

Our Saviour Parish of the PNCC

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Blessing of Incense and Chalk

Today, before the service we will bless incense and chalk. The chalk will be used to mark the top of the door frames of houses blessed after the feast of the Epiphany. The incense will be used for various purposes throughout the year.

A Festival Thought

On this day within the Octave of Christmas, the holy family of Nazareth stands as a model of human intimacy. Our families, too, are sacred places - places of physical growth, places where each person is cherished and accepted, places where God dwells.

About Today's Bible Readings

SIRACH 3:2-6,12-14

Within the family, no loving deed proves unfruitful, no act of kindness is ever lost.

PSALM 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-21

Christ is the head of the Church, his body - his family that strives to be his mirror image in love.

LUKE 2:41-52

The family of Nazareth lived in ordinary circumstances. But in faith, in their trials and labors, they revealed an extraordinary love.

ENTRANCE RITE (LUKE 2:15b-16)

V. The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

Solemnity of the Holy Family / Epiphany of the Lord

- R. So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger.
- 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.

THE GOSPEL (LUKE 2:41-52)

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – January 3rd

Solemnity of the Holy Family / Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord 9:00 AM - Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist. Blessing of Incense and Chalk before the service Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament after the service.

SUNDAY – January 10th

Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord 9:00 AM - Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist.

Parish Committee Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held today following the service. Please pray for your committee members that they may make good and holly decisions to further God's will.

Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2016. The dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00PM. Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$3 for Children. We sincerely hope that all of our families and friends will join us. See Peggy Kowalik for tickets or more information.

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2016 following the Deacon's 9:00AM Service of Worship. The key to success in any democratically oriented organization is in the participation of the membership. Please plan to attend, engage and to elect representatives to the various offices and positions in our parish for the upcoming terms. Our ancestors fought for this right when they founded the PNCC. Please respect it and make use of it by attending and participating.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health of Pat Seliga, Raymond Priester, Jeffrey Heagy, Bob Rush, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, John Rusnak, Walter Schilling, Berne Bloom, Theresa Kishler, Marie and Nunzie Sospetti, John Cinkay, Robert Paterson, Dennis Wunderlich, David Wunderlich, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson and Frank Fisher; **Our Father...**

Today's Hymns

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Solemnity of the Holy Family / The Epiphany of the Lord

Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord!

The Hymns listed below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Book.

Processional Hymn

#57 – O Come, All Ye Faithful (Verses 1 & 2)

Entrance Hymn

#57 – O Come, All Ye Faithful (Verse 3)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#64 – Christ Is Born (Verses 1 & 4)

Offertory Hymn #83 – We Three Kings

Communion Hymn #82 – The First Noel

Recessional Hymn

#78 – Good Christian Men Rejoice