

**“Follow Me and I will
make you fishers of
men”.**

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – “A”
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January 22, 2023
100th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 1/22/23 – III Sunday in Ordinary
Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass for all +Edmund
& Marcia Hessert, of. by Ms. Deborah
Stetts.

- First Holy Communion
Catechism class.

Tue., 1/22/22 – *Weekday* – 11:00AM
– Requiem Holy Mass for +Barbara
Kowalczyk.

Wed., 1/25/22 – *Feast* – **Conversion of
St. Paul** – 9:00AM - Holy Mass for
Christian Unity.

Fri., 1/27/22 – *Weekday* – 9:00AM -
Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

For a people in darkness Isaiah foretells a great light – a prince of peace who will free us from all oppression. Jesus in Galilee fulfils this promise.

I Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

II Reading: I Corinthians 1:10-13,17

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth He went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: *‘Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.’* From that moment Jesus began His preaching with the message, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ As He was walking by the Sea of Galilee He saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And He said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’ And they left their nets at once and followed Him. Going on from there He saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and He called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed Him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Next Sunday, Jan. 29: IV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Music Scholarship Sunday

10:00AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

- Collection for *Music Scholarship Program*.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – to Jan. 24 – Geraldine Panco; Jan. 25 – Dolores Halaburda; Jan. 25 – Jan Cegielski.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Helen Hopko - James Panco – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Marjorie Dean – Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause. *H & R Center Tremont Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski, Carl Guzik; *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen.

Upcoming Mass intentions: Feb. 5: God's blessing for Victoria (19th Birthday); Feb. 12: +John David's family; Feb. 19: +James Dean.

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners who helped to remove Christmas decoration last Sunday, especially to our organist – **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff**, and young girls **Victoria** and **Veronica**.

- Hall for Rent is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.
- **Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday**
- **March 5 – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, after the Mass.**
- **Apr. 2 – Palm Sunday**
- **Apr. 9 – Resurrection of the Lord Solemnity**
- **June 11, 2023 – First Holy Communion Day.**
- **October 15, 2023, at 4:00PM Anniversary Holy Mass** – Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of organizing our parish; dinner will be in the Roman's restaurant, Frackville, PA.

2023 PASTORAL VISIT & HOMES BLESSING – is completed. The Pastor visited 8 homes this year. Thank you for your kindness and nice atmosphere during this time and for all donations!

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY – January 29, 2023 – Help support future musicians in the PNCC by giving generously to the Music Scholarship Fund. Give thanks for those that are currently using their talents serving the music ministry in our parishes. For more information on the scholarship program visit: www.nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com Deadline for applying is **May 1, 2023**.

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.