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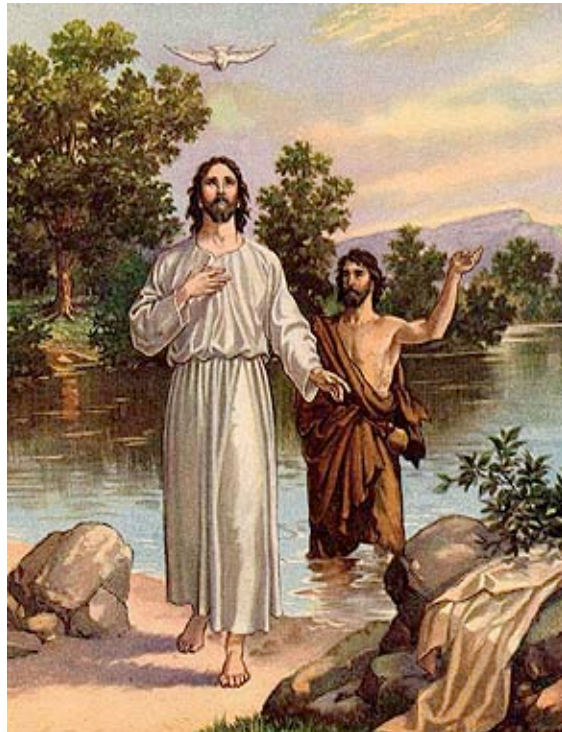
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Baptism of our Lord – Cycle “A”

Uroczystość Chrztu Pańskiego

January 9, 2011

“Today is tomorrow you worried about yesterday.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 11:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English

Today, January 9th – Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord

At His baptism Jesus is anointed with the Spirit to begin His work of salvation. By our own baptism we

share His spirit and His work.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Geraldine Andrews**, of. by Ms. Bernadette...

- **Annual Parish Meeting.**

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20; **Tue.**, Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28; **Wed.**, Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39; **Thu.**, Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45; **Fri.**, Hebrews 4:1-5.11; Mark 2:1-12; **Sat.**, Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17

MONDAY, January 10th - *Within the Octave of Epiphany*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for sp. Rev. Zygfryd Maul (33rd Anniversary), of. by Fr. Robert.

TUESDAY, January 11th - *Within the Octave of Epiphany*

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for sp. Rev. Maksymilian Lawnicki (50th Anniversary), of. by Fr. Robert.

THURSDAY, January 13th - *Within the Octave of Epiphany*

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for those who are in the purgatory.

FRIDAY, January 14th - *Weekday*

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 16th – *II Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Susan Bednarek, Helena Bednarek, Julian Bednarek Sr., of. by Mr. Julian Bednarek.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – **Pokropisz mnie** Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Matthew 3:16-17; Psalm 72:13)

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.

I Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7

God's chosen one reveals a character of gentleness, courage and justice.

GRADUAL (Isaiah 2:4)

V. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks;

R. One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.

II Reading: Acts 10:34-38

God has no favorites. The Good News of Christ is for everyone.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 114:3-4)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

By His baptism Jesus begins His public ministry, identifies Himself with people's need for God, and receives the Father's approval..

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

May find strength in your gifts of faith and courage.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

June 23rd Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

FRACKVILLE

Feb. 6th Annual Parish Meeting – after 11:15AM Mass

May 29th Memorial Day Mass (in the church)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners and Friends for their donations, time and hard work this week to better our parish and Church. The Sunday greeters, the people working on fundraisers, the decorators, repair and maintenance people and members of the choir.

PLEASE CALL FR. ROBERT - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; ..if your phone number or address change; ..if you have a prayer concern.

HELP NEEDED – If anyone is interested to help at the altar during our services, and serve as the Lector, please contact the pastor.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Claudio Bocca**, his family, and parishioners of **St. Stanislao Kostka** parish in Lucca, Italy.

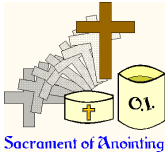
MASS LITURGY CHANGES – until Easter we will stop shaking hands during the Holy Mass, due flu season.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Jan. 16:** sp. Susan Bednarek, Helena Bednarek, Julian Bednarek Sr.; **Jan. 23:** sp. Franciszek, Elzbieta Sroka; **Jan. 30:** for sp. John and Dolores Sroka; **Feb. 6:** sp. Jan Sroka; **Feb. 13:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **Feb. 20:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **Feb. 27:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **March 6:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **March 20:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **March 27:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **April 3:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **April 10:** sp. Catherine Marasco.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco -

Connie Sincavage – Ida Socker. *Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)* - Margaret Kruszynski - Edward Ryszka Jr.



