
of friendly cheer melt
all your cares away. With
every joy that heart could wish to
light the yule log's glow. Let singing
voices fill the air and New Year's bells ring
out. Let everyone with glad accord a joyful
message shout. Let Christ abide within your
heart and hallow your desire
and home and may
you
say
with all of us
"God bless us every one."

The pastor of a country church went to town to make arrangements for a Christmas sign to be placed at the church. He forgot the dimensions, so he faxed his wife: "Send motto and size of sign." She faxed back: "Unto us a child is born, eight feet long and three feet wide."

“Kołęda” Visits for 2010

Note from Father Stan: As I have had tried to comply with the Holy Name of Jesus parish by-laws and past practices, to the best of my ability, and to keep to the parish traditions here at Holy Name, I make the following announcement: The Church calls upon its priests, during the season of Epiphany, to visit the homes of the faithful, to take a parish census, ask for any special needs of the family, and, together, ask God to bless the family and home for the New Year to come. The by-laws indicate that this is done on an invitation basis.

While I certainly do not want to change any policy, I would like to use this time set aside for this purpose to visit as many of the homes of the parish family at Holy Name to do what the Church calls me to do. I hope that you will allow me to come and make a visit. This is the only way wherein we could meet unencumbered to discuss your needs and perhaps the needs of the parish as you see them. I see this as one of the possible ways I can function most fully as parish administrator.

It doesn't have to be a long span of time; just enough for some discussion and a time asking for God's blessings upon your family and home for the New Year. Thank you in advance for your concern and assistance.

Homes should be prepared with blessed incense, chalk and candle. The first two of these items will be blessed on the Solemnity of Epiphany, and the latter is a sacramental found in every Christian home.

Looking Ahead to February -----

2 - Candlemas Day / close of Christmas

Blessing of the "gromnice"

3 - Feast of St Blaise of Sebastea

16 - 57th Anniversary of the Death of our Organizer,

Prime Bishop Francis Hodur

17 - Ash Wednesday / roda Popielcowa

Beginning of Great Lent

A minister parked his car in a no parking zone in a large city and attached the following message to his windshield: "I have circled the block ten times. I have an appointment to keep. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found this reply attached to his own note, along with a ticket: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."



THE BEST PREPARATION FOR
TOMORROW IS TO DO TODAY'S WORK
SUPERBLY WELL. - SIR WILLIAM OSLER

A Word about a Wonderful Sunday...

The Sunday, of course, was the Third Sunday of Advent, when it was most gratifying to be able to share a sacred tradition, to relish in God-given gifts, and to be able to allow this observance to be a wonderful tradition in the lives of so many others.

Thanks once again to the students of our SOCL offering the music of many different countries, highlighting their unique celebration of the Lord's Nativity. Thanks to our music minister, Liz, and Director, Deborah and to all the parents who rehearsed at home, set the "stage", practiced lines and rehearsed songs, who all together shared their sacrifice of time and talent as well, allowing us all to share in the wonderful giving of talent.

For all that had brought a dish for the meal, our thanks for the filled "tummies". This meal, in our tradition, has much meaning and history, and it is truly joyful to be able to share it once again with the parish family.

For all the help in the serving, setting up and tearing down, we also extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. May all the efforts of that Sunday give to us a more meaningful Nativity Season. God bless you all!

Early, Early Notice!!

The date has been scheduled, the site reserved, and now we have to get the creative processes started for our major fund-raiser, the Annual "Basket Social".

The date planned is either Sunday, March 21st or the 28th; the site may be a new place; the logistics are not yet in place – but the planning, well – that's up to you!

Mark this date on your calendar (**three months away and counting!!**) and plan to invite your friends and neighbors to support this annual event. Thanks!!!

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING January 31, 2010

- 1 - Call to Order - **Chairperson**
- 2 - Prayer of Invocation - **Administrator**
- 3 - Presentation of Agenda /
a) motion; b) second; c) vote
- 4 - Minutes of the January 2009
congregational gathering /
a) motion; b) second; c) vote
- 5 - Administrator's report for 2009
- 6 - Old Business
- 7 - New Business
- 8 - Elections of Officers for 2010 - ***
- 9 - Adjournment - a) motion; b)
second
- 10 - Prayer of Benediction -
Administrator

*** - please remember that your nomination forms need to be in by Sunday, the 3rd. Again, you may send them to the parish office or turn the forms in on Sunday morning.

If you have been approached for your

consent to this end, and have decided to offer your ministry, God bless you! If you have not yet been approached, you are on the list! Please prayerfully consider offering your time, talent, ability, and good humor to this most important parochial ministry.

Thank you, in advance, for your concern, assistance, and ministry!

2010 Dues Schedule

For those of you who take care of your church and parish dues early in the year, here's the breakdown.

Remember that we have an envelope in our packets that allow you to quarterly offer these. Please also remember the other special envelopes during the year as well:

\$ 50 (General Church) + \$ 12 (Central Diocese) + \$ 25/single member (over 18 and under 65, widow, widower, inc.)-**[\$87/year]**;

\$ 100 (General Church) + \$ 24 Central Diocese)
\$ 50 /family (husband, wife, 0+ children)-
[\$174/year].

