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Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord - "A"

Uroczystość Chrztu Pańskiego

January 12, 2014

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, January 12th – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

Jesus sought out His cousin John at the River Jordan and was revealed as God's beloved Son. Today we recall the start of Jesus' ministry and cherish our own mission to spread the good news of the kingdom of God.

8:45AM – Holy Mass intention: for Sp. **Melissa Chiao**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chiao Jr.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20; **Tue.**, 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28; **Wed.**, 1 Samuel 3:1-10.19-20; Mark 1:29-39; **Thu.**, 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45; **Fri.**, 1 Samuel 8:4-7.10-22a; Mark 2:1-12; **Sat.**, 1 Samuel 9:1-4.17-19. 10:1; Mark 2:13-17

TUESDAY, January 14th - *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

WEDNESDAY, January 15th – *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass for **Health**.

SATURDAY, January 18th – *St. Pater's Chair at Antioch* – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

9:00AM – Holy Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, January 19th – *II Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Edward Bulcavage, of. by Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage.

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 (Matthew 3:16-17; Psalm 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.

I Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7

The Suffering Servant, filled with the Holy Spirit, is also the one who will open the eyes of those who are blind, free prisoners and bring light to those in darkness.

GRADUAL (Isaiah 2:4)

V. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks;

R. One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.

II Reading: Acts 10:34-38

It is because God has no favorites that Jesus was able to help and heal everyone who came to Him.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 114:3-4)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

V. The sea beheld and fled; the Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs of the flock.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

John reluctantly baptized Jesus, whom God then acknowledged as "my Son, the Beloved".

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

May the Lord guide you as you explore and follow the vocation to which He has called you.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 29th–Oct. 3rd, 2014 - 24th General Synod of the PNCC (Erie, PA)

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

Feb. 2nd Annual Parish Meeting

March 3rd Pastors Seniorate Meeting (1:00PM)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to:

- **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**.

THANK YOU very much to **Mrs. Sharon Chiao** for donating a beautiful star to our parish family.

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.

On Sunday, February 2, the Holy Mass will be celebrated at **11:15AM** due our Annual Parish Meeting. We encourage our ENTIRE CONGREGATION to be present at this meeting.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Mariusz Zochowski** and parishioners of Howell, NJ, Dunallen, NJ and Perth Amboy, NJ.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 15 – Anthony Jaskierski.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: January 15 – Paul and Sandra Elsavage.

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WELCOME NOTICE – We would like to introduce you our new Parishioners: **Mrs. Cheryl A. Stanitis, Ms. Samantha R. Stanitis, Mrs. Anne J. Andruscavage, Ms. Amy Andruscavage, Mr. Jakob Komara, Mrs. Savitsky and Mr. Frank Savitsky** who recently joined our Parish family. We wish them all the best and God's blessing!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Bishop John Mack – Father Senior Wiesław Pietruszka - James Chistakoff – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. At Nursing Homes: Helen Chistakoff – Dolores Halaburda - *Frackville Nursing Home*: Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108); 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 MASS INTENTIONS: **Jan. 19**: Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 26**: Sp. Edward

Bulcavage; **Feb. 2:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage.


OUR MINISTRY – the Parish Committee is not a Board of Directors. Its work goes beyond the “material” necessities of a parish. It is a unique group of committed Christians with a conviction – to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. Thus, each member of the Committee has a vocation: to be a steward, a good manager of the gifts of God. The Parish Committee member is one who is called to make commitment, with a conviction to function for the sake of the Gospel. To be this person, we must be good stewards or managers of the mysteries of God and faithful witnesses of the same.

 **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 must come to private Confession. **If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come and be well prepared for private confession at least once a month.** If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

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.

WARNING – If someone would like to come to the rectory in the winter time, please use **the front porch door**. This is a second year since back porch corner gutter is not fixed, and **stairs are full of ice all the time**.

 **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.

Members of the PNCC have two major duties:

1) Spiritual duties – a) partaking of the Sacraments (active participation in them will help strengthen members to live a Christian life; b) loving God (members should accept and obey Christ’s teachings, maintain a personal relationship with God, pray to Him often and give Him glory by living a good life; c) sharing faith (members should actively take part in Church worship and listen sincerely to God’s word; d) obeying the 10 Commandments (by obeying them, Church members help strengthen the kingdom of God on earth.

2) Material duties – a) to society: members should: practice Christ’s ideals in their everyday lives, be tolerant of others’ faith, recognize everyone’s right to equality and opportunity, be loyal to their country, work for the good of all human society, rear children in the name of God and set a Christian example for them; b) to the Church: members should: follow the principles of the PNCC, give their time and talents to further church and parish goals, contribute financially to the support of the Church. *Members should participate actively in church affairs, vote on parish matters, serve on committees, etc.*

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.

BULLETIN SPONSOR:
Mr. Kenneth Payne