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Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord - “B”

Uroczystość Chrztu Pańskiego

January 11, 2015

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow in number of holy and dedicated people.

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, January 11th – Baptism of the Lord

Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth, travels to the River Jordan and, standing in line with all humankind, is baptized by John.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Edward Bulcavage**, of. by Wife Florence.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20; **Tue.**, Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28; **Wed.**, Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39; **Thu.**, Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45; **Fri.**, Hebrews 4:1-5.11; Mark 2:1-12; **Sat.**, Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17

MONDAY, January 12th – *Within the Octave of Epiphany*
8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

TUESDAY, January 13th – *Within the Octave of Epiphany*
8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Jerzy Plichta**, of. by Fr. Robert.

THURSDAY, January 15th - *Weekday*
6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for those who are in Purgatory.

FRIDAY, January 16th - *Weekday*
8:30AM – Holy Mass

SATURDAY, January 17th – *Weekday*
10:00 – 10:50AM – Confirmation Class.
11:00 – 12:00Noon – First Holy Communion Catechism Class.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 18th – *II Sunday in Ordinary Time*
10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Edward Bulcavage**, of. by Wife Florence.

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 Świątemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN (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 55:1-11

A vision of salvation: listen to the Lord and your soul shall live.

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: 1 John 5:1-9

Faith in Christ Jesus leads us to love all God's children.

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: Mark 1:7-11

The gentle carpenter of Nazareth is empowered as God's beloved Son.

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.

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit be renewed in your hearts this day.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Feb. 24th Diocesan Council Teleconference (7:00PM)

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

Feb. 1st, 15 Annual Parish Meeting

Feb. 18th, 15 Ash Wednesday

March 29th, 15 Palm Sunday

Apr. 5th, 15 Easter Sunday

May 16th, 15 First Holy Communion Day (Saturday – 11:00AM)

June 14th, 15 Confirmation (3:00PM)

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 **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to **Joe, Dylan and Veronica** for their help at the altar;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, January 4 – 17; Epiphany of the Lord – Zero.

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.

GENERAL CHURCH DUES – beginning January 2015, our church dues is **\$124.00** per adult member.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Krzysztof Mendelewski**, his family and parishioners of St. Joseph Parish in Davie, FL [stjosephncc.org].

CONFIRMATION – **Our Diocesan Bishop** – the **Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki** will impart the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 3:00PM**. We have two students-candidates; if any adult members didn't receive Confirmation yet – please contact Fr. Robert ASAP. The deadline is: **March 31, 2015**.



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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Bishop Bernard Nowicki - Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski - James Chistakoff – Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavege – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Carolyn Boychak – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Patricia Abicunas – Joseph Petrusky – Janina Plichta. At Nursing Homes: Helen Chistakoff – **Frackville Nursing Home**: Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108); **NY** – Cecelia Pyzowski. **H & R Center Tremont**: Dolores Halaburda. **Fritzingertown Drums, PA** - Violet Cegielski. **Ridgeview (Shen. Hts.)** - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221).



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.

DEATH NOTICE – + **Anna Folta** (90) of Saint Claire, PA passed away on Monday, Jan. 5. She was a daughter of Theodore and Theodora Reyda. Anna was a sweet person who was loved by her family and friends. Funeral Service took place last Friday at Evans Funeral Home. *Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her, o Lord...*

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Jan. 11:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 18:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 25:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Feb. 1:** Sp. Loretta and Stanley Kovalewski; **Feb. 8:** Sp. James Dean; **Feb. 15:** Sp. Lauren Feudale; **Feb. 22:** Sp. James Dean; **March 1:** for those who were touched with cancer; **March 8:** Sp. Anna Folta; **March 15:** Sp. Anna Folta; **March 22:** Sp. James Dean; **March 29:** Janina Plichta on her Birthday; **Apr. 12:** Sp. Anna Folta; **Apr. 19:** Sp. Albert & Helen Smith; **Apr. 26:** Sp. James Dean; **May 3:** Sp. Anna Folta.

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 **9:45AM** (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. *Remember* that penance during the Confession **MUST BE FULFILLED**, if not – the Sacrament is not **VALID**.

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.

 **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. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend.**

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.

WHY DID JESUS ASK TO BE BAPTIZED?

Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent of Confession. Until the fall of the Temple in 72 A.D. it was common for Jewish people to make a spiritual cleansing in a special pool called a MIKVEH--literally a "collection of water". This was said to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men did this weekly on the eve of the Sabbath. Women did it monthly. Converts were also expected to do it before entering Judaism. Orthodox Jews still retain the rite.

John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continual ritual into the one single, definitive act by which we begin our faith. In effect he fused his divine essence with the water and the ceremony.

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.

Courage is the ladder on which all other virtues mount. (Clare Booth Luce)