

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 01/15 (Wednesday) Parish Committee meeting at 9am.
- 01/18 (Saturday) **HEALING PRAYER SERVICE at 3pm.** This is a powerful church service of bringing God's healing power into the lives of those who are suffering from illness, physical disabilities, grief, fear, and mental or spiritual health issues. If you suffer physically or spiritually come to experience the healing power of Jesus! If you are OK come to thank God for all the blessings you've received so far! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!
- 01/19 (Sunday) **Holy Mass at 10am.** Mass intention: "For Robert to make right choices in his life and for Joe's health."
- 01/26 (Sunday) **Holy Mass at 10am.** NO MASS INTENTION so far!
- BIG THANK YOU to the volunteers who cleaned up the church yesterday!
 - Memorials in the amount of \$775.00 have been received at St. John's in memory of **IRENE OBZUT** who passed away 12/4/19. Thank you to all who contributed!
 - Today's **THREE MINUTE LITURGICAL CATECHISM** about: "The Eucharistic Prayers"
 - We would like to remind you about the possibility to **offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention!** Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam.

Church Mice



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PARISH BULLETIN

BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Solemnity

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + BRONAC KONOPACKI (req. by Diane Makles)

INTROIT

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.

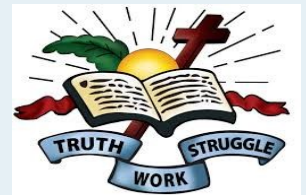
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

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.

IS 42:1-4, 6-7

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„The Lord will bless his people with peace.“

PS 29

READING 2

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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACTS 10:34-38

GOSPEL

MT 3:13-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.
John tried to prevent him, saying,
“I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?”
Jesus said to him in reply,
“Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”
Then he allowed him.
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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel is Matthew’s account of the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. John recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, the greater One than himself. John tries to have Jesus baptize him instead of John baptizing Jesus. Jesus’ relationship with fullness of the GODhead is evident. A voice speaks from the heaven: “This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on Him.” The Holy Spirit appears as a dove. The fullness of the Trinity is evident. Jesus is manifested as the Son of GOD, the Anointed One (Messiah – Christ). This is truly a turning point in the life of Jesus. He transitions from the role of carpenter to the ministry of service and proclaimer of the GOoD News. We are reminded as we recall our own Baptism, that like Jesus, we are being sent out on a mission of proclaiming the GOoD News of the GOD’s love for others. This is our calling and our mission. We must make known to others the message of Jesus and the salvation He brought us through His death and resurrection. We, as sons and daughters of GOD, must share the Gospel with others by “doing GOoD” and allowing them to experience the grace that comes in and through Jesus.