



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 12, 2025

## Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord Wspomnienie Chrztu Pańskiego

January 12, 2025

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: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Intention: For all for whom memory crosses were offered.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour / SOCL
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal 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 A Manger.
- Offertory: R194, Infant Holy.
- Communion: Little Drummer Boy (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R180, What Child Is This.
- Exposition and Benediction: B147-150.
- Recessional: R171, Joy To The World.

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we continue through Winter into Spring (let's think Spring). Please see Fr. Jim or Paul in relation to these events.
  - **Winter Clothing Drive:** Thank you to all who donated so thoughtfully. We will have a final count for you in the weeks ahead.
  - **Operation SouperBowl:** The soup pot is out. Please share what loose change you may have to help feed the poor.
- Please continue to pray for our six seminarians: Deacons Sean and Justin, David, Todd, Joel, and Jon. Pray for a continued increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate. Please donate to assist in their training and support. Donations can be sent to: The Savonarola Theological Seminary Fund, c/o The Office of the Prime Bishop, 1006 Pittston Ave., Scranton, PA 18505-4109.
- **New envelopes are here.** Please take yours. Indicate the envelope number you took on the sheet next to the envelopes.
- **Epiphany Home Visitations:** Home blessings have begun. See Fr. Jim to make an appointment. Visitations end on March 4th.
- **2025 Calendars:** We still have a supply of 2025 calendars available on the back table. Please take one home for yourself and for a friend or neighbor.

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." ---

*I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations... to bring out prisoners from darkness.*

Welcome as we continue in the forty-day celebration of Christmas.

Today, we are called to reflect upon Jesus born into the human family through a human family and with the purpose of making us His Father's family by adoption.

Throughout this past week and until tomorrow which is the Octave of the Epiphany, we have read from the First Letter of St. John wherein he speaks of the totality of God's love. Our first reading today from Isaiah speaks of God's purpose, set forth in His Son Jesus, to make Him the covenant of love.

That love's purpose is to free us from a cheapness of life, any thought or feeling, any impression that our lives are unworthy of intimacy with God. Jesus came to connect us to the reality that His Father is our loving Father.

In His baptism Jesus confirms and gives sacramental affect to our adoption into the family of God. His Father confirms this adoption, sets forth His love for us, through the descent of the Holy Spirit and His verbal acclimation of His Son's work for our salvation.

There is no doubt, brothers and sisters, that we easily fall into the trap of downplaying our place and role in the God's family. We often fall into fear – wondering what will happen to us for the ways we fall short. Unfortunately, we concentrate more on that than on the power of God's love and our adoption that is intended to drive out all fear.

St. Peter reminds those in the house of Cornelius, and us, that Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power to do good – good for us.

That good is not just some kind deed or a healing here and there. It is a good meant to overcome fear, imprisonment,

darkness, and deafness and to replace it by making us strong. He assures us of our acceptance and adoption, our beauty and inclusion as His brothers and sisters.

At a practical level we must be very careful to remind ourselves of our position and stature in the family of God. We can accomplish this in the simplest of ways – put a note on your bathroom mirror saying 'God adopted me in love. I am His. He is mine.'

We can do this by reading the story of Jesus' baptism through which He entered His public ministry solely focused on bringing us in. We are the ultimate insiders in God's family.

So let us take the word of our opening prayer to heart: May the brightness of His presence shine in me, and may His glory be set forth in me.

### Memory Verse

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.*

**John 13:34**

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Galatians 3:28  
MONDAY: Romans 12:15-18  
TUESDAY: Romans 15:7  
WEDNESDAY: James 2:2  
THURSDAY: Philippians 2:3-4  
FRIDAY: Ephesians 4:32  
SATURDAY: Hebrews 12:14

### Pray the Week

Lord Jesus, Through Your work and my baptism Your Father has adopted me in complete love. Grant that I may clearly perceive this love, be filled with it, and share it fully with all I encounter.  
Amen.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Helen Spencer, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Nedra Liebert, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wieczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, and all needing 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, 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
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of Holy Trinity Parish, Throop, PA.

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

## Upcoming

- **January 12: Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski**
- **January 13: Octave of the Epiphany. Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **January 14: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 15: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 16: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 17: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 18: Feast – Chair of St. Peter at Antioch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins.**
- **January 19: 2nd Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- **January 20: Martin Luther King Day, Inauguration Day. Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **January 21: Holy Mass at Noon.**