

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 8, 2023 – Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)

† Michał Mularczyk – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz

Monday, January 9, 2023 – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 – Weekday

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 – Weekday

Thursday, January 12, 2023 – Weekday

Friday, January 13, 2023 – Weekday

Saturday, January 14, 2023 – Weekday

Sunday, January 15, 2023 – 2 Ordinary Sunday

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)

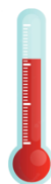
† Dorothy Karolkiewicz (Birthday) – requested by Grandchildren Helen, Andrew and Michael

01/22/23	Su	9:30 AM	† Patricia Drosnes – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown
01/29/23	Su	9:30 AM	† Dorothy & Alfred Karolkiewicz (Anniversary) – requested by Daughters Trish and Kathy
02/05/23	Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
02/12/23	Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
02/19/23	Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
02/22/23	We	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday
02/26/23	Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
03/05/23	Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
03/12/23	Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
03/19/23	Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
03/26/23	Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
04/02/23	Su	9:30 AM	OPEN (Palm Sunday)
04/09/23	Su	9:30 AM	For All Departed
04/16/23	Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
04/23/23	Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
04/30/23	Su	9:30 AM	OPEN

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed Kapuscinski, Joseph Smith, Wanda Groman, Antoinette Drake, Bernice Michlinski, Marianna Pelka, Bronisław Korus, Jean Slowakiewicz O'Brien, Marie Turlinski-Kelley, Ewa Nowak.

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.



DONATIONS FOR THE WINTER HEATING FUND ARE NEEDED

The winter season is coming, and again huge gas bills will be very challenging for our budget. Please help us to keep the comfortable temperature in our church.



SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Please take home your Sunday offerings envelopes books. You can find them on the table in the back of the church. If you see there the names of your relatives or neighbors to whom you can deliver their envelopes, please help us. Thank you!

FAITH SHARING

Among the occupations in the Holy Land in the first century, shepherding had a lowly place. Because their work made them ceremonially unclean, shepherds were considered untrustworthy. They were “living” in the fields. Their occupation required them to provide water, food, shelter, medication, aid and protection. Shepherding was strenuous, even dangerous work. It was expected that the shepherd would come between the lion or bear when one would attack the flock. God reveals himself to the downtrodden and despised. They represent the lowly and humble who receive God’s revelation. The most obvious implication is that



the Gospel first came to the social outcasts of Jesus’ Day. The entire drama that surrounds the birth of Jesus takes place with no part given to the secular or religious rulers of the land. No politicians. No celebrities. No paparazzi. No athletes. No religious leaders. He is still doing this today. God seeks the forgotten, those who society rejects or ignores – the downtrodden and dejected.

THE SOLEMNITY OF BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



This year the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord on Monday, because Christmas was on Sunday. In this case right after the Epiphany (Jan 6) on the next Sunday we have the Solemnity of Humble Shepherds Sunday, and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the following

Monday.

This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to sanctify the children of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

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Sunday Mass: 9: 30 AM (English/Polish)

In the Eastern Church this feast is called *Theophany* because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

CEMETERY DRIVEWAY NEEDS REPAIRING

Please support us with your donations or please buy directly the asphalt patch from [Lowe's](#) or [Home Depot](#).

There are some significant damaged asphalt spots on the cemetery driveway but still small potholes, so we can easy fix them without hiring expensive professionals. We worry about your car suspension when you go there to visit the gravesites of your beloved departed.

IT IS TIME TO PAY CHURCH DUES

Please consider in your yearly home budget to pay the Church's dues. As members of the Polish National Catholic Church, we are obliged to pay yearly dues of **\$225 per each adult member per year**. This is split as follows:

\$100 for the General Church (this portion goes to Prime Bishop's Office in Scranton)

\$25 for the Central Diocese (this is sent to Diocese Office in Scranton)

\$100 for St. Valentine's Parish (this portion stays in our parish account).

Only members with dues paid up to date have the right to vote and decide about the parish, to serve as officers of the Parish Committee, in the diocesan and PNCC committees, commissions and organizations, to be elected as delegates to the General, Diocese, or Special Synods, and to be buried at the PNCC cemetery with the special discounts.

Please make the check payable to St. Valentine's PNCC.

If you are unable to pay your Church dues at once, you can pay it in half-year, quarterly or monthly installments. Please let us know which form of payment is more suitable to you and mark it in the memo of your check.

Your weekly Sunday offerings or other offerings mailed to us occasionally are not considered as the Church dues.

HELP NEEDED NEXT SUNDAY

Please help us to remove the Christmas decorations next Sunday after Mass.

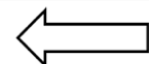


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