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January 10th - Baptism of the Lord- Solemnity

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(Children Mass)

“(When) Je-
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**Luke 3:21-
22**



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1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

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.

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.

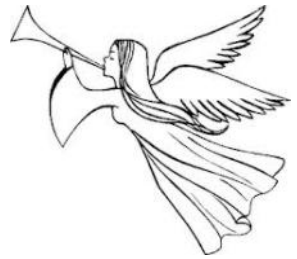
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The voice of the LORD is over the waters,
the LORD, over vast waters.
The voice of the LORD is mighty;
the voice of the LORD is majestic.

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.

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2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

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."

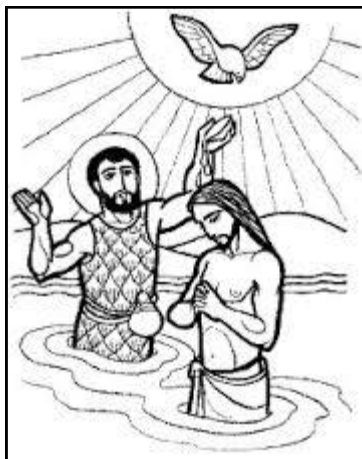
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

John said: One mightier than I is coming;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

+ 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."



(homily for Children)

This is an exciting time. It is the beginning of a brand new year. Some people like to make New Year's resolutions or promises to themselves about what they plan to accomplish in the New Year.

I think it is good to have some resolutions and plans to be accomplished in a new year! I have some of them too. For example I would like to pray more this year; I would like dedicate more time for my family and friends, to lose some weight, and a lot more. We all have some resolutions and plans for the New Year. I do not know if we will succeed, but at least we have to try, because this is the only way to change our life for better.

A New Year is always an exciting time. It is a time when we want forget our past mistakes and look forward to new opportunities that lie ahead of us. It is a time of new beginnings.

Jesus experienced times of new beginnings in his life too. One of those times was when he was baptized. There were a couple of very important things that happened when Jesus was baptized. First of all, the Bible tells us that the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove and landed upon him.

The second thing was that God spoke and said, "You are my Son. I love you and I am well-pleased with you."

This event marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry here on earth. Up until that time, he had not performed any miracles, but with God's stamp of approval and with the spirit of God upon him, Jesus began to perform great miracles. From this new beginning, many people began to understand that Jesus was truly the Son of God and they began to follow him.

Our own baptism represents a new beginning for us as well. When we are baptized, it shows the world that just as Jesus rose from the dead through the glory of God the Father, we also live a new life in him. (Romans 6:4) God may not always be well-pleased with us, but I think that He looks down with an approving smile when he sees us trying to walk with Jesus.

New beginnings -- God gives us opportunities for new beginnings. Let us make the most of them as we live a new life in Christ through the power of his Holy Spirit.

Let us pray:

Dear Father, thank you for new beginnings. Help us to make the most of them -- not through our own strength -- but through the power of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF CHALK

It has been a Catholic tradition to bless chalk at the Mass of Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year.

The home blessing can be done as follows: Use the blessed chalk to write: **20+C+M+B+16** above the doorways: 2016 for the year; C, M, B for the 3 Magi – Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar – and for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House".

As you are writing, pray the following prayers:

May all who come to our home this year
rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may
we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that
same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever.

Amen.

(The blessed chalk is available on the tables on the back of the Church)

