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Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord - “C”

Uroczystość Chrztu Pańskiego

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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 10th – Baptism of the Lord

I baptism of Jesus marked a profound change in His way of life. He began His public ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News to those who were poor.

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

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

MONDAY, January 11th - *Within the Octave of Epiphany*

8:30AM - Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

WEDNESDAY, January 13th - *Within the Octave of Epiphany*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Deceased**.

THURSDAY, January 14th - *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for deceased members of Joseph Halaburda family...(All Souls)

FRIDAY, January 15th - *Weekday*

8:30AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Edward Halaburda...(All Souls).

NEXT SUNDAY, January 17th – *II Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

▲ Blessed Sacrament Society election meeting.

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 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 40:1-5,9-11

A message of consolation: the Lord is coming to save His people. Prepare a way for Him.

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: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

God saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth, renewing us with the Holy Spirit so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

After Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove and a voice from heaven declared, „You are my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on You.”

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 you be refreshed in the cleansing waters of rebirth; renewed through the fire of the Holy Spirit; committed once again to the mission of Jesus.

COMING EVENTS

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

- Jan. 20 Christian Unity Prayer Service – Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church at 6:30PM
- Feb. 7 Annual Parish Meeting
- Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 20 Community Meal at the Zion Lutheran Church (12-2:00PM)
- Feb. 24 Lenten Community Service (our place) at 7:00PM

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

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, January 3 – 16.



WELCOME NOTICE – We would like to introduce you our new Parishioner: **Mrs. Josephine Hause** of Frackville, PA who joined our Parish family. We wish her all the best and God's blessing!

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Rafal Dadello**, his family and parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish in Little Falls, NY [holyspiritpncc.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.



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 – Joseph Demnitski. 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. 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 Elsavege. **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.

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.

 **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.**