



January 12, 2020

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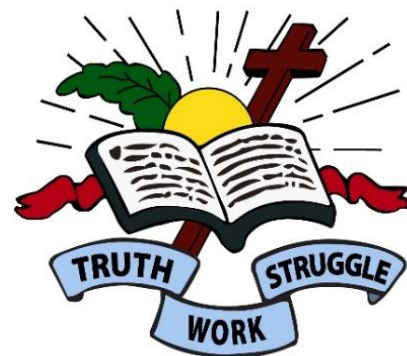
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Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

A Festival Thought

We who have been baptized have been baptized into the death of Jesus. We have also been baptized into his life. Like the Lord, we must go about doing good as living examples of the mercy that has been shown us.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 42:1-4, 6-7

What befits the servant whom the Lord commissions to achieve the victory of divine justice? The gifts are healing compassion and majestic might.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

ACTS 10:34-38

The good news of peace is about Jesus, the merciful healer who cures even the fatal wound of death that afflicts us all.

MATTHEW 3:13-17

The leader of our salvation emerges from baptismal waters overshadowed by the Spirit of God's favor.

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.

ALLELUIA – Psalm 114:3-4

The sea beheld and fled; the Jordan turned back.
The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs of the flock.

THE GOSPEL – Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?"

Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he allowed him.

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And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY January 12th

Solemnity
Baptism of the Lord

ONE MASS ONLY TODAY!
Please note the time change!

11:00 AM – HIGH MASS

Our annual Oplatek Dinner will be held after Mass today. I hope to see everyone there!

SUNDAY January 19th
2nd Sunday Ordinary Time
8:00 AM – LOW MASS
9:30 AM – HIGH MASS

SUNDAY January 26th
3rd Sunday Ordinary Time
8:00 AM – LOW MASS
9:30 AM – HIGH MASS

Music Scholarship Sunday
Collection for the Music
Scholarship Program.



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INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially John Czechowski, Thomas Grodkiewicz, John Aldershoff, Beverly Wunderlich, Tom Schalata, Joseph Ross, Stanley Sub, Bea Sub, Peggy Kowalik, Ruth Mechowski, Julie Urban, Jackie Weinhold, Walter Schilling, and Jane Bustard Walling. For the repose of the soul of Pauline Michalowski. **Our Father...**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Don so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, Jan. 12th: 12:00 Noon - **Oplatek Dinner.** Tickets can be purchased from Mary Cooper, Cheryl Weinhold and Father Senior Don. Tickets are \$12.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for Children 12 and under.

Tickets should have been purchased no later than last Sunday. Food was prepared based on tickets sold so if you have not purchased your tickets, please talk to Cheryl Weinhold to see if you still can. Thank you.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Don so he can add them!

2020 HOME LITURGICAL CALENDARS

There are a limited number of 2020 Home Liturgical Calendars available in the vestibule as well. Please donate what you can to offset costs. If more calendars are needed please let Father Senior Don know so he can order more. Thank you and God Bless.

MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS

The new signup sheet for Memorial Altar Flowers for 2020 is now posted in the Church Hall. You can see Carol Urban or call 610-678-3133 if you wish to reserve a Sunday for a Flower Memorial donation or fill out the form attached to the chart.

\$48.00 for the MAIN ALTAR ONLY
\$88.00 FOR ALL ALTARS

This is a lovely way to remember a dearly departed loved one or to honor a living loved one as well as helping to beautify the altars.

