

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 12, 2020 – Solemnity – The Baptism of the Lord

9:30 AM Holy Mass

For the good health and God’s Blessing for Kathy Hull (birthday) – requested by the Family

Monday, January 13, 2020 – Within the Octave of the Epiphany

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 – Weekday

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 – Weekday

Thursday, January 16, 2020 – Weekday

Friday, January 17, 2020 – Weekday

Saturday, January 18, 2020 – Weekday

Sunday, January 19, 2020 – 2 Ordinary Sunday

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Irina Kurbat (1st Anniversary of death) – requested by daughters and Family

10:20 AM Special Parish Meeting

1/26/2020 † Alfred & Dorothy Karolkiewicz – requested by daughters Kathy and Trish

2/2/2020 † Suzanne Valerio (3rd Anniversary of death) – requested by Lisa Valerio

2/9/2020 † Bernie Minakowski – requested by Julie & Cliff Brown

2/16/2020 † Elizabeth Boyk (56th Anniversary of death) – requested by Leon Boyk

2/23/2020 † Frank & Bernice Samiec

3/1/2020 † Genevieve Hutchens – requested by Julie & Cliff Brown

3/8/2020 † Jan Pełka (11 Anniversary of death)

Special Parish Meeting

January 19, 2020

10:20 AM

(Mass starts at 9:30 AM but it will be shorter)

All are invited!

FAITH SHARING

The Baptism of the Lord is the great event celebrated by the Eastern Churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. Hence, it is described by all four Gospels. It marks the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry.

In the First Reading, the first *Servant Song* in Isaiah (42:1-4, 6-7), is chosen because, because its opening lines (*‘Here is my chosen one, in whom my soul*



delights’) [Isa 42:1]) is similar to the voice from heaven about the identity of Jesus following his baptism (*‘This is my Son, the Beloved, my favor rests on him’* [Matt 3:17]).

St. Peter in the second reading states that Jesus’ baptism by John was the inauguration of Jesus’ divine ministry through his anointing by God the Father *“with the Holy Spirit and power.*

Today’s gospel describes the baptism Jesus received from John the Baptist and how it was a turning point in Jesus’ life and public ministry.

BLESSING OF YOUR HOUSE – LAST CALL !!!

As usually, at this time of the year, I offer the Blessing of the House service for St. Valentine’s parishioners and friends. In 2017 nobody asked for it. In 2018 nobody asked neither. In 2019 only one family invited me to come over. So far, in 2020 two families invited me already and I blessed their houses.



SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

The 2020 Sunday collection envelopes are available already. Please take yours and if you can deliver the envelopes to your relatives or friends please do so.

OUR CHURCH GETS DIRTY

Yes, like every place, the church needs cleaning as well. There is no person hired by the parish who could clean the church, we cannot afford any cleaning service. So far me and my wife clean this place before each Sunday and keep this place nice and clean looking.

However, it would be good, if we could do what the people in other PNCC parishes do, they stay after Mass on Sunday and clean a little, running vacuum, watering the flowers, cleaning the pews etc. Of course, they rotate and take turns. Could we do the same at St. Valentine’s?

You can start from your own pew. Yes, we sit every week in the same spot. Let’s make sure that the pew you sit in is left in order after Mass, the hymnals are where they supposed to be. If you don’t take the bulletin home, please leave it on the table in the back of the church, not in the pew. Please keep kneelers up after Mass is done.

Thank you for taking care of God’s House.

OUR SAVIOUR PARISH IN LAWRENCEVILLE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Saviour Parish in Lawrenceville invites for their Annual Parish Christmas Dinner, today, **January 12, at 2:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets: Adults \$12.00, Children (under 12) \$3.00.



PARISH DUES FOR 2020

It's time already to think about paying your parish dues for the year 2020. Many parishioners didn't pay dues for 2019 or even earlier. If you didn't pay yet, please do so. Many members don't pay their dues for years at all. Dues are an obligation in the Polish National Catholic Church. Dues are \$225 yearly per adult member (\$100 goes to the General Church, \$25 to the Central Diocese and \$100 to our Parish). This is only ~62 cents/ day.

According to our Constitution of the PNCC, by neglecting paying dues, the individual/family loses the membership in the Parish and the Church, loses the right to vote and participate in Parish meetings, loses the right to burial at St. Valentine's Cemetery, even if he/she has already paid for the plot and his/her relatives are buried there.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION REMOVAL

We need your help today right after Mass to remove partially the Christmas decorations in our church and transfer them to the church hall. It should take less than 30 minutes of work. Thank you in advance for taking care of your church.

WE ARE BAPTIZED

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity and mission. First, it reminds us of who we are and Whose we are. By Baptism we become the adoptive sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. We become incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made sharers in the priesthood of Christ. Therefore, Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments.

HOLY WATER AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH

Most of us dipped the fingers of our right hand into the holy water font and blessed ourselves when we came into Church today. *Why?* This blessing is supposed to remind us of our Baptism. And so when I bless myself with Holy Water, I should be thinking of the fact that I am a child of God; that I have been redeemed by the Cross of Christ; that I have been made a member of God's family and that I have been washed, forgiven, cleansed and purified by the Blood of the Lamb.

THREE TIMES

Some people come to Church three times primarily. They're baptized, they get married, and they have their funeral service at the Church. The first time they throw water on you, the second time rice, the third time dirt!

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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Uroczystość – Chrzcist Pański

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