

Baptism of the Lord

Sunday– January 10, Solemnity Baptism of the Lord
9:30 – High Mass

-Following Mass: **Wigilia Supper with Breaking of Oplatek**

Sunday– January 17, 2016 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time
9:30 – High Mass

-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided

Bible Readings for Baptism of the Lord – Year C

1st reading: Book of Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness

Responsorial Psalm 29

R. (11b) **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire.

R. **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters.

The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

R. **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, “Glory!” The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

R. **The Lord will bless his people with peace**

2nd reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about

doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

Alleluia verse from Gospel of St Luke 3:16

John said: One mightier than I is coming;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Holy Gospel according to St 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.”

Catechism Study for this week:

About Prayer: Descriptions of prayer are abundant throughout Christian history. "True prayer," wrote St. Augustine, "is nothing but love." Prayer should arise from the heart. "Prayer," said St. John Vianney, "is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself. **Everyone of us needs half an hour of prayer each day,**" remarked St. Francis de Sales, "except when we are busy—then we need an hour." Definitions of prayer are important, but insufficient. There is a huge difference between knowing about prayer and praying. On this issue, the Rule of St. Benedict is clear, "If a man wants to pray, let him go and pray." St. John Damascene gave a classic definition of prayer: "**Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God**", citing St. John Damascene. The *Catechism* clearly defines prayer as a "vital and personal relationship with the living and true God". **Prayer is Christian insofar as it is communion with Christ and a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ"**

Adult Bible Study for this week:

About Faith in GOD: from 1st Letter of St John 3:22 “Beloved: We receive from (God) him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit whom he gave us.”

ATTEND HOLY MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS PARTICIPATE IN LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH AND WORSHIP DAILY

Liturgy is "the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God'"; it is the "exercise of the priestly office of Jesus" in which God is worshiped and adored and people are made holy. God begins the work of sanctifying people in time and space and brings that work to completion. Those who respond to God in worship and in service are given the privilege of becoming co-workers in the divine plan. Please come and join us as Community of faith for Sunday Holy Mass weekly! Feel always welcomed and at home in our Church!

Our Church is a home for all believers, from all ethnic and national backgrounds. We are one family of Jesus Christ, come and join us!

For those with gluten allergy Gluten free Communion is available

PRAYER CIRCLE AND HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Let us remember in our personal prayers about our sick and older parishioners and friends. If you would like to have special intentions mentioned during Mass or you would like Holy Mass celebrated for your intention, please let Father know.

CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN Catechism Classes for children are scheduled after Holy Mass on Sunday please bring your children and notify Fr Andrew.

PARISH THANK YOU We would like to thank all who work and volunteer in helping us to keep our Church and Cemetery beautiful! May God bless you for the wonderful job!

DONATIONS

Collections Jan 3. 2016 \$294.00, Mail \$145.00

PARISH CALENDAR

- Jan 10- Sunday -Wigilia Supper with Breaking of Oplatek after Mass

WIGILIA Let us gather together as Parish Family for traditional Polish American Wigilia Supper with breaking of Oplatek / Christmas Bread on Sunday Jan 10 after Holy Mass. We will share with each other God's Blessing and Love in breaking of Oplatek / Bread!

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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." St Matthew 3:13

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