



Our Saviour Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord

FAITH SHARING

The Baptism of the Lord is the great event celebrated by the Eastern Churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. Hence, it is described by all four Gospels. It marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

In the First Reading, the first *Servant Song* in Isaiah (42:1-4, 6-7), is chosen because, because its opening lines ('*Here is my chosen one, in whom my soul delights*') [Isa 42:1]) is similar to the voice from heaven about the identity of Jesus following his baptism ('*This is my Son, the Beloved, my favor rests on him*' [Matt 3:17]).

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Acts 10:34-38

St. Peter states that Jesus' baptism by John was the inauguration of Jesus' divine ministry through his anointing by God the Father "*with the Holy Spirit and power.*"

Matthew 3:13-17

Today's gospel describes the baptism Jesus received from John the Baptist and how it was a turning point in Jesus' life and public ministry.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Matthew 3:16-17; Ps. 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.

Gospel

MT 3:13-17

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

R. Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he allowed him.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

#57 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#221 Turn Your Eyes To Jesus

Communion Hymn

#21 On Jordan Bank

Recessional Hymn

#77 Away In A Manger

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, January 12

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12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, January 19

2 Ordinary Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Wednesday, January 26

3 Ordinary Sunday

(Music Scholarship Sunday)

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

PASTOR'S PHONE NUMBER

In case of all regular Parish issues please call Fr. Mariusz at 215-535-4978. This number is always linked to pastor's cell phone, so in case of real emergency please also use this number.

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BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have any information which supposed to be in our parish bulletin, please call or email Fr. Mariusz. Due date for each bulletin is always Friday, 4:00 p.m.

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, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterici, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, James Stenz, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Dorothy Zytczk. Jan Cherneski, Beverly Wunderlich, Peggy Kowalik, Thomas Oliver, Sally Bisch, Bea and Stan Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski

For the repose of the soul of all our parishioners who passed away.

Our Father...

OUR SAVIOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held today, Sunday, **January 12, at 2:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be:

ADULTS \$12.00 CHILDREN (under 12) \$3.00

We 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.



WE ARE BAPTIZED

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity and mission.

First, it reminds us of who we are and Whose we are.

By Baptism we become the adoptive sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. We become incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made sharers in the priesthood of Christ. Therefore, Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments.

HOLY WATER AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH

Most of us dipped the fingers of our right hand into the holy water font and blessed ourselves when we came into Church today. *Why?* This blessing is supposed to remind us of our Baptism. And so when I bless myself with Holy Water, I should be thinking of the fact that I am a child of God; that I have been redeemed by the Cross of Christ; that I have been made a member of God's family and that I have been washed, forgiven, cleansed and purified by the Blood of the Lamb.

THREE TIMES

Some people come to Church three times primarily. They're baptized, they get married, and they have their funeral service at the Church. The first time they throw water on you, the second time rice, the third time dirt!