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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.

LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22

Jesus is baptized and the Spirit descends on him, the same Spirit who animates us, the church.

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

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.**

THE GOSPEL – Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – Jan. 12th

Solemnity

Baptism of Our Lord

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Jan. 19th

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Jan. 26th

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

ONE MASS ONLY!

SUNDAY – Feb. 2nd

Solemnity

Presentation of

Our Lord

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

**Blessed Incense
and Chalk**

For those of you who were unable to join us in celebrating the Solemnity of the Epiphany last Monday, there is blessed incense and chalk available on the table in the vestibule for your use at home.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

We are pleased to gather for the Fellowship hour in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for each donut being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.

**2025 DONATION
ENVELOPES ARE IN
THE LIBRARY!**

INTENTIONS:

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, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, David Mulutzie, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, Dr. Brandon Ishaque and those impacted by the fires in California, **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, January 12th; Oplatek Holiday Dinner CANCELLED. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Oplatek Dinner scheduled for today has been **CANCELLED.** We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause anyone.

Sunday, January 19th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, January 26th; Annual Parish Membership Meeting at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. I urge every member of Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish to attend this important meeting. Many issues vital to the health and success of our parish will be discussed and decided upon. The key to success in any democratically oriented organization is in the participation of the membership. Our parish is facing many challenges and your thoughts and ideas on how to solve them are of the utmost importance. Please plan to attend, engage and to elect or volunteer to be elected representatives to the various offices and positions in our parish for the upcoming terms. Our ancestors fought for this right when they founded the Polish National Catholic Church one hundred and twenty seven years ago. Please respect it and make use of it by attending and participating.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

NEW YEAR – 2025

As we enter the new year please be aware of the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting on January 26th. I would also like to remind all of the various parish organizations to be sure to have their year-end reports ready in preparation for the meeting and if you have not already done so, please be sure to complete your minimum yearly contribution to the Parish as soon as you can. Thank you.

2025 PNCC HOME LITURGICAL CALENDARS

The PNCC Home Liturgical Calendars are here and on the table in the vestibule for \$7.50 each. Only a limited number are available so get yours before they are gone! These are a great way to keep abreast of the various Sundays and Solemnities.

KOLEDA– BLESSING OF HOMES

Fr. Sr. Donald will be blessing homes during this Season of Epiphany. He will be happy to bless any home at your request. Please print your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule along with the best time for you to have this done. Or, simply call him at 610-775-4559 to set up a time and date. He will be happy to see you and more than happy to bless your home.