



Our Saviour

Parish of the PNCC

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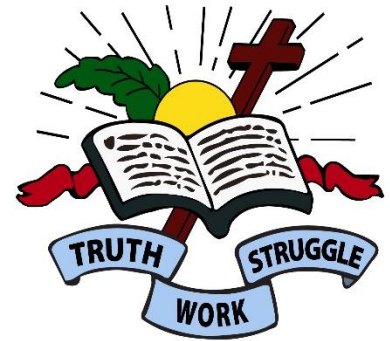
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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Blessing of Incense and Chalk

Today, after the Mass, 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

The Epiphany star has not faded. Its wonder continues in the lives of committed Christians who are light for the nations.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 60:1-6

All nations will come to the Lord drawn by divine radiance that shines forth in the lives of the people of God.

PSALM 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

EPHESIANS 3:2-3a, 5-6

God's secret plan is now revealed. It involves the *salvation of the world* through the mysteries of Jesus' life and death.

MATTHEW 2:1-12

The magi respond to the star with a journey that brings them to bow in worship before the infant Saviour.

ENTRANCE RITE: Malachi 3:1b; Matthew 2:2

V. The Messenger of the Covenant in Whom you desire. Yes, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

R. We saw His star at its rising, and have come to do Him homage.

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: MATTHEW 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY Jan. 8th

Solemnity

Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Blessing of Incense and Chalk
following Holy Mass.

SUNDAY Jan. 15th

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

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 holy decisions to further God's will.

New Candles

As previously stated, we have received enough donations to replace all of the candles in the sanctuary with the new, clean burning oil type. We will list the donors and the names in memory of whom they were given and we will bless all of the new candles before Mass on January 22, 2017. A heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all who gave so generously.

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2017 following the 9:00 AM Mass. The key to success in any democratically oriented organization is in the participation of the membership. Our parish is facing financial difficulties and your thoughts and ideas on how to solve them are of the utmost importance. 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.

Blessing of Homes

Please let Father Don know if you would like to have your home blessed during the season of Epiphany this year.

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 and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Raymond Priester, Bob Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Marie and Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, David Wunderlich, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Erica Franta, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Tim Fischer, Bernice Biroscak, Douglas Lipton, Patrick Toner, Chris White, Frank Gonzales and Gary Graham. **Our Father...**

Christmas Dinner

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held next today, January 8th, at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be:

ADULTS \$12.00

CHILDREN (under 12) \$3.00

I hope that everyone will be able to attend and that they will bring family, loved ones and friends for the good food and Christian Fellowship that we always enjoy at these events. Peggy Kowalik can be contacted for advance ticket sales.

Today's Hymns

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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

The Hymns below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books.

Opening Hymn

#57 – O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#83 – We Three Kings Of Orient Are

Post Communion Hymn

#42 – Silent Night

Recessional Hymn

#80 – Joy To The World!
