



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 10, 2021

Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord Wspomnienie Chrztu Pańskiego

January 10, 2021

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.

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: Mark 1:7-11

Intention: 10am, for parishioners, for all for whom memory crosses were offered.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. After Jesus was baptized, He came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened, [for Him], and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased."

R. He shows pity to the needy and the poor and saves the lives of the poor.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time II Niedziela zwykła

January 17, 2021

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

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

Psalm: 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: 10am, for parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Thus says the Lord: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine. Because you are precious in My eyes and glorious, and because I love you.

R. When I found Your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart, because I bore Your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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.

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Upcoming...

- **January 10: Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **January 14: Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.**
- **January 17: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am. Parish Committee Meeting follows.**
- **January 18: Feast – St. Peter's Chair at Antioch/Martin Luther King Day. Start of the Week of Christian Prayer for Unity. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.**
- **January 21: Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.**
- **January 24: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **January 25: Feast - Conversion of St. Paul. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends.**
- **January 31: Septuagesima Sunday. Pre-Lent Begins. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **February 2: Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord. Holy Mass at 7pm with Blessing of Candles/Gromnica.**
- **February 3: Commemoration – St. Blaise of Sebastea.**

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 Pastor Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Pastor Jim at 518-522-0944.

True freedom.

The sea beheld and fled; the Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs of the flock.

This scripture, taken from today’s Alleluia verse, comes from Psalm 114. It speaks of God’s awesome power in leading the people of Israel out of Egypt to freedom. He freed His people from the bondage of slavery, and from being trapped back into it, through the parted waters of the sea.

Thus today, Jesus comes from Nazareth in Galilee with this purpose in mind. He steps into and parts the water, for a baptism He didn’t need, to save people who didn’t deserve it, so we could be truly free.

Jesus was implementing His Father’s plan to save and free us, for each and every one of us *have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*. Having no ability to save or free ourselves, Jesus steps into the waters to tie Himself, the sinless one, to the suffering state of humanity and

to identify Himself with sinful mankind, “*Because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.*”

The scene was dramatic. Large crowds. John preaching. People confessing their sins and being baptized. Then Jesus steps into the water. He rises up, with water dripping from His body, the Spirit descends in the form of a dove and the Father’s voice is heard: “*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*”

Today is the next step in the love story that ends our bondage to sin, frees us from ever having to go back, destroys the fear of death, and offers hope for all who chose friendship with God.

This event which we celebrate today publicly proclaims to the world that the Son of God entered the battle to save us from sin and to truly free us. We are freed from eternal death and the power of the worldly who serve the evil one.

The Bible is clear, people break God’s commandments, they serve the world, but have the option to

restore their lost and broken intimacy and peace with God. We all have the chance to be free.

True freedom takes true faith. It takes a faith that says no to the world, no to those that would exploit us for their own gain, and no to those who would use the Holy Name of Jesus to further their selfish ends. The world, governments, politicians, and systems cannot give freedom. Rather, freedom comes from an act of faith, our kneeling and saying, Lord, I place my life in Your hands. I repent and desire only to return to You and Your true freedom.

The good news of the gospel is that true freedom is ours for the asking. Once we have asked, we are invited onto the gospel road where we walk in the footsteps of Jesus, proclaim His message, invite those who do not know Him, and celebrate the true freedom that has removed from us any sense of unworthiness, guilt, shame, or condemnation. True freedom!

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 2 Corinthians 3:17
MONDAY: John 8:36
TUESDAY: Galatians 5:13
WEDNESDAY: Romans 8:1-2
THURSDAY: 1 Peter 2:16
FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 6:12
SATURDAY: James 1:25

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant me a full appreciation of the freedom You have won for me and by Your grace assist me in walking in Your way, proclaiming Your message, and inviting others to know You.

The Christmas Season Continues

Today is the Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord. Holy Mass is at 10am. As we know, the Christmas season does not end after Christmas Day, nor after 12 days, but continues on for 40 full days. Continue to celebrate. The Season will conclude on February 2nd, the Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord. Holy Mass at 7pm.

Our 100th Anniversary – Is Here

This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish. All ideas and input are welcome. Please contact our Anniversary Chairperson, Alyssa. Send your input to Alyssa.DePaula@gmail.com. We will have a full schedule of spiritual, liturgical, and social events planned for the celebration. Stay tuned.

Together in Faith and Love

Join us each Thursday evening at 7pm for our Together in Faith and Love Zoom sessions. The winter months and continued social isolation challenge us all. These weekly virtual informal get-togethers are an opportunity where, with faith and love, we can face challenges together; share time, stories, or recipes; reminisce; or even sing songs. If you have a computer or smart phone you can login to Zoom (ask Fr. Jim for a link). If you do not use computers, you can just join by telephone.

COVID Vaccine Sign-Up

Phase 1B of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution, which includes residents of seventy-five years or older in Schenectady County, will begin soon. The difficulty however is that there no one “big list” of everyone in our county who is over seventy-five. As such, we are assembling list. Please advise Fr. Jim of the following and he will forward to the County so you can be included.: Name, Address, Telephone Number, Date of Birth, Email address (either your own, a relative or friend). The email address is required, as signing up to be vaccinated needs to take place online.

Reminders

Valentine’s raffle tickets have been sent out. Any questions, please see Linda or Fr. Jim. Envelopes and tax statements for 2021 will be arriving shortly.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan & Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Amber Tatlock, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Stanley Ordon, Greg Kaczmarek, Carla, Joanne Houser, Ewelina Filyushchenko, Dave Micka, Grace Lewis, Maggie, Susan, Fr. Sr. Don, Linda, Ed Casey, Virginia Rogers, Carolyn, Francine, Marjorie, all suffering due to Coronavirus, 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, Timothy Olsen, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, and Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- 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 for any need or intention.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish National Catholic Church/Union of Scranton. This week we remember and pray for the people and clergy of St. Nicholas Mission parish, Karlskrona, Sweden

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. One day we will gather again and give thanks.

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 reconstituted branch 140/168 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Pastor Jim.

Of note...

--- For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ---