



Holy Family Parish Polish National Catholic Church



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Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord January 12th, 2025



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OPENING HYMN

Baptized in Water – Ritual Song #903 (verses 1, 2 & 3)

ENTRANCE HYMN (Matthew 3:16-17; Ps. 72:13)

C. 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.

C. 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.

FIRST READING

IS 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. 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.

SECOND READING**ACTS 10:34-38**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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." The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA**CF. JN 1:29**

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

GOSPEL**LK 3:15-16, 21-22**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pełka, Bronisław Korus, Anna Dryfik, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli, Helene Tylor, Richard Tomkovitz, Meredith Straw, Colleen Kortz, Lori Tomko, Charles Koczera, Marlene Koczera, John Razukiewicz, Jane Contrella, Vicki Griffiths, Kiersten Donahoe, Rose Marie Korch, Renata Woś, Roberta Wagner, Lucas Etzel, Kellie Gates, Bishop John Mack, Bishop Paul Sobiechowski, Nate Lennon, Luca Milbower, Karyn Muse, Joyce Haber, Blair Lloyd, Justice Coddington, Martin Carney, Kathy Guy, Veronica Campbell, Cindy Puchka, Wendy Blotzer, Gail Coddington, Angela Mayfield, Gladys Bacco, Lani Knabenschuh.



RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES

My dear brothers and sisters: Let us reaffirm the promises of our baptism, by which we once renounced all evil and turned our backs to that world which is the enemy of God, and promised to serve God faithfully in the Holy Catholic Church.

C. And so, I ask you: Do you renounce the evil one?

R. I do.

C. Do you renounce all evil works?

R. I do.

C. Do you renounce all pomp, lies, and hypocrisy?

R. I do renounce them.

C. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do believe.

C. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, our Lord,
Who was born and Who suffered for us?

R. I do believe.

C. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,
the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body and life everlasting?

R. I do believe.

C. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a
new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May
he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

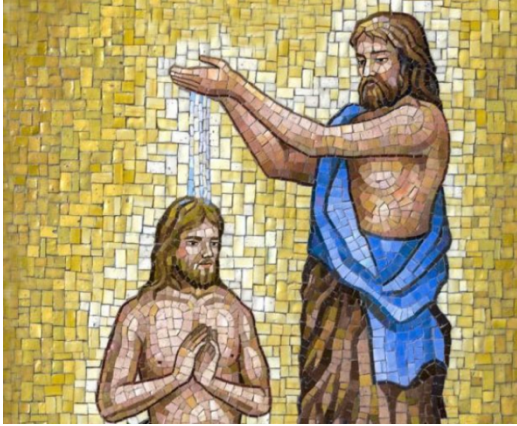
Shepherds Hurried Into Bethlehem – PNCC #61

FAITH SHARING

The Baptism of the Lord is the great event that marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

In the first reading Isaiah says that God has told him to tell the exiled citizens of Jerusalem that their "sentence" is at an end, that their exile is over! Isaiah reminds them plainly that the Exile was a punishment for their sins, but that the merciful God has forgiven them.

In the second reading we hear of a Gentile named Cornelius. He was a centurion in the Roman military and also a proselyte, someone who was not of the bloodline of Abraham who had converted to Jewish faith. He saw a



vision of an angel coming to him, directing him to send for Peter. Cornelius immediately sent some trusted people to go and fetch Peter.

In the Gospel, God's words, "*This is my beloved Son,*", confirmed Jesus' identity as God's Son, and the words "*with whom I am well pleased,*" pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by His suffering

and death on the cross. The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending on him in the form of dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing.

LIFE MESSAGE

Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent to our Confession. Until the fall of the

Temple in 70 AD, it was common for Jewish people to use a special pool called a *Mikveh* — literally a "collection of water" — as a means of spiritual cleansing, to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men took this bath weekly on the eve of the Sabbath; women, monthly. Converts were also expected to take this bath before entering Judaism. The Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be

wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continuing ritual into the one single, definitive act by which we begin our life of Faith. In effect, He fused His Divine Essence with the water and the ceremony.





