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Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord – Cycle “B”
New Year's Day

January 1, 2012

“New Year's Day – a milepost on the way to eternity.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 8:45AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, January 1st – Circumcision of our Lord – New Year's Day

The Circumcision of Jesus is an event from the life of Jesus of Nazareth according to the Gospel of St. Luke, which states in verse 2:21 that Jesus was circumcized eight days after His birth (traditionally January 1).

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Edward Bulcavage**, of. by Ms. Flossy Bulcavage & family

- ⤴ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⤴ Collection for missions.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

January 2: Exodus 3:13-15; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 1:18-25; **January 3:** 1 John 2:29 – 3:6; John 1:29-34; **January 4:** 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42; **January 5:** 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51; **January 6:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a.5-6; Matthew 2:1-12; **January 7:** 1 John 5:14-21; John 1-11

MONDAY, January 2nd - Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

From apostolic times, the Church has professed that “at the name of Jesus every knee shall bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Through the particular efforts of St. Bernardine of Siena, devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus was promoted through the inscription monogram of the Holy Name (IHS) and the addition of the name Jesus to the Hail Mary.

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for **God's Blessing**.

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee

THURSDAY, January 5th - *Christmas Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass; intention: for Bp John Mack, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese, of. by Fr. Robert.

FRIDAY, January 6th - Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord

Blessing of chalk

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan, and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi representatives of the neighboring pagans religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

11:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for all **Parishioners**.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 8th - Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Edward Bulcavage, of. by Ms. Flossy Bulcavage & family.

- ⤴ Collection for the Seminary.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – Pokropisz mnie Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (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 end ever shall be world without end. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN – New Year Comes Flying – PNCC Hymnal, p. 55

1. New Year comes flying! Who is this lying in the hay? This is the Lord-ling, praise Him, adore Him, on

the earth.

2. Here lies the Infant much like a lamb-kin. Where, o where? In Beth'lem City; Hurry, go quickly, find Him there.

I Reading: Genesis 17:9-14

GRADUAL (1 Peter 4:1-2)

V. Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same attitude; for whoever suffers in the flesh has broken with sin.

R. So as not spend what remains of one's life in the flesh on human desires, but on the will of God.

II Reading: Galatians 5:3-6

ALLELUIA (Philippians 3:3)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

V. For we are the circumcision, we who worship through the Spirit of God, who boast in Christ Jesus, and do not put our confidence in flesh.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 2:21

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Thou Creator Spirit blest. And in our souls take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN – O Come, All Ye Faithful – PNCC Hymnal, p. 57

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
3. Ye, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN – Shepherds Heard An Angel Say – PNCC Hymnal, p. 33

1. Shepherds heard an angel say, "Christ is born for you this day." Bethlehem, in this lowly, little town, there was born without renown, Lord of creation.
2. Now the shepherds could behold What this joyous news foretold. So with haste they went on to Beth'lem town. Infant Jesus there they found; Joseph with Mary.
3. Glorious Lord came down to earth from on high in virgin birth. Son of God, regal home did not require; love in mankind to inspire; Lord of creation.

Silent Night – PNCC Hymnal, p. 42

1. Silent night, Holy night, All is calm, all is bright. 'Round yon Virgin. Mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep I heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, Holy night, Shepherdsquake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia." Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born.

+ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Święty, Święty, Święty, święty zawsze święty. Jezu jesteś niepojęcie w Przenajświętszym Sakramencie. /3 times

O Przenajświętsza Hostya, dla której nam niebo sprzyja, broń nas od nieprzyjaciół wszelkich, dodaj mocy i sił wszelkich.

Chwała bądź Panu naszemu, z Dziewicy narodzonemu, Ojcu, Duchowi Świętemu, Bogu w Trójcy Jedyńemu. **Przed tak wielkim Sakramentem** upadajmy na twarzą, niech ustąpią z testamentem nowym sprawom już starzy. Wiara będzie suplementem, co się zmysłom nie zdarzy.

Ojciec z Synem niech to sprawi by Mu dzięki zabrzmiała, niech Duch Święty błogosławi, by się Jego moc stała. Niech nas nasza wiara stawi, gdzie jest wieczna cześć chwała.

Niechaj będzie pochwalony, od nas wszystkich uwielbiony, Przenajświętszy Sakrament, ten niebieski Testament. /3 times/ Teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN – God Is Born – PNCC Hymnal, p. 37

1. God is born, man's pow'r is trembling, Lord of Heav'n reveal'd before us: Fire is cold and light is darkness, Endless God is man before us. Mortal now, yet King eternal; Scorn'd was He, but prais'd forever; For the Word was made incarnate; And in truth has dwelt among us.

