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Our Saviour Parish of the PNCC

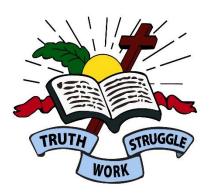
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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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.

RESPONSORIAL 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.6th
Solemnity
Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Blessing of Incense and Chalk before Holy Mass. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament following Mass.

SUNDAY Jan. 13th
Solemnity
Baptism of Our Lord
9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Parish Committee Meeting

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

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 3, 2019 following the 9:00 AM Mass. The key to success in any democratically oriented organization lies 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.

Christian Unity Breakfast

On January 27^{th.} we will hold our Christian Unity Breakfast at 10:00 AM (Following Holy Mass) in the Fellowship Hall. What better way to express our faith and unity as Christians than to join together to break bread.

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 Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Ruth Pivovarnick, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Garrett Aldershoff, Father Senior Gregory Mludzik, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Tom Goff, Anni Greif, Nancy Eaton, Fred Rast, Roger Seliga, Milton Keiles and Claire Armstrong. Our Father...

Christmas Dinner

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held next Sunday, January 13th, 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. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Today's Hymns

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 (Verses 1 & 2)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

83 – We Three Kings

Post Communion Hymn

#42 - Silent Night

Recessional Hymn

#80 – Joy To The World!