\$ 50 (General Church) + \$ 12 (Central Diocese)
(over 65, widow, widower, inc.)-**[\$62/year]**

Sincere thanks and deep appreciation are extended to the parish family concerning the collection of items during the Advent season. The economic recession had not diminished your giving:

THIRTY-ONE (31!!!) (2.5X THE AMOUNT OF LAST YEAR) BAGS OF FOOD WERE DONATED AND COLLECTED. THESE WERE TAKEN TO THE SCHENECTADY INNER CITY MINISTRY.

TWENTY-TWO (22!!) (MORE THAN DOUBLE OF LAST YEAR) PAIRS OF MITTENS, GLOVES, AND HATS (MOSTLY CHILD SIZE) WERE COLLECTED. THESE WERE TAKEN TO THE NORTHEAST PARENT AND CHILD ASSOCIATION.

TWO (2!!!) BLANKETS AND TWO TOYS WERE COLLECTED. THESE WERE ALSO TAKEN TO THE NORTHEAST PARENT AND CHILD ASSOCIATION.

THERE ARE MANY NEEDY FAMILIES IN OUR AREA THAT ARE BEING BLESSED THIS HOLYDAY SEASON.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONCERN AND GRACIOUS GENEROSITY!!!

(REMEMBER ALSO THAT YOU HAD EXTENDED YOURSELVES THROUGH THE "PROJECT HEIFER" PRIOR TO THANKSGIVING. THINK OF ALL THE CHILDREN THAT ARE BEING BLESSED BY YOUR WORK IN THIS PROJECT AS WELL.)

WE WOULD LIKE TO UNDERTAKE THE COLLECTION OF TOILETRIES (SHAMPOOS, SOAPS, RAZORS, SHAVING CREAMS, AND DEODORANTS) FOR THE VARIOUS EMERGENCY SHELTERS IN OUR AREA. TO GIVE NOT ONLY A WARM AND SAFE PLACE FOR THE NIGHT, BUT TO CARE FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE IS A BLESSING TO THOSE IN NEED.

YOU MAY BRING THESE ITEMS ON SUNDAYS AND THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IMMEDIATELY.

**Quick Reminder -
Great Lent begins on
Ash Wednesday,
February 17th.**

**Thank
you's**

A FEW WELL-DESERVED THANK-YOU'S ARE IN ORDER:

WONDERFUL THANKS AND APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO THE STUDENTS OF OUR SOCL WHO CRAFTED THE GIFT THAT WE EACH RECEIVED ON CHRISTMAS. THIS YEAR THE REMEMBRANCE WAS OF A MORE ARTISTIC PRESENTATION, AS EACH ONE REVEALED A DIFFERENT SHAPE OR COLOR TO THE ORNAMENT.

OUR GRATITUDE GOES OUT TO DEBORAH BILINSKI FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF IDEA-SEARCHING AND CRAFT COORDINATION, MAKING ANOTHER MEMORY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY.

... TO ALL THOSE WHO HAD

**Thank
you's**

PREPARED THE PARISH CHURCH FOR THE NATIVITY HOLYDAYS; AND TO MARILYN PREPARING THE HALL FOR THE "coś do chleba" AND TO MARILYN FOR PROVIDING THE FOOD WITH DAVID AND ROSE PETROSKY (DEBORAH'S PARENTS) FOR PROVIDING THE KIELBASA FOR THE AFTER MASS REPAST;

... TO OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR / ORGANIST, LIZ, FOR HER WORK IN PREPARING FOR THE NATIVITY LITURGIES; FOR THOSE WHO HAD TAKEN THE TIME TO PREPARE THE MUSICAL PROGRAM; FOR ALL THE VOICES AIDING OUR PRAYERS TO PRAISE GOD'S GIFT, JESUS.

2010 Offering envelopes have been prepared and for your taking. This system allows us an accurate tracking of donations for reporting to national and diocesan offices.

Thanks for your worthy donations in 2009, and we look forward to your continued support in the New Year!



2010 Serendipity Calendars

This project is entering into its fifth rotation; we would like to make this year the best effort yet. In the past four years, the proceeds of this project had taken care of a portion of the smaller expenditures that the parish needed to cover. Certainly, more help to the parish could have been given if, in fact, more subscriptions were sold. Please consider this effort to be of a great help to the parish and talk this up with family, friends, co-workers, and others. Thanks! Info: call 372.1992.

School of Christian Living Fund-raisers:

a) **Bottle and Can Drive** – We ask that your offerings arrive rinsed and without caps. In you bring them in a plastic bag, please mark it, “SOCL”. If you prefer, you may just want to recycle the bottles and cans yourself, and bring in the redemption slip for a donation to the SOCL. Either way you’re helping out.

B) **Book Sale** – there will be boxes of used books located in the parish hall. These will be for your perusal and purchase/rental. If you find one you like, the SOCL asks 50 cents per book. If, when you’re finished, you would like to donate it back to the SOCL that would be fine.

We commit these to your consideration.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
KENDELL MALISZEWSKI.
HER CHEERLEADING SQUAD PLACED
THIRD IN THE NATIONAL
COMPETITION EARLY IN DECEMBER.
WAY TO GO, KENDELL!