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Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord – Cycle "C" Uroczystość Chrztu Pańskiego January 10, 2010

"Few things are impossible to diligence and skill...Great works are performed, not by strength, but perseverance." - SAMUEL JOHNSON

Events for the Week

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

Today, January 10th – Baptism of our Lord

Through the cleansing water of rebirth and the gift of the Holy Spirit we have become sons and daughters of God. It is as God's holy family that we gather today to praise God's loving kindness to us.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Cichocki and Mallick families, (All Souls).

- Annual Parish meeting after the Holy Mass. Please <u>attend</u> the Annual Parish Meeting in order to discuss the important aspects and projects of our Parish. Thank You.
- The second weekly collection second, third, fourth or fifth Sunday in the month (after the Holy Mass) is for operation of the Holy Ghost parish **THANK YOU**!

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20; Tue., 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28; Wed., 1 Samuel 3:1-10.19-20; Mark 1:29-39; Thu., 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45; Fri., 1 Samuel 8:4-7.10-22a; Mark 2:1-12; Sat., 1 Samuel 9:1-4.17-19. 10:1; Mark 2:13-17

<u>TUESDAY, January 12th</u> – *Within the Octave of the Epiphany* 9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, January 14th - Weekday **9:00AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

<u>SATURDAY, January 16th</u> – *Weekday* 9:00AM – 5:00PM – Fr. Robert works in the diocesan chancery (Scranton, PA)

<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>, January 17th – II Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Cichocki and Mallick families, (All Souls).

Today's liturgy

<u>ASPERGES</u> – 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

(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 40:1-5.9-11

The Lord is coming to lead His people home.

THE 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: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God's kindness and love for humanity are revealed in Jesus Christ.

THE 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: Luke 3:15-16.21-22

Jesus is baptized – *the new age dawns.*

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 God the Father hold you close to His heart. May God the Son purify and empower you. May God the Holy Spirit renew the joy of your baptism.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

Jan. 23rd First Holy Communion Catechism Class – 9:00AM

 $\frac{FRACKVILLE}{Feb.7^{th}, 2010}$ Feb.15 – March 21st

The Annual Parish Meeting Easter Egg Sale Project

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.

<u>THANK YOU</u> very much to Mr. Jacob Komara and Joe Karvois for help during the liturgy last Sunday, January 3.

<u>PLEASE CALL FR. ROBERT</u> - ...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.

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. Thank you.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Margaret Kruszynski – Helen Menzyk - Connie Sincavage - Maurice Curcio – James Panco – Catherine Marasco -Edward Ryszka Jr.

<u>UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS:</u> Jan. 17: sp. Zamonas family...and Kowalonek family...(All Souls); Jan. 24: sp. Walter Andrews.



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.

"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!

MEMBERS DUES 2010. 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 (18 years old+) 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 2010 per Adult Member: \$95.00 Per Year

A member, who fulfills the financial obligation to the Parish, by paying our yearly dues (\$95.00), is a financial good standing member of the Church. This means that he/she is a voting member of the Parish, can be elected to the Parish Committee, can be elected as a delegate for Synods and Seniorate Council, can be married in the church, and when time comes could be buried at the Parish Cemetery.

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 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.



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 is placed on the tongue, not in the hand.