



**Our Saviour Parish
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Circumcision of our Lord / New Year

FAITH SHARING

On the eighth day after His Nativity, our Lord Jesus Christ was circumcised in accordance with the Old Testament Law. All male infants underwent circumcision as a sign of God's Covenant with the holy Forefather Abraham and his descendants [Genesis 17:10-14, Leviticus 12:3].

After this ritual, the Divine Infant was given the name Jesus, as the Archangel Gabriel declared on the day of the Annunciation to the Most Holy Mother of God, Mary.

The Fathers of the Church explain that the Lord, the Creator of the Law, underwent circumcision in order to give people an example of how faithfully the divine ordinances ought to be fulfilled. The Lord was circumcised so that later no one would doubt that He had truly assumed human flesh, and that His Incarnation was not merely an illusion, as certain heretics had taught.

In addition to circumcision, which the Lord accepted as a sign of God's Covenant with mankind, He also received the Name Jesus [Savior] on the eighth day after His Nativity as an indication of His service, the work of the salvation of the world.

These two events -- the Lord's Circumcision and Naming -- remind Christians that they have entered into a New Covenant with God.

The very name "Christian" is a sign of mankind's entrance into a New Covenant with God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing my soul.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Genesis 17:10; Psalm 89:35-36a)

V. This is My covenant with you and your descendants after you that you must keep: every male among you shall be circumcised.

R. I will not violate My covenant; the promise of My lips I will not alter. By My holiness, I swore once for all.

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

LK 2:16-21

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.

All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

057 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

What Child is This

Communion Hymn

077 Away In A Manger

Recessional Hymn

076 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, January 1

New Year

Circumcision of our Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, January 8

Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass


Sunday, January 15

2 Ordinary Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

PASTOR'S ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER

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the Mass online



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterici, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis, Dolores McGlone, Marianna Pelka

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

NATIONAL SAMBS CONVENTION SCHEDULED – SAVE THE DATE

Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT, The Eastern Diocese (ED) Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (SAMBS), aka ANS (Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu), will host the National SAMBS convention on Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, 2023 at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT. An exciting program is planned with a dynamic local speaker, Rev. Vicki Triano of Christ Community Church. Our theme and activities are still being planned.

For questions or more information contact Marilyn Folcik at 860-584-4606

or marilyn4412@comcast.net . Please put these dates on your calendar to spend some time in prayer and fun with the good sisters of the SAMBS.

IT IS TIME TO PAY CHURCH DUES

Please consider in your yearly home budget to pay the Church's dues which we are obliged to pay yearly as the members of the Polish National Catholic Church.

\$100 for the General Church (this portion goes to Prime Bishop's Office in Scranton)

\$25 for the Central Diocese (this is sent to Diocese Office in Scranton)

Any extra amount stays in our parish account.

Only members with dues paid up to date have the right to vote and decide about the parish, to serve as officers of the Parish Committee, in the diocesan and PNCC committees, commissions and organizations, to be elected as delegates to the General, Diocese, or Special Synods, and to be buried at the PNCC cemetery with the special discounts.

Please make the check payable to Our Saviour PNCC.

If you are unable to pay your Church dues at once, you can pay it in half-year, quarterly or monthly installments. Please let us know which form of payment is more suitable to you and mark it in the memo of your check.

Your weekly Sunday offerings or other offerings mailed to us occasionally are not considered as the Church dues.



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date requested _____

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Mass stipend \$ _____

Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137