



Holy Name *focus*

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH
JANUARY 1, 2012

Solemnity of the Circumcision of our Lord Uroczystość Obrzezania Pana naszego Jezusa Chrystusa

January 1, 2012

First reading: Genesis 17:9-14
Psalm: Ps 19:8-11 R. **The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing my soul.**
Epistle: Galatians 5:3-6
Gospel: Luke 2:21

Intention: For all parishioners living and deceased

Worship leader: Rev. Mr. James Konicki
Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Adoration and Benediction
- Coffee Hour – please join us.
- Parish Committee Meets

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

January 8, 2012

First reading: Jeremiah 31:10-14
Psalm: Ps 97:1,6,11,12 **A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us**
Epistle: Titus 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

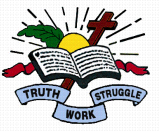
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Celebrant: Rev. Adam Czarnecki
Deacon: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

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Upcoming...

- Jan. 2: Solemnity: Holy Name – our Parish Feast – Holy Mass at 7pm
- Jan. 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord – Service with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense starting at 7pm.
- Jan. 8: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds – Holy Mass, 9:30am.
 - ANS Meeting
 - YMSofR Meeting
- Jan. 9: Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord
- Jan. 15: 39th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Memorial Service, 7pm, St. Francis of Assisi, 391 Delaware, Albany
- Jan. 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Jan. 29: Annual Congregational Meeting
- Feb. 26: Annual Budget Meeting

You want me to do what?

Couldn't we just shake hands?

God is talking with Abraham, making a covenant with him and his descendants. God says:

Every male among you shall be circumcised. You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.

A covenant is a contract. In ancient times people would sacrifice an animal as a sign of the pact they made. They would divide the animal in two, and each would walk between the two halves, sealing the deal. God had already done that with Abraham, but Abraham did not

walk through the sacrificed animals, only God did in the form of a smoking fire pot and a burning torch. God promised, by Himself, to keep the deal He made with His people.

Now God is asking Abraham to make an outward sign of this deal in his flesh, and the flesh of his descendants.

It would be great if it were that simple with God. Maybe as Christians, as people of the new covenant, we should place a fish bumper sticker on our cars, or wear a gold chain with a cross. Would people know then that we are Jesus' people, people of

the covenant?

That's unlikely. How many times do we see people carrying the outward signs of Christianity, only to disappoint by their actions? It was the same with Abraham and his descendants who carried the sign of the covenant in their flesh, but neglected to carry the sign of the covenant in their hearts.

To be truly circumcised means to carry the gospel in the way we live, talk, act, feel, treat others, pray, worship, and ... well in everything we do. Yes, the outward signs of our Christianity ARE important. That is our proclamation. Our proclamation must be coupled with our witness, with hearts that live what the outward signs represent.

Deuteronomy 30:6
And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Acts 10:36
MONDAY: Isaiah 53:4-5
TUESDAY: Colossians 1:19-20
WEDNESDAY: Romans 5:1
THURSDAY: John 14:27
FRIDAY: John 16:33
SATURDAY: Colossians 3:15

Pray
Lord Jesus, by Your coming, grant us peace!

Our Parish Feast

Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name. (John 16:23)

Our *Patronal Feast* is the occasion on which we annually celebrate and honor the Holy Name of Jesus as our protector and special benefactor. As you well know, and see among our faithful, every time we pronounce the Name of Jesus we bow our heads. This is significant, because the honor we give to Jesus' Holy Name, and our prayer on behalf of each other and the parish before the Lord, is not in vain. Already, wonderful things are happening. We have much to be grateful for, and much that we must yet pray for.

So, let us gather on Monday, January 2nd at 7pm for Holy Mass on the occasion of the Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus. Let us offer prayer and supplication, and give great thanks by praising Jesus' Holy Names:

Son of God, Jesus, Yeho-shua, Yeshua, Yahweh saves, Yahweh is my help, Ἰησοῦς, IHCOYC, IESVS, Christ, Χριστός, Christ, King, Prophet, High Priest, Messiah, Anointed One, Lord, Son of man, King of the Jews, King of Israel, Rabboni, Master, Rabbi, Emmanuel. Divine, Redeemer, Liberator, Savior of the World, Teacher, The new Adam, Logos, The Word, Head of the Church, Star from Jacob, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Man of Suffering, Son of Mary, Nazorean, Word of God, Lamb of God, Messiah, Anointed One, Bread of Life, Gate of the Sheep, Good Shepherd, Holy and Just One, Apostle and High Priest, Alpha and Omega, Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Root of David, Lamb Slain, Lord of Lords, King of Kings.

Of note...

Coffee Hour: Our weekly coffee hours are a warm and wonderful experience, a time to gather and speak with each other while we enjoy a wealth of good things to eat. If you are able, please help by signing up to take care of a coffee hour. Please see Ed Bertasso with any questions.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you. God calls us to work together for the good of our community, in support of each other, and for the needs of the Church. The YMSofR – Men's Society of the Resurrection, ANS – Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Deacon Jim.

Serendipity Calendar: What a fun way to support the parish and potentially WIN! The Serendipity Calendar allows you to choose one or more numbers between 001 and

Praying for...

Kay Kaminski, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Art, Dee & Baby, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberlan, Jasimine Russo, Stanley Radzynski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Derek, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, Judy Palmer, Deb Couns, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Patricia Lewis Joan, Matthew, Brian, Shari, Adam, Peter Loss

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember:

The Savonarola Theological Seminary

Bless them, O Lord!
Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

999. If your number is drawn in the day's NYS Lottery Daily Numbers game, you win. Sign-ups have begun for 2012. Reserve your numbers early so you get your lucky numbers. Note that re-subscription notices will be mailed shortly. The cost for each number chance is \$20.

Epiphany and Home Blessings: The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th. There will be a worship service and the blessing of chalk, incense, charcoal, and gold that evening at 7pm. Fr. Adam or Deacon Jim are available to come to your homes for the traditional Epiphany home blessing. Please see them to make an appointment. Blessing appointments are available through February 21st (prior to Ash Wednesday).