



## Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord Wspomnienie Chrztu Pańskiego

January 11, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 15, Canon, page 28

First reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Psalm: Ps 29:1-4,3,9-10

**The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Epistle: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

Intention: śp. Mary Dzięgiel offered by Stephanie and Bob Dominy.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Holy Mass at 9:30am (Traditional Rite)
- Coffee Hour, Parish Committee Meeting, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time II Niedziela zwykła

January 18, 2015

Rite: 9:30am: Pew Missal, page 15, Canon, page 28, 11:30am: page 63.

First reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Psalm: Ps 40:2,4,7-10

**R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Intention: For all remembered with Memory Crosses.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

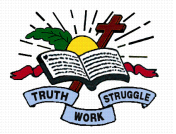
Lector: Marilyn Hietala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Holy Mass at 9:30am (Traditional Rite)
- Coffee Hour, Free Lunch on Sunday, SOCL
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

*Do you see, beloved, how many and how great blessings we would have lost, if the Lord had yielded to the exhortation of John, and declined baptism? For the heavens were shut before this; the region above was inaccessible. We would in that case descend to the lower parts, but we would not ascend to the upper. But was it only that the Lord was baptized? He also renewed the old man, and committed to him again the scepter of adoption. For straightway the heavens were opened to Him. A reconciliation took place of the visible with the invisible; the celestial orders were filled with joy – St. Hippolytus*

**Sick Calls and Hospital Visits** – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Father Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944. You may also call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518- 437-1889.

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## Upcoming...

- **January 11: Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am**
- **January 18: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Free lunch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins**
- **January 25: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends**
- **February 1: Septuagesima Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. SouperBowl Sunday, Annual Parish Meeting.**
- **February 8: Sexagesima Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**
- **February 15: Quinquagesima Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**
- **February 18: Ash Wednesday, Great Lent Begins. Holy Mass with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 7pm**



But when is the first Sunday?

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

The Church’s calendar is a rather complicated endeavor. You have to be really good at math to properly assemble it, and understand various historical nuances.

In our parish, the calendar may seem a little odd. We continue to honor the Christmas season right through February 2nd, the Solemnity of the Presentation. Our Christmas decorations remain, yet the vestments we use will change to green next week. It will be the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Wait, ummmm, what happened to the First Sunday in Ordinary Time?

Technically, Ordinary Time is observed in two periods: The first period beginning on the day after the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord (which we celebrate today) and ending on the day before Ash Wednesday; and The second period beginning on the Monday after Pentecost (the conclusion of the Easter Season) and continuing until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent.

That may be the right answer, but it really does not answer our question: When/where is the First Sunday in Ordinary Time?

We could see today’s Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord as replacing or offsetting the First Sunday in Ordinary Time or we could look at it another way. The Baptism of the Lord is a start, a beginning, a first thing we must live every day.

On this day God reveals that

Jesus is indeed His Son, the Messiah. The identity of God is made know: *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.”*

Our lives are filled with ordinariness. But, it all depends on how we interpret our ordinary experiences. If we simply ignore our ordinary every day experiences or see them has having no importance, we are missing something very important. Our ordinariness is not meaningless. Every moment, our every beginning, is to be seen and experienced in Jesus.

Jesus came to show us that what is ordinary – what is us – is so very important to Him. He shows us that our ordinariness is graced and we can accomplish all through and in Him. He has taken us *by the hand*. Every Sunday and every ordinary moment is of first importance when lived in Him.

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 22:37-38  
MONDAY: Revelation 2:4-5  
TUESDAY: Luke 11:42  
WEDNESDAY: Jude 1:3  
THURSDAY: 1 John 4:21  
FRIDAY: 1 Timothy 1:5  
SATURDAY: 2 Thessalonians 2:13

Pray

Lord, grant that I may always see You as my first love and that I bear good fruit by placing Your love to work in all I do.

Praying for Schenectady

On Friday evening, January 9th, the Churches of Schenectady joined together at the Bridge Church to sing, pray, and proclaim God’s care over the City of Schenectady. In faith we invoked the power of the Lord to drive out hate, fear, murder, drugs, prostitution, and every other evil. Truly, God has given us the power to *ask anything and it will be given to us in Jesus’ name*.

SouperBowl Sunday

Sunday, February 1st marks SouperBowl Sunday, an annual day of charity observed nationally. The charity we do on this day through monetary and food donations helps those in our local community through SICM. This effort, begun by youth, recognizes the irony of a day dedicated to sports and feasting while others can not even afford a bowl of soup. Your generosity for the past 13 years has been tremendous.

Christian Unity

January 18th through 25th marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Although competition between churches is less obvious in our day, it still lies beneath the surface of our lives and gives scandal to non-Christians. Jesus challenges us to acknowledge that while diversity is part of God's design, we must approach one another in trust, dialog to remove division, and see the face of God in every Christian.

Epiphany Home Blessings

Father Jim is available to visit your home for Epiphany home blessings starting January 7th. Just call Father Jim to set up a time.

Time to Step-up

On Sunday, February 1st we will hold our annual parish meeting and election of officers and directors. Please commit to being present for this event. Only through your involvement and indication of interest will we remain strong. We have many long serving Parish Committee Members, and frankly they deserve a break. We need younger members to step-up and to make an act of charity through this work. The Lord and His family, the Holy Church, needs you.

Reminders

+Our Outrageous Valentines Raffle is underway. Please remember to sell tickets and join in to support of our youth.  
+Parish Membership requires the payment of annual dues that support the larger Church, our Diocese, and our Parish. Dues are now \$137 per year for adult members, \$112 for seniors 65 and over.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is January 18th. Please be sure to continue to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake every month. There is no cost or charge for this meal. This service opens our home to all in need of a little company, a warm meal, and the love of Christ. Our free lunch on Sunday program is on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, 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, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Stanley Radzynski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, 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, Deb Couns, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Weglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Edward Glover, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Alyssa DePaula, Pastor Tom Kendall , Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Jeremy Fish, Helen Pasiak, Pat Bruno, Bishop Bernard, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski.

- 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 Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of Resurrection of the Lord Parish, Horodło n. Bugiem, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Janusz Kucharski.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour is held after worship each Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week!

**Parish Organizations:** Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men’s Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS – Women’s Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

Please think inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus for Christmas