



## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-38  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**KEY VERSE:** "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (v 22).

**READING:** Throughout Jewish history it was traditional for Jews to demonstrate repentance through washing ceremonies. The baptism of Jesus was another "epiphany," or manifestation of the divine presence. John the Baptist was preaching repentance for the coming of God's reign. His baptism may have been related to the purifying washings of the Essenes at Qumran near the Dead Sea. The people were filled with expectation of the Messiah, and they wondered if John was God's anointed one. John answered that his baptism was only a preparation for "one mightier" who would baptize with "the Holy Spirit and fire" (v 16). At the heart of Christian baptism is dying to one way of living and then rising to a whole new way of life. The word baptism comes from a Greek word (baptisma) that means to become submerged in water. In baptism, the elect are plunged into the death and resurrection of Christ (Ro 6:3-5). Although Jesus had no need of repentance, he entered the murky waters where the people had been baptized, thereby uniting himself with sinful humanity. While Jesus was praying, the Spirit descended upon him, and God's voice was heard confirming Jesus as the "beloved Son" (v.22). On Calvary, Jesus would undergo a baptism of fire that would bring salvation to the whole world (Lk 12:49-50). This transforming fire would be poured out on the Church at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4).

**REFLECTING:** Does my life give evidence of my being God's beloved son or daughter?

**PRAYING:** Father, Son and Spirit, I renew my Baptismal vows to renounce sin and believe in the truth you have revealed.

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Solemnity-Baptism of the Lord  
January 10, 2010

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OPENING HYMN	“On Jordan’s Bank”	Hymn 8
INTRODUCTORY RITE		Page 63
INTROIT	Matthew 3:16-17; Psalm 72:13	
P: After Jesus was baptized, e came up from the water and behold, the heavens opened, and He saw the Sprit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens, “