May you go from here with hearts filled with peace and joy to begin a new and hope-filled year, secure in the love of God and in the care of the Mother of God.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Oct. 11-13th, Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Feb. 20th Pastors meeting (Wilkes-Barre, PA 1:00PM)

June 7th Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

FRACKVILLE

Feb. 22nd Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at 7:30PM

Apr. 29th "Chinese" Auction

SHENANDOAH

Jan. 8th Annual Parish meeting after the Holy Mass

Feb. 22nd Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at 6:00PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to:

- **Mrs. Betty Brazausky** and members of the Parish for preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** for musical preparations, and to the Choir members;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector,
- to the **Sunday greeters**, the people working on fundraisers.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home;. if your phone number or address change;. if you have a prayer concern.

EASTER EGG PROJECT – St. John the Baptist Parish is asking our Parishioners for help at this fundraiser. We need everyone's prayer and help to succeed. If you feel a part of our congregation please sign your name on

the list in the back of the church, including a time of a day when you may come for help. Thank you so much!!!


ST. JOHN PARISH is looking for the additional voices to our **Choir**: both men and ladies. If you feel that you can help us, please join our Parish Choir. Thank you.

SNOW and ICE ALERT – During winter days, please remember that we do not cancel our Worship Services. In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father John Cramer**, his family and parishioners of the Our Savior Parish in Dearborn Heights, MI.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 2 – Carolyn Boychak.

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – James Chistakoff – Josephine Studlick – Dorothy Halaburda – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - George Chesko – Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage. At **Nursing Homes**: Helen Chistakoff - Eugenia Halaburda – Dolores Halaburda - **Frackville Nursing Home** – Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108) – Stanley Bulcavage (313); NY – Cecelia Pyzowski.



HOSPITAL VISIT. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification.

UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS: Jan. 8: sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 15:** sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 22:** sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 29:** sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Feb. 5, 2012:** sp. Charles Touchinsky. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.*


SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of OUR LORD – Epiphany means “manifestation” and speaks of the “light of the world” manifesting itself to the Gentiles represented by the Magi who came to adore the Christ Child. This feast is celebrated by both Eastern and Western Christianity and goes back to the third century. On this feast the traditional blessing of incense and chalk is held. (from “Rites and Ritual” – a liturgical handbook for the PNCC). In the *PNCC* as well as other catholic churches on January 6, the priest blesses incense (one of the gifts of the Wise Men), and chalk, which is used for the marking of the door-frame of parishioners homes with the initials of the Three Kings and the year: **+20+K+M+B+12+**. Beginning with this day, and ending on February 2 (*Presentation of the Lord*), the parish priest will make Epiphany pastoral visits to as many parishioners as possible. There he will bless the home and its inhabitants.

A properly-prepared home displays a white linen cloth, upon which is placed a crucifix, a blessed candle, holy water and chalk; the sweet scent of blessed incense fills the air.



CHINESE AUCTION will be held on **April 29, 2012** in the parish hall. We are asking all parishioners to help with the fundraiser by donating new items for this event. We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone’s help is needed especially on the day of the auction. The ANS Society is asking Parishioners for donating items for **Big** and **Small** tables. Thank you!

THE MANOR AT WAYMART – a personal care facility, is located in beautiful waymart, PA near the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center. We invite you to contact us at **570-488-6829** or manoratwaymart@echoes.net for rates, room availability, or to arrange a tour of our facility. Also these are our **room rates**: Semi-Private - \$2,097.00; Private - \$2,646.00; Private Deluxe - \$3,087.00.

 **CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH** – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child’s religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their

religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **8:30AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age should come to **private** Confession. If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come for private confession at least once a month. If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert

HOLY DAYS of OBLIGATION – a) **Sundays** throughout the year; b) **Christmas Day – December 25th**; c) **The Circumcision of our Lord – January 1st**; d) **Ascension of the Lord**; e) **Dormition/Assumption of the BVM – August 15th**; f) **All Saints – November 1st**; g) **Conception of the BVM – December 8th**.



WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship.

Receiving the Holy Eucharist – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

PARISH INFORMATION. **Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

The parish bulletin - is made on **THURSDAY'S** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

DUES 2012. Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the 'family plan' method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the 2002 General Synod.

Each adult member (18 years old+) will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at St. John the Baptist parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

Total dues for 2012 per Adult Member:

\$79.00 Per Year

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request. There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations:

Sunday Collection, St. Johns Fund, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Egg Project Fund, Easter Donations, Flower Fund, Bleenie Sales (we had a great time last year, come out help out, join in the fun...), and Christmas Donations.



2012 Holidays Principal Feast Days

Circumcision	Jan. 1
Epiphany	Jan. 6
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 22
Palm Sunday	Apr. 1
Easter Sunday	Apr. 8
Ascension	May 17
Pentecost	May 27
Trinity Sunday	June 3
Corpus Christi	June 7
Dormition/Assumption of the BVM	Aug. 15 (Wednesday)
All Saints Day	Nov. 1 (Thursday)
All Souls Day	Nov. 2 (Wednesday)
1 st Sunday of Advent	Dec. 2
Conception/Dormition of the BVM	Dec. 8 (Saturday)
Christmas	Dec. 25 (Tuesday)

Daylight Saving Time – begins March 11; ends November 4



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