

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 01/01** (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Mass intention: For + SUE KRZYCH. Blessing of St. John's Wine at the end of the Mass. Special Collection for Missions in the vestibule. Coffee hour in the Church Hall as usual.
- 01/06** (Friday) Only4Men meeting at 5pm. in the Church Hall. We will talk about St. Paul. Please, read the Acts of the Apostles 9:1-30 before the meeting.
- 01/08** (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held after the Mass in the Church Hall. At the meeting: Pastoral report of Fr. Adam, Report of the Parish Committee & election of the Parish Committee for 2023. All Parishioners are strongly encouraged to participate in this very important meeting. In case of bad weather, the meeting will be postponed to the following Sunday, Jan 15.



CHURCH NEWS

- Church Calendars 2023 are still available in the Church Hall. Take them for your family or friends...
- The door of the Rental Garage has been recently repaired. Thank you Mike for your time and dedication.
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: MITCHELL A. BIELEND (1/8), PHYLLIS GASIOR (1/10). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column”, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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PARISH BULLETIN

THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD - SOLEMNITY

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + SUE KRZYCH (req. by Nancy)

INTROIT

C: This is My covenant with you and your descendants after you that you must keep: every male among you shall be circumcised.

R: I will not violate My covenant; the promise of My lips I will not alter. By My holiness, I swore once for all.

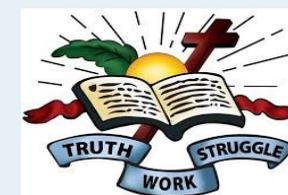
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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



HOLY MASS

. 10am



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 Genesis.

Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those

GEN 17:9-14

born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 19

“The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing my soul.”

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians.

Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value.

GAL 5:3-6

The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

LK 2:21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Circumcision was the Old Testament expression of Abrahamic covenant with God. This bloody and painful procedure made a lasting mark reminding the Israelites that they were permanently committed to God. This was like a wedding ring or (Indian) thali in our times. However, Moses and other prophets reminded Israelites that the physical circumcision becomes meaningful only when one was circumcised in heart by committing oneself to God. Jesus who was physically circumcised on the eighth day according to the Jewish practice, perfected it in his New Covenant. Through the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation/Chrismation, and Holy Eucharist) we are spiritually circumcised with God and became part of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Holy Catholic Church. Our covenant relationship with God was made in the name of the Most Holy Trinity. The name of Jesus stands for the person and power of Jesus. That is why, we gather to pray in his name and end our prayers in his name.

Name of Jesus is most used in prayers and baptism. We start prayers in the name of the Most Holy Trinity by saying, “In the name of the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit.” We usually conclude a Christian prayer by saying, “We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord” because Jesus taught us to pray in his name. “I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” (John 14:13). According to the instruction of Jesus, (Matthew 28:19) every person is baptized in the Trinitarian formula by saying “In the name of the ...” Apostles did the healing or miracles in the name of Jesus. (Acts 4:10; 16:18). Thus, prayer and baptism were done in the name of Jesus in the early church and it continues.