



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 13, 2019

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Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord Wspomnienie Chrztu Pańskiego

January 13, 2019

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

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

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

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Epistle: Acts 10:34-38

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

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners, youth, and vocations.

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Traditional Rite).
- Coffee Hour at 10:30am.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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January 20, 2019

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

First reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm: Ps 96:1-3,7-10

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Intention: 9:30am for all parishioners, youth, and vocations.

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour at 10:30am.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).
- Parish Committee Meeting

Again and again I entreat you; be good lawgivers one to another; continue faithful councilors to yourselves; take away from you all hypocrisy. And may God, who is Lord of the whole world, give you wisdom, judgment, learning, knowledge of His ordinances, patience. And be ye taught of God, seeking diligently what the Lord requireth of you, and act that ye may be found in the day of judgment. – St. Barnabas

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Upcoming...

- **January 13: Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 18: Feast, St. Peter's Chair at Antioch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins.**
- **January 20: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Parish Committee Meeting, 12:15pm.**
- **January 21: Martin Luther King Day. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.**
- **January 25: Feast, Conversion of St. Paul. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends.**
- **January 27: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Music Scholarship Sunday. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- **February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord. Holy Mass at 10am. Blessing of Candles.**
- **February 3: 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Blessing of Throats. ONE Holy Mass at 10:30am followed by our Annual Meeting.**
- **February 10: 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**

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.

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.

Getting to work.

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

One more week has gone by, and how many years have passed in Jesus' life? Twenty-eight more!

Jesus, having been baptized by John, is praying alongside the Jordan, and the Father and the Holy Spirit reveal him. In other gospel accounts, we find John pointing to Jesus and telling His disciples: *"Look, the Lamb of God!"* This is similarly a form of revealing, of pointing out and pointing to Jesus. The next sentence after that pointing out tells us what happened: *When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.*

This year, we are asked to dedicate ourselves to discipleship, to set to work in better following Jesus: To

trust, to be willing, and to get to work following Jesus.

If you read our Bishop's Pastoral Letter, you will see, simply explained, the ways we can do that. If you have looked at our parish newsletter, you read about the parallels between discipleship and apprenticeship. Are we ready to sign our Jesus Union Card and get to learning and working?

Whoa Pastor, what do you mean? I have to do what?

That shock might come from some sort of self-assessment – I am not strong enough, willing enough, I don't have the skill for, or I am simply unwilling to set to that kind of work. Others could then turn around and comment, judging from afar – oh, look at them – they do so little. What we do not do is scrape away the top layer; we don't look deeper. Underneath that attitude we may very well find poor self-opinion, a belief in one's unworthiness or

fear of disappointing God; guilt, past error, or fear weighing people down. If that is the case in your life, and it certainly has been in mine, then look at what Peter said in the house of Cornelius - *"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality."* Serious words – God chose us, allowed us to be baptized into His family, His Union, His discipleship. God does not choose stupidly. Trust that.

When John's disciples (learners) ran up to Jesus to be His learners, Jesus didn't ask for an application or a resume. There was no test – only willingness. Be willing.

Jesus has been revealed. With trust and willingness, we must take the first step – and the next – learning from Him, modeling His life, getting to work. Not stopping. Following Him.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 22:6
MONDAY: Philippians 4:9
TUESDAY: Romans 15:4
WEDNESDAY: James 1:5
THURSDAY: Psalm 32:8
FRIDAY: Colossians 3:16
SATURDAY: John 14:26

Pray

Lord Jesus, sign me up, place me under Your guidance. Grant that all I learn as Your disciple build my trust and willingness. Set me to work for You.

The Christmas Season

We are in the Season of Christmas – 40 days to reflect on the wonderful gift we have received, the light we have, and the victory that is ours in Jesus. Please make a point of entering into that gift, light, and victory by participating in all spiritual events in the Christmas Season. House began with the Solemnity of the Epiphany, on January 6th and will continue through March 5th.

Christmas Season Events

We hold many beautiful spiritual events throughout the 40 days of Christmas. Please join in.

- Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, January 13th, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2nd, Holy Mass at 10am.

Valentine's Raffle - Please

Please get your tickets in. This fundraiser is key to our work with parish youth. Thank you.

DON'T GIVE UP – PUT IN

We have been blessed with so much good over the past seven years. Really, if anyone had made a bet that we would survive and grow, they would have made a fortune with the odds. As we enter this year of discipleship, let us personally re-double our efforts. We owe God a lot for His blessing. Let us remember to therefore be thankful and get about His work. Pitch in. Help with coffee hour. Take up a project to help our community. Plant a garden that will grow with His blessing. Take a leadership position. Lead a fundraiser. What you do or don't do will come back a thousand-fold.

SouperBowl Sunday

The soup pot is out to collect for Souper Bowl Sunday, February 3rd. Souper Bowl Sunday supports local charities feeding the hungry. This is our 18th year participating. Over the past 17 years we have raised over \$2,100 to feed the hungry!

2019 - Year of Discipleship

We are called by the XXV Holy Synod to develop and emphasize Discipleship through 2019: Our purpose is to strengthen all members in following Jesus; getting back to basics. Discipleship is who we are – all we do must flow from being a disciple of Jesus. Please see monthly Future Direction messages with concrete action plans.

YMSofR Project

This year, the YMSofR Christmas service project is to take care of one of our own. In 1929, Bishop Hodur had a vision for Spójnia Farm, to educate youth at retreats. In 2019, The Farm turns 90! The Y project is to raise funds to continue the work of the Farm. The 90 for 90 campaign aims to raise \$90,000 to do this work. We have brochures outlining the need and ask our YMSofR brothers to plan events to raise funds. The funds will be given on July 4, 2019.

Of note...

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to take a week. The new weekly list is posted.

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 140 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepakowski, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, 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, Paul Griswold, Amanda Carr, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, Daniel DiIanne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo DiIanne, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Crystal Haley, Michelle & Eric, Tina Haq, Louis Kiernan, Jan Shufelt, Shirley Maliszewski, Allen Panfil, Fred Hendricks, Jeanmarie Vollmer, Nicholas Emanuele, Marysia, Theresa, Kit Yarrow, Chris Gancarz, and 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, Patric Jones. Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Sr. 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 Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Canonsburg, PA.

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

--- *And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior* ---