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THE DYNAMICS OF *Baptism*

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 13, 2013

Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord Wspomnienie Chrztu Pańskiego

January 13, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

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

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

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Epistle: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Intention: For all who entered the Church in 2012 and those preparing

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time II Niedziela zwykła

January 20, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm: 96:1-3,7-10

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Intention: For Dylan Xavier, his parents and family.

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Baptism of Ryder Xavier Prusky
- Coffee Hour
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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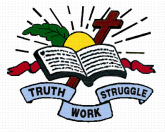
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Upcoming...

- January 13: Solemnity - Baptism of the Lord, Parish Committee Meeting
- January 18-25: Week of prayer for Christian Unity
- January 20: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and Baptism
- January 27: Septuagesima Sunday, beginning of Pre-Lent, Music Scholarship Sunday, 2nd Soup on Sunday
- February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation
- February 3: Sexagesima Sunday, Commemoration of St. Blaise, Blessing of Throats, Annual Parish Meeting & Elections
- February 10: Quinquagesima Sunday
- February 13: Ash Wednesday, Beginning of the Great Lent
- February 15: Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm

Why should I join? What does it mean?

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

It wouldn't be unusual to wonder about baptism, what it means. We might also wonder why Jesus was baptized.

For us, baptism is membership in the body of Jesus, the Church – we are made part of Jesus by descending into the water, as He descended into death. With this membership we are promised that we, like Jesus, will rise again.

For us, baptism is washing. We are washed of sin. In baptism we recognize that we fall short of the glory of God. As St. Paul wrote to the Romans *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* We know that we are sinful, no one is perfect and without failings. In baptism we acknowledge our sinfulness and our reliance on God, who

through Jesus' sacrifice washes us of our sinfulness, brings us forgiveness, and welcomes us back – always, no matter what.

For us, baptism is proclamation that Jesus is the Son of God, true God and true man. We proclaim the triune nature of God, Jesus' sacrificial death, resurrection, and ascension. In baptism we proclaim the Creed – stating definitively what we believe by faith. At Jesus' baptism the heavens were opened. The Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove. The Father's voice is heard: *"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."* This is God revealed, as He is, plain and simple, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Jesus' baptism pointed to all these things. At Jesus' baptism John publicly recognized and declared that Jesus was the One who was awaited, the Messiah, the One who would baptize *"with the Holy Spirit and fire"*

Jesus' baptism also showed that He identified with sinners. His baptism symbolized sinners' baptism into His righteousness. In addition, Jesus baptism showed His approval of John's baptism, bearing witness to it, that it was from heaven and approved by God. Later, after His resurrection, He would tell His followers that by baptizing the many they would be made His disciples. In Jesus' baptism the reality of God was revealed in testimony direct from heaven.

All the glorious truth of the mercy of God found in Jesus Christ is on display at His baptism. We join ourselves to that glory and truth in our baptism.

In the dynamics of baptism we join ourselves to all the truth of Jesus. We proclaim that God has freed us by His grace and our acceptance of that grace. We declare with all the faith that we have – we are members of His body, and that He is our Lord and God. We are His members – and it means this: That we receive His mercy and glory.

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Galatians 3:27

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 13:52
MONDAY: Mark 16:15
TUESDAY: Luke 24:47
WEDNESDAY: Acts 1:8
THURSDAY: Acts 2:38
FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 1:13
SATURDAY: Romans 6:3

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may live my baptismal commitment by my life in Your community of faith and by my every action.

School of Christian Living

We have an active and on-going Confirmation, First Communion and SOCL classes. Thank you to our parents for supporting the program. Sign-ups can be done at any time – it is never too late to learn.

Epiphany Home Blessings

We continue the wonderful tradition of offering home visits and blessings for those who would like them. Blessing of the homes will take place starting Monday, January 7th through Tuesday, February 12th. It is an ancient custom for Christians to have their homes blessed in relation to the feast of the Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Wisemen to the house of the Holy Family. Please see Deacon Jim to set aside a time.

Join us, draw others

In baptism we were all joined into the Body of Christ, the Holy Church. Baptism requires that we do. That means taking an active part in the life of faith. We have been blessed by having so many faithful parishioners who live out this commitment. It also requires that we take up the great commission Jesus directed to us: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"* Let us make this our goal in 2013, that we draw others to membership in the Body of Christ. Ask someone to come to church with you next week.

Parish Offices

Our annual congregation meeting will be held February 3rd along with the election of a new Parish Committee. So much good has been accomplished in 2012 – and it will be a great meeting filled with thankfulness for the many blessings we have experienced - especially for the blessing of having you in our family of faith!!! If you or someone you know would like to be part of the leadership team, please write your name, theirs, or better yet, both of yours down along with the office (Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, Trustee) you would like to run for and drop them in the collection basket in an envelope marked nominations.

SOUP, Round Two

Our next Soup on Sunday event is Sunday, January 27th from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Please volunteer to assist in cooking and serving - we need your help. Also, get the word out wherever/whenever you can. Soup on Sunday is scheduled for the last Sunday of every month.

Our first Soup on Sunday garnered great exposure for our parish program in the Schenectady Gazette and Times Union, donations from the Golub Foundation and Hannaford Supermarkets, as well as support and volunteers from the local community. God bless Bob and Stephanie Dominy for their leadership in this effort and all who assisted in any way.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, 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, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Stanley Radzysinski, 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 Cousins, Judy Palmer, 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, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, John Humme, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley Bilinski, George Damouni, Kindlon Family, Carolyn Walker, Chris, James McGrath, Larry Alfred, Brian Soos, Bonesteel Family, Bill VanShufflin

- 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: St. Joseph's Parish, Middleport, PA its congregation and pastor Rev. Richard Wosiak.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is back. Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every 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 Deacon Jim.