CENTER FOR VICTIMS

Center for Victims is in need of gently used winter coats for the residents of the shelter. Needed are sizes toddler to adult. Donations would be greatly appreciated. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex of the Church.

If you have any questions, please contact **Janice Griffiths** at **412-477-7061**.

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

1/12/2025	Lenny Guy	Joe Lawrence
1/19/2025	Frank Pociask	Stan Tadajski
1/26/2025	Bill Griffiths	Rich DeLong
2/2/2025	Don Newcamp	George Jobs
2/9/2025	Joe Parknavy	Shawn Davis



2024 FAIR SHARE

Today's Sunday, January 12th is the last day that any 2024 fair share envelopes will be credited to your 2024 fair share. After that, any 2024 envelopes received will be credited to your 2025 fair share.



2025 PNCC CALENDARS

Please take home PNCC Home Liturgical Wall Calendar sponsored by Jaycox-Jaworski Funeral Home & Willig Funeral Home & Crematory. You can find it in the narthex.

CHURCH DE-DECORATING

Please help us to remove the Christmas decorations in our church on **Saturday, January 18th at 10:00 AM.**



TAKE POINSETTIAS AND LUMINARIA HOME

This Sunday after Mass you can take your donated poinsettias and luminaria home.

CHRISTMAS HOME BLESSINGS

Contact Father Mariusz (cell 412-330-

8286, office 412-678-0566) or email pastor@hfpncc.org if you would like your home blessed during the 2024/25 Christmas Season where time and date arrangements can be made.

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PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 16 at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 12, 2025 – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

10:00 AM – Holy Mass with the renewal of our baptismal promises and the Installation of the 2025 Parish Committee

† Warren Albeck – requested by Henrietta Albeck

Monday, January 13, 2025 – Within the Octave of the Epiphany

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – Weekday

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – Weekday

Thursday, January 16, 2025 – Weekday

Friday, January 17, 2025 – Weekday

Saturday, January 18, 2025 – Weekday

Sunday, January 19, 2025 – 2nd Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Nellie Lawrence – requested by Henrietta Kleckner

1/26/25 Su 10:00 AM 3rd Ordinary Sunday

† Mildred & Phillip Kotulsky – requested by Barbara Kostovny

2/2/25 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Presentation of our Lord

† Patricia Hayduk – requested by Dolores & Frank Szatkowski

2/9/25 Su 10:00 AM 5th Ordinary Sunday

OPEN

2/16/25 Su 10:00 AM Pre-Lent – Septuagesima Sunday

OPEN

2/23/25 Su 10:00 AM Pre-Lent – Sexagesima Sunday

OPEN

3/3/25 Su 10:00 AM Pre-Lent – Quinquagesima Sunday

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3/5/25 We 10:00 AM Ash Wednesday

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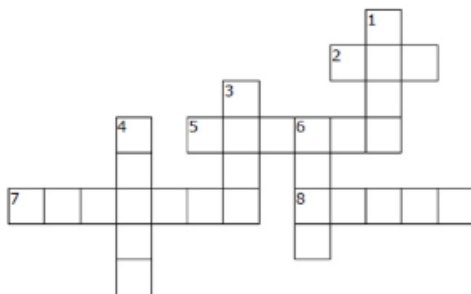
OPEN

3/9/25 Su 10:00 AM 1st Sunday of Lent

OPEN

GALILEE	HEAVEN	VOICE	LOVE	JESUS
OPENED	DOVE	JOHN	PLEASED	SON
JORDAN	WATER	FULFILL	BAPTIZED	SPIRIT

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ACROSS

- A male offspring
- The river where Jesus was baptized
- To cover briefly completely in water or pour water over a person's head
- The sound produced by vibration of the human vocal cords

DOWN

- The name of the man who baptized Jesus
- A deep feeling of affection for a person
- Clear, colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid; H₂O
- A bird often used as a symbol of peace

SON	DOVE	BAPTIZE	JOHN
VOICE	LOVE	WATER	JORDAN