



St. John the Baptist Parish
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Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord - “C”
Uroczystość Chrztu Pańskiego
January 9, 2022
99th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 1/9/22 – 10:00AM - Holy Mass for +Michael & Sophia Stetts, of. by Ms. Deborah Stetts.

Mon., 1/10/22 – Octave of the Epiphany; 7:50AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

Tue., 1/11/22 – Octave of the Epiphany; 7:50AM – Holy Mass.

Fri., 1/14/22 – Weekday; 7:50AM – Holy Mass and Litany to the Holy Name of Jesus.

Sat., 1/15/22 – Weekday; 8:45AM – Holy Mass and Litany to the BVM.

Next Sunday, Jan. 16: II Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM - Holy Mass for +Joanne Plaxa.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK –

especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Father Richard Wosiak – Helen Hopko – James Panco – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky – Marjorie Dean –

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It's the last day of the Christmas season, but the readings herald the start of Jesus' ministry as an adult.

I Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

II Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptize you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptized and while Jesus after His own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; My favor rests on You.'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Hall for Rent is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.

Jan. 23 – Christian Unity Service at 4:00PM in St. Ann's RCC.

March 6 – Annual Parish Meeting, after the Mass.

DEATH NOTICE – The fifth Prime Bishop of the PNCC, the **Most Rev. John Swantek** passed away of Friday, January 7. His funeral is scheduled for Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 10:00AM in St. Stanislaus Cathedral Scranton, PA. *Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, o Lord. . .*



Monika Dudek – Elaine Antalosky. *H & R Center Tremont*. Dolores Halaburda (309); *Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski (223), Carl Guzik; *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen (272).

New 7,5 feet high Christmas Trees were purchased by our parish. If anyone is interested to get the old ones, please contact **Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck**.

PNCC 2022 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods. Continue to develop and emphasize Discipleship through 2022: *Focusing on the importance of receiving our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist for the strength to faithfully follow Him in word and action. During 2022 we hope more will return in person worship and an active participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord in Holy Communion. As this is the central aspect of our worship – our Catholic Christian living will have its roots. We will reflect on different aspect of the Eucharist and how we can live daily as Eucharistic people.*

JANUARY – PREPARING TO RECEIVE OUR LORD IN THE EUCHARIST *FASTING, PRAYERS BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY COMMUNION*

Reflection and Action item: Receiving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist is a sacred and important moment for which we should be prepared. This is not something to take lightly as we are receiving Jesus to strengthen us on our earthly journey in the way that God has planned for our salvation. We must prepare to meet Jesus by fasting, prayer and participation in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. **Action item:** Remember to fast and offer the Prayer before Holy Communion prior to beginning of Holy Mass and then remember to offer the prayer after Holy Communion from the prayer book. Also consider a few minutes reading page 8 of the Mass Book prior to the beginning of Holy Mass. When approaching the priest for Holy Communion make sure to do so reverently.

**"Cast a Net"
Contest**

Help your Parish by
Becoming fishers of members

Here's the bait:

- 5 members & \$25,000 or more of insurance earns \$500
- 10 members & \$50,000 or more of insurance earns \$1000
- 15 members & \$75,000 or more of insurance earns \$1500
- 20 members & \$100,000 or more of insurance earns \$2,022

Contest runs from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022

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