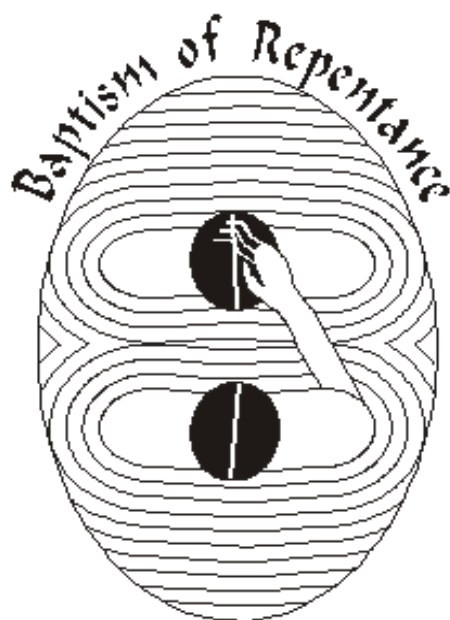


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**Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord - “C”**  
Uroczystość Chrztu Pańskiego

**January 13, 2019**

*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 13<sup>th</sup> – Baptism of the Lord**

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Eugene Wycheck Jr.**, of. by Edward & Lynda Halaburda.

- Removing Christmas decorations after the Mass.

**MONDAY, January 14<sup>th</sup> – *Weekday***

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

**TUESDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup> – *Weekday***

**9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass** for those in Purgatory.

**FRIDAY, January 18<sup>th</sup> – *Weekday***

**9:00AM – Holy Mass** and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for good health and God’s blessing to Parishioners, whose homes were blessed this year.

**SATURDAY, January 19<sup>th</sup> – *Weekday***

**9:30AM – Holy Mass** and Litany to the BVM on Saturday

**NEXT SUNDAY, January 20<sup>th</sup> – II Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Eugene Wycheck Jr., of. by Mr. & Mrs. George Wycheck.

### **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 40:1-5.9-11**

**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**

**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 3:15-16.21-11**

### **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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

**FUTURE 50/50 CHANCES** drawing will be on February 14. Chances – with a letter – are available in the vestibule. We are asking our Parishioners for help to sell them. Please, contact **Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck** for details.

- **Hall for Rent** is available...**\$100.00 for 2 hours**/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and **\$50.00** returnable deposit.
- **January 29** – clean up day of the hall at **1:00PM**.
- **Upcoming events: Feb. 24, 2019 – Annual Parish Meeting** after the Mass.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Janusz Lucarz – Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Frank Savitsky – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross - Thomas Justen – Edward Jurewicz. *H & R Center Tremont: Dolores Halaburda (309); Luther Ridge – Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski.

**2019 Holy Days of Obligation** (means: days, when Catholics should attend the Mass): **All Sundays of the year; January 1 – Circumcision of the Lord; January 6 – Epiphany of the Lord; April 18 & 19 – Holy Thursday and Good Friday; April 21 – Resurrection of the Lord; May 30 (Thursday) – Ascension of the Lord; June 20 (Thursday) – Corpus Christi; August 15 – Dormition/Assumption of the Lord; November 1 (Friday) – All Saints.**

**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.

### **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.

### **CORNELIUS**

There may have been many gentiles who were baptized but the "catch" of them all was made by Peter. He was a Roman Centurion named Cornelius. Centurions were non-commissioned officers, roughly equivalent to Sergeant-Majors. They were in charge of Centuries--companies of approximately 100 men. They were vital to the daily routine and battles of the soldiers. Cornelius was called a "God-fearer". This indicates that he accepted most of the beliefs of Judaism, but rejected circumcision.

Peter had just experienced a vision in which God told him that it was permissible to eat non-kosher food. Had it not been for this revelation, Peter might never have entered the home of this important army leader. Jews avoided contact with pagans. The apostle's bold act would open the doors to all future conversions.

**In Order of the Resurrection Day Procession** the church needs the help of parishioners to carry: Processional Cross.... Paschal Candle... Resurrection Statue..., Resurrection Cross..., Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society with candles..., Parishioners... If anyone is interested to be a part of this liturgy, please contact the pastor ASAP.