

## St. John the Baptist Parish

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### **Solemnity – Holy Family - “C”**

Uroczystość Świętej Rodziny

**January 3, 2016**

*O Lord I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and this parish will grow in number of really holy and dedicated people to God and to the Church.*

### **EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

#### **Today, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Holy Family**

What is a happy family? Today's solemnity points to the values that allow us to live like Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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

- ⬆ Confession.
- ⬆ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⬆ Collection for missions.

#### **WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Jan. 4:** 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42; **Jan. 5:** 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51; **Jan. 6:** 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-38 or Luke 3:23.31-34.36.38; **THURSDAY after EPIPHANY:** 1 John 4:19 – 5:4; Luke 4:14-22; **FRIDAY after EPIPHANY:** 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16; **SATURDAY after EPIPHANY:** 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

**MONDAY, January 4<sup>th</sup> - *Christmas Weekday***

**8:30AM - Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Patricia Abicunas...(All Souls).

**6:30PM** – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

**WEDNESDAY, January 6<sup>th</sup> - Solemnity – Epiphany of the Lord – *Blessing of chalk***

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

**THURSDAY, January 7<sup>th</sup> - *Within the Octave of Epiphany***

**8:30AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

**FRIDAY, January 8<sup>th</sup> - *Within the Octave of Epiphany***

**8:30AM - Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Ignacy, Rozalia...(All Souls).

**NEXT SUNDAY, January 10<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord**

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

**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** (Luke 2:15b-16)

V. The shepherds said to one another, “Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

**R. So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in a manger.**

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: 1 Samuel 1:20-22.24-28**

*Samuel's mother, Hannah, dedicates her only son to the Lord's service.*

**GRADUAL** (Psalm 27:4a; 84:5)

V. One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life.

**R. Happy are those who dwell in Your house! They never cease to praise You.**

**II Reading: 1 John 3:1-2.21-24**

*St. John reminds us that we are God's children, and calls us to respond with love.*

**ALLELUIA** (Isaiah 45:15)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Truly with You God is hidden, the God of Israel, the Savior!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52**

*Jesus teaches us that obedience to God's word is to be the priority in our lives.*

**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 Lord strengthen you in the power of His love.

**COMING EVENTS**

**FRACKVILLE** – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 6:00PM)

Feb. 7 Annual Parish Meeting  
Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to:

- to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** 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 the **Sunday greeters**.

**LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC** – Sunday, December 27 – 9; January 1 – 2.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father James Konicki**, his family and parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Schenectady, NY [holynamencc.org].

**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.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** Anniversary best wishes are extended to: January 9 – Frederick and Carolyn Boychak.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – John Kruk – John Etcho - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Joseph Petrusky – Eugenia Tyrrell. At **Nursing Homes:** – 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.

**UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS:** **Jan. 10:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 17:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 24:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 31:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Feb. 7, 2016:** Sp. Stanley & Loretta Kovalewski; **Feb. 14:** Sp. Mary Ann David; **Feb. 21:** Sp. Lauren Feudale; **Feb. 28:** Sp. Paul Elsavage. **The Sundays Mass intentions are busy until the end of May 2016. Please, do not order Mass intentions for Sunday until Spring of 2016. Daily Masses are available at any time.**


**Total dues for 2016 per Adult Member: \$124.00 Per Year**

The dues should be paid \$124.00 total in one payment until **December 31, 2016.**

**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.

**EPIPHANY – ‘KOLEDA – BLESSING OF HOMES** – Visit of the priest at your home for a blessing and prayer is not only a gesture of keeping alive our ethnic and spiritual heritage but also an expression of faith and a manifestation of the family’s unity with the Church and with our parish in particular. During the year, in every household there are moments of crisis, pain and sorrow. The best healing comes through prayer, blessing and an act of faith through Jesus Christ. Please don’t neglect this very special opportunity during this special time of

the year.

 **WELCOME OUR VISITORS** – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! If you are new to our parish, please submit your name, address and telephone number to **Father Robert**. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. WELCOME! You are always welcome to join us in worship. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend.**

#### **JESUS' BAR MITZVAH?**

We know nothing of Jesus' childhood, except for one curious incident when he was twelve years old. Luke describes a visit to Jerusalem "for the feast of Passover". There may be more to the story than is apparent. Jewish boys pass to manhood through a ceremony called "Bar Mitzvah" or "Son of the Commandment". They take on adult responsibilities and can join the men in prayer. Normally this takes place at the age of thirteen, but there are circumstances where it can happen in the twelfth year. If so, this is the oldest reference to the ceremony. Part of the rite involves reading the scriptures and answering questions. We see Jesus being quizzed and asking questions in the Temple, as would befit the ritual. It might be compared to our Sacrament of Confirmation. As a child, Jesus would have traveled with the women on the pilgrimage to the Holy City. After Bar Mitzvah he could join the men. This may explain why neither Mary nor Joseph noticed his disappearance. Each may have thought that he was with the other group.

#### **HANNAH'S CHILD**

The priest-prophet Samuel was one of the pivotal figures in the history of Israel. He would guide the country during its transition from a loose confederation of tribes to a kingdom. Samuel appointed the first two kings of Israel, Saul and David. The prophet's own life bears the stamp of the miraculous. His mother, Hannah (or Anne) had been sterile. She came to the shrine where the Ark of the Covenant was kept and prayed for a child. In her petition to God, Hannah promised that if she conceived she would dedicate her son to the Lord. In gratitude for the birth she calls her son Samuel, which means "his name is God". Then she consecrates the boy to a nazirite vow, like that made for Samson. Samuel's hair will never be cut and he will take no strong drink. Finally, she surrenders her son to be a servant at the shrine.