Parish News

- **Today's Mass Intention: Joan Norek. Req by:** Parish Committee .
- **Coffee Hour : Hour:** Oplatek Dinner and SOCL Christmas Pageant.
- **Next Sunday Mass intention:** For Knap Family.
- **Coffee Hour:** Ethier Family.
- **Parish Committee Meeting** will be held Tuesday, January 12th, at 6pm.
- **Today is the Oplatek Pot Luck Dinner and SOCL Christmas Pageant following mass.** Please, join us downstairs.
- **On Saturday, January 16th, from 10am-3pm, there will be a Diocesan Mini-Mission Workshop in Fall River.** What is the purpose and how do you do Mission and Evangelism? Come learn with us. ALL are invited. **See the flyer on the table in the back of the church.** If you would like to go and need a ride, please see Father or Sally.
- **Meat Raffle.** Our Parish will hold a Meat Raffle on Friday evening January 29, 2016 in the church hall. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and a free light supper including beverages and dessert will be served. There are 10 meat raffles. Tickets are 3 for \$2.00 for each raffle or you may purchase a Meat Raffle pass for \$20.00. In addition to the meat prize; there will also be a breakfast package, 2 Mystery Envelopes, a Bonus Prize and consolation prizes, too. Also, we will feature Split-the-Pot, a Penny Social with 25 prizes and a Gift Card Raffle. Join us for an evening of fun. For further information please call Pat at 766-5998, Cell 580-6587. Thank you for the publicity...we appreciate it! Phil&Pat.
- **Mass Intention Reminder-** Just a quick reminder that we would be pleased to remember loved ones at Mass, at the time of their anniversary of death or as a birthday remembrance, etc. Speak with Fr. Henryk to arrange for a Mass while visiting at church.
- **Have you paid your 2015 dues yet?** If unsure, please see Ed or Sally.
- **If you would like to renew your bulletin ad,** please give your \$25 to Ed or Sally. Thank you.
- **Pray for comfort, and healing for our sick Parishioners and Friends:** Robert Jones, Barbara Rutka, Mitch Sherman, Mary Bibeault, Roy Watson, Fred Baker, Beatrice Bielat, Julia Hutnak, Phyllis Zielonka, Mary Stefanick, Evelyn Tenczar, Edna Nawrocki.

*Our Christmas Flowers
are in loving honor or memory of*

*John and Victoria Zajchowski,
and Stephen and Lillian Bator,
By Marilyn Goktuna*

*Jules and Sally Misiaszek, Helen, Peter, and Mark Calo,
By Wanda Misiaszek*

*Our grandchildren, Emma, Daniel, Zachary, and Ryan,
By Philip and Patricia Kaczorowski*

*Alyce and Michael Kuchar,
By Michael and Linda Kuchar*

*Rose and Odbert Fox, and Okoniewski Family,
by Edmund Fox*

*Anna and Michael Prymak, Walter Prymak, Peter Prymak,
Sally and Charles Caranci, Sister Vené and Jennie Caranci,
By Charles and Katherine Caranci*

*Norman and Connie Poirier, Joseph Hutnak, Joyce
Rouillard, and Marcel Lariviere,
By Jill Deschamps*

*Walter "Eddie" Bielat,
By Beatrice Bielat*



*Leon and Anna Nawrocki, Jack and Margaret Kirk, and
Relatives in Poland,
By Ed Nawrocki*

*Chrissy Plante, Elizabeth Carlson, and Scotty Carlson,
by Lonnie and Sally Watson*

*Joseph Hutnak, Sally and Julian Misiaszek,
By Julia Hutnak*

*My Dad, Louis 'Red' Callegaro,
By Patricia Kaczorowski*

*My Babci, Mrs. Regina Kaczorowski,
By Peter Kaczorowski*

*My Dziadziu, Rev. Louis J. Kaczorowski,
by Mark Kaczorowski*

*Lawrence and Josephine Kurek, Michael Kurek,
Gerard and Germaine Ethier,
Jules and Sally Misiaszek,
By Gerry and Nancy Ethier*



May they always be in our prayers

*Thank you for your donations to our Christmas Flower
collection. The beautiful flowers enhance the celebration
of the Nativity of Our Lord!*

Oplatek-Christmas Wafer's History

For centuries on Christmas Eve, families in Poland, Lithuania, The Czech and Slovak Republic have practiced a beautiful tradition. It is the breaking and sharing of the OPLATEK-Christmas Wafer. Oplatek taken from the Latin word *oblatum*, meaning Sacred Bread, has been the symbol of the Christianity and Jesus Christ our bread of life.

On the Holiest Night of the year a festive 12 course meatless dinner is prepared for the gathered family and friends. An extra setting is placed for a visitor (Our Lord) who may come to the door, or poor family (the Holy Family) looking for a place to stay. The host or hostess leads the group in a special prayer and distributes an oplatek to the participants. Each person breaks off a piece of the other's oplatek and continues until they have exchanged good wishes and blessings with everyone.

Traditionally at midnight the head of the household takes the pink oplatek and shares it with the animals on his farm or his home.

This custom brings us back to that Holy Night when even animals were able to speak, and to remind us that we are all God's creatures.



**Next Sunday Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-12**

Our Saviour's Parish Schedule:
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING - Sunday-9:00 AM
HOLY MASS - Every Sunday-10:00 AM
COFFEE HOUR – Sunday-11:00 AM
SICK CALLS – Anytime-day or night
BAPTISMS -By Appointment
NEW PARISHIONERS- Call Rectory