HOSPITAL VISIT. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification. Please remember that with privacy laws, the Parish is often not informed when someone enters. Please call the rectory so Fr. Robert can come for prayer.

"Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord..." (James 5:14). If you, or a member of your family are sick and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home, please notify the rectory.

SHOPPING at "REDNER" REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners and Friends that if you go shopping at *Redner's* please use your "Redner's card" for purchase. When you will do it the Parish can get a credit – Thank you!



WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship!

THE MANOR AT WAYMART – a personal care facility, is located in beautiful waymart, PA near the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center. We invite you to contact us at **570-488-6829** or manoratwaymart@echoes.net for rates, room availability, or to arrange a tour of our facility.



CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child's religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **10:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age should come to **private** Confession. If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come for private confession at least once a month. If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

Receiving the Holy Eucharist – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

CHURCH OPERATION FUND – as of today the following have donated: Mr. & Mrs. James Panco, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Savitsky, Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes, Mr. John Golba, Mrs. Ida Socker, Mrs. Mary Stukas, Mr. Frank Gill, Mr. Stanley Saweck, Mrs. Claire Mallick, Mrs. Helen Menzyk, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky, Mrs. Loretta Kovalewski. Monetary donations during the church year include: Mrs. Violet Cegielski, Mr. Jan Cegielski, Mr. Frank Gill, Mrs. Diane Jellen. Thank you!

PARISH COMMITTEE – Our PNCC is a democratic Church, where the members have a privilege to serve in the parish. It is a privilege and responsibility to help the church grow, and to be a member of the parish committee. If anyone is interested to help the Committee, please contact Fr. Robert or Mr. Joseph Petrusky.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS – are donated in memory of: Anette Zomchick, Jon Zomchick, Anthony Zomchick, Stella Idason, Stanley Kovalewski/Zamonas family, Anne Grande, Bobbin family, Susan Bednarek, Helena Bednarek, Lucille Gill, and Mr. Jan Cegielski, Mr. John Golba. Thank you. Thank you.

SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of OUR LORD – In the *PNCC* as well as other catholic churches on January 6, the priest blesses incense (one of the gifts of the Wise Men), and chalk, which is used for the marking of the door-frame of parishioners homes with the initials of the Three Kings and the year: **+20+K+M+B+11+**. Beginning with this day, and ending on February 2 (*Presentation of the Lord*), the parish

priest will make Epiphany pastoral visits to as many parishioners as possible. There he will bless the home and its inhabitants.

A properly-prepared home displays a white linen cloth, upon which is placed a crucifix, a blessed candle, holy water and chalk; the sweet scent of blessed incense fills the air.

EPIPHANY – ‘KOLEDA – BLESSING OF HOMES – Visit of the priest at your home for a blessing and prayer is not only a gesture of keeping alive our ethnic and spiritual heritage but also an expression of faith and a manifestation of the family’s unity with the Church and with our parish in particular. During the year, in every household there are moments of crisis, pain and sorrow. The best healing comes through prayer, blessing and an act of faith through Jesus Christ. Please don’t neglect this very special opportunity during this special time of the year.

MEMBERS DUES 2011. Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the ‘family plan’ method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the last General Synod.

Each adult member will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at the Holy Ghost Parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

Total dues for 2011 per Adult Member: \$100.00 Per Year

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations:

Sunday Collection, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Donations, Bleenie Sales (we had a great time last year, come out help out, join in the fun...), Chinese Auction, and Christmas Donations.

PARISH CATECHISM – *Who shall go to heaven?* All who die in the state of grace and have been purified in purgatory (if necessary) from all venial sin and all temporal punishment due to sin will go to heaven. ***How should you prepare for heaven?*** You should prepare for heaven by considering the things of this world as only passing novelties and by spending your life in prayer and good works according to the laws and directions of God and of the Church.

PARISH INFORMATION. **Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God’s Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

The parish bulletin - is made on **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.