



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 7, 2018

Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord Wspomnienie Chrztu Pańskiego

January 7, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

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: 9:30 and 11:30 for all parishioners.

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

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Exposition and Benediction. Special blessing!!!
- Coffee Hour
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time II Niedziela zwykła

January 14, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

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

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

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

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

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Intention: 11:30 – for all parishioners

Celebrant: 11:30am Rev. Mark Gnidzinski

Lector: 11:30am Joe Kaczynski

- Matins at 11:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour.

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; the diseases of earth were healed; secret things were made known; those at enmity were restored to amity. – 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 518-453-2258.

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Upcoming...

- **January 7: Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 14: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- **January 15: Martin Luther King Day. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.**
- **January 18: Feast – St. Peter's Chair in Antioch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins.**
- **January 20: Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm.**
- **January 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Parish committee meeting follows.**
- **January 25: Feast - Conversion of St. Paul. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends.**
- **January 28: Septuagesima Sunday/Music Scholarship Sunday. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- **February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation. Holy Mass at 7pm with blessing of candles.**
- **February 4: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Breakfast and Annual Meeting follows.**

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist by intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

Peek-a-boo
We see You!

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.”

We have used the term Theophany several times in our teaching during this Christmas season. Last week we talked about the heavenly revelation experienced by the humble shepherds. This week, all who stood along the banks of the Jordan would experience heavenly revelation, the showing of God as He is, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Some of this might be lost on us. We encounter heaven weekly in this church. We know God as He is. In our worship, our Eucharistic experience, we are pulled into heaven and all of eternity is made real, graspable, to us. God’s Son shows Himself and we commune with Him. We are drawn together,

in Him and with all who receive Him here on earth and in the heavenly kingdom. We don’t ordinarily recognize the wonder of this moment, we don’t see it because Jesus is so available to us. It wasn’t always that way.

This revelation of God, His manifestation in a way discernable by the senses only occurred a few times in the Old Testament. God walked with and spoke to Adam and Eve in Eden. He spoke with Cain, Noah and his sons, and with Abraham and Sarah. Moses first encountered God in the burning bush. Later, at Sinai, He spoke with Moses face-to-face, as one would speak with his neighbor, in clear sight and not in riddles. Because of these encounters, Moses was visibly changed. When Moses returned from his second encounter with God on the mountain *the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.*

Moses shined with the glory of God, and as Moses had been afraid before the burning bush, now the people

were afraid. In fact, God’s glory was too much for them and they made Moses cover his face: *when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.*

Imagine that – being so changed in the presence of God – that you actually retained that presence in your body and on your face. Yet, that is in fact what is happening right here! Today! To us!

God is revealed. He has come to us. We have met His glory. We should look in the mirror. Are our faces shining? Are we glowing with the radiance of the heavenly kingdom opened to us each week, right here?

We might say, I am not worthy. We might say, I cannot see it. We might say, not here, in upstate New York, in Schenectady. Yet here He is, revealed, real, present and active in our lives. It is not our worthiness, but His great love that makes us shine. *Bruised*, just *smoldering*? Perhaps, but here He is to ignite us and give us glory.

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

Ephesians 1:17

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: John 1:1-5
MONDAY: Psalm 119:1
TUESDAY: Matthew 3:17
WEDNESDAY: Revelation 22:1
THURSDAY: Psalm 150:1-6
FRIDAY: Exodus 3:14
SATURDAY: Exodus 24:1-2

Pray

Lord Jesus, You revealed the reality of God and opened heaven to us. Be merciful so we may approach Your revelation.

Take Note and Errata

Please note our Holy Mass schedule is slightly different for most of January and February 4th. Also, please note that there was an error in the monthly newsletter regarding Holy Mass and our annual meeting on February 4th. Holy Mass will be at 10am followed by breakfast and our annual meeting.

Home Blessings

Let us make a special effort to celebrate Jesus’ coming with true joy for each of its forty days (i.e., until February 2nd). Note the various observances of the season on our calendar. If you would like to have your home blessed after the Solemnity of the Epiphany (January 6th), please see Fr. Jim to set up a time. All home blessings must be concluded prior to Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for our 2nd annual spaghetti dinner on **Saturday, January 20th** from 4pm till 7pm hosted by Joanne Bauer, her three daughters, and three granddaughters. Invited family, friends, associates, co-workers, classmates everyone. This is going to be great!

SouperBowl Sunday

Our new food and money collection is for Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4th. Souper Bowl Sunday supports local charities feeding the hungry. This is our 17th year participating. Please leave your donations in the soup pot or by the manger. God bless you for your spare change and generosity!!!

Valentine’s Raffle

Tickets will be going out in the next couple days for February’s Outrageous Valentine’s raffle. Prizes total \$1,180! Each entry gives one multiple chances to win. Tickets should be returned by Sunday, February 4th. Thank you for supporting this effort, which pays for our summer youth programs – Kurs and CONVO.

HELP Need

I want to reach out at this special time of the year and ask some things of you. In order to live as a parish (not just survive) we need these things from you. First, **prayer**. We need your continued prayers for the parish and for our mission in Schenectady. Second, **membership**. In 1972, there were over 150 members of our parish. Did you know that our mailing list for newsletters is addressed to nearly 200 people? That is 160 possible members, we are actually growing, but only 40 maintain a membership. If you are not a member, we need you to take up membership. Third, **involvement**. If church is just for Sunday we have missed the entire point. Churches thrive on parishioner activity. Join the parish committee, take up a project, participate in the many ministries available. I ask these gifts from you in this Christmas season and throughout 2018. God bless you!

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Robert & Stephanie Dominy, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Donnie Wright, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Richard and Suzette Place, Amanda Carr, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, Daniel DiIanne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo DiIanne, Cassandra Wade, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Crystal Haley, Linda DePaula, Michelle & Eric. All in need of God’s healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patricia Jones. Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Robert Pleczkowski, Fr. Andrew Bilinski.
- 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
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember and pray for the clergy and people of the Parish of St. Sunniva, Bergen, Norway.

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

Coffee Hour: Please join us for Coffee. Your support and assistance are needed for this ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to take a 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.

Of note...

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