



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 7, 2024

Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord

Wspomnienie Chrztu Pańskiego

January 7, 2024

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

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

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

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Epistle: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Holy Mass at 10am followed by Exposition and Benediction.
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, pg. 15)

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.

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Today's Music

- Entrance: R193, O Come All Ye Faithful.
- Gloria: R184, Hark The Herald
- Sacrament of the Word: R185, Away In The Manger.
- Offertory: R194, Infant Holy.
- Communion: Little Drummer Boy (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R180, What Child Is This.
- Exposition and Benediction: B147-150.
- Recessional: B80, Joy To The World.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Clothing Drive:** Please turn in your collection sheets so they may be added up. This year's collection accounting is now concluded. There is still time to delivery your donations. Thank you to all for your generosity and hard work.
- **Valentine's Raffle:** Tickets are being sent out. Please help us in supporting youth attendance at Kurs and Convo. Because it is a leap year, there are additional chances to win.
- **Formal Notice:** Our Annual Parish Meeting, Election of Officers, and Presentation/Vote on simplified cemetery rules and regulations will be held Sunday, February 4th. There will be only one Holy Mass that day at 10am.
- **Super Bowl Sunday** is February 11th. The soup pot is out for your donations supporting the work of Schenectady Community Ministries.
- **New Year – New Things:** Please consider serving on the Parish Committee or one of the parish's ministries (altar server, lector, greeter). Make the new year a time to make a difference.
- **Your Newsletters are available today.**

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, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* ---

And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Today we begin a transition into two short Ordinary Time weeks. After that we will notice a stark change as we enter the Pre-Lenten season.

In this transition the moments of Jesus' Nativity get closed out (excepting February 2nd – the Solemnity of the Presentation, forty days after Jesus' birth) and His public ministry is begun.

If there is a word to bridge these times, and one that is self-contained in each season of the Church year, it is the word 'announcement.'

Consider the times we have encountered and will encounter 'announcement.'

The angels announce the Messiah's birth. The humble

shepherds announce what they have seen and heard. The Maji announce the coming of the Messiah to King Herod and all of Jerusalem hears of it. John the Baptist had been announcing the coming of "One mightier than I." The descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and the voice of the Father from heaven announce Jesus as the Son of God.

Setting forth after His baptism Jesus will call His disciples, turn water into wine, and most importantly announce the immanence of the Kingdom – a charge equally given to every disciple: *The Kingdom of heaven is at hand* (note in Mark's gospel account only four verses after His baptism).

Jesus emphasizes the work of announcement. It is the work we each must take up. It is a work that can be carried out in various ways, we don't all

need to be broadcasters using words – it may also be done in acts. It is anything we do that opens the kingdom to others.

Our work as announcers must also be evident in the attitudes we carry. That was the lesson Peter experienced before going to the house of Cornelius. Before going there – to the house of a Gentile Roman Centurion – considered unclean, God showed Peter that his attitudes had to change, that announcing the Kingdom was for those God intended, not only those Peter considered worthy by his own judgment.

With open hearts let us then be those announcers, broadcasters, proclaimers, trumpeters God asks us to be. The more we announce the Kingdom the more people will accept Jesus.

Memory Verse

"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"

Matthew 28:19

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Acts 4:12
MONDAY: John 14:6
TUESDAY: John 3:16
WEDNESDAY: Acts 2:38
THURSDAY: 2 Timothy 3:16
FRIDAY: 2 Timothy 1:7
SATURDAY: Philippians 4:13

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant that I adhere to Your will for my life. Make me a courageous announcer of Your Kingdom so that many may enter through the waters of baptism. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, and all in need of God's healing.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, 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.

This week we remember and pray for the work of the Young Men's Society of Resurrection (YMSofR).

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

Upcoming

- **January 7: Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **January 8: NO Holy Mass.**
- **January 9: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **January 10: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 11: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 12: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 13: Women's Empowerment Group Meets at 10am.**
- **January 14: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- **January 15: NO Holy Mass.**
- **January 16: TENTATIVE Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **January 17: TENTATIVE Holy Mass at Noon.**