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Solemnity – Circumcision of the Lord - “A”

Uroczystość Obrzezania 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 1st – Circumcision of the Lord – New Year's Day

The Feast of the Circumcision of Christ is a Christian celebration of the circumcision of Jesus in accordance with Jewish tradition, 8 days after his birth, the occasion on which the child was formally given his name. The circumcision took place, not in the Temple, though painters sometimes so represent it, but in the home. The circumcision of Jesus has traditionally been seen, as explained in the popular 14th-century work the Golden Legend, as the first time the blood of Christ was shed, and thus the beginning of the process of the redemption of man, and a demonstration that Christ was fully human, and of his obedience to Biblical law.

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

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

^ 50/50 chances drawing after the Mass.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Jan. 2: Exodus 3:13-15; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 1:18-25; **Jan. 3:** 1 John 2:29 – 3:6; John 1:29-34; **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; **Saturday after Epiphany:** 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

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

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

TUESDAY, January 3rd – *Christmas Weekday*

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

WEDNESDAY, January 4th – *Christmas Weekday*

7:25AM - Holy Mass for Health.

THURSDAY, January 5th – *Christmas Weekday*

7:25AM – Holy Mass – intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

FRIDAY, January 6th – Solemnity – Epiphany of the Lord

Blessing of chalk

9:00AM – Holy Mass

5-6:00PM – Private adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

SATURDAY, January 7th – *Within the Octave of Epiphany*

10:00AM – First Holy Communion Catechism Class

NEXT SUNDAY, January 8th – Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

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 (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 and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

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 to 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.

May this year under the motherly cloak of Mary, who loves you.

COMING EVENTS

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

Jan. 6 – Blessing of homes begins.

Jan. 15 – ANS election meeting after the Mass (or Jan. 22).

Feb. 5 – Annual Parish meeting.

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 Parishioners for help to sing;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

DIOCESAN CHURCH DUES – has been increased to **\$25.00**; therefore beginning **January 2017**, our church dues will be **\$137.00** per adult member.

Mr. Lance Nelson purchased the salt-spreader to put salt on our side walk, if necessary. Thank you so much for such a nice gesture!

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Augustin Sicard**, his family and parishioners of St. Martin & St. Rose Parish in San Antonio, TX [web: smsrpnc.com; FB: St. Martin & St Rose – Polish National Catholic Church].



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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Raymond Drada - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Joanne Plaxa. At **Nursing Homes:** NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. **Frackville Nursing Home** – John Etcho (303). **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda.



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.

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.


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+17+**. 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.

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.**

PNCC Future Direction Message - If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

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 **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

**God bless this New Year
in which love overcomes
He is always with us
and unfolds great possibilities
all the best for the coming year !**

Have a Happy & Healthy New Year

2017 !