

ST. VALENTINE'S

SUNDAY JANUARY 7th SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, (WHITE)

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Jean O'Brian

MONDAY JANUARY 8th OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY, (WHITE)

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Prime John Swantek; 2nd Anni of death.

TUESDAY JANUARY 9th

NO MASS TODAY

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10th OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for an increase of Vocations.

THURSDAY JANUARY 11th OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for the health of the sick.

FRIDAY JANUARY 12th OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for Peace.

SUNDAY JANUARY 14th 2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)

LESSON: 2nd Samuel 3:3-10, 19 **LESSON:** 1st COR. 6:13-15, 17-20 **GOSPEL:** St. John 1:35-42

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Teador Lopatkiewicz; From All Souls List

MARK YOUR CALANDERS: JANUARY 18th Week for Christian Unity Begins.

Y.M.S. of R CLOTHING: Will hold their annual Clothing Drive again this year. The drive is to aid people in need. The Y has done this over a decade. The top parishes will receive a cash prize. \$200.00 for first place; \$159.00 for second; and \$100.00 for third. Clothing will be collected until January 6th. The clothing can be turned over to local charities. In the past my

parishes have won first and second prize. If you are donating clothing please call the rectory before bringing the clothing. Please note the clothing is to be in good shape and wearable.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: For **2024** can be found in the back of the church. Please take yours home.

CHRIST IS BORN: We extend to all our friends of the Orthodox Faith who follow the Julian Calendar Jan. 7th who celebrate Christmas today. May the light of Christ's birth fill them with joy. **С Рождеством**

CHRISTMAS TAKE DOWN: No it is not a new wrestling move. But, we will take down the Christmas decorations next Sunday following Holy Mass.

SACRED VOCATIONS: Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

CALENDARS: In the back of the church you will find calendars. Take on home with you. The calendars have been donated by Salvinski & Sucharski Funeral Home.

BAPTISM OF JESUS: Two weeks ago we celebrated the birth of Jesus into our world. Today we see Him go from that tiny infant, to an adult Jesus about to begin His sacred work. We heard John the Baptizer give his testimony about how he was not the Messiah, that one would come after him. Now we see Jesus come to John to be Baptized. John objects then gives in. Why did Jesus have to be Baptized? He did it to set an example for us. It was also a type of rehearsal for His death and Resurrection. Going down into the water and coming out. He then goes to the desert to be tempted, then begin His work to teach, heal, and sanctify us. As I said it was an example to us, if we are to belong to Jesus then we need to be Baptized. Through Baptism we made a part of Christ and the Church. it is the beginning of

our spiritual journey through life. Through Baptism we are made heirs with Christ, heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. Baptism is a process by which we grow in holiness and life with Jesus. For babies Baptism makes them part of the Church and of Jesus. For adult converts, it take away any sin they may have committed and makes them part of the Church and Jesus. Baptism is important to our life as Christians.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Joan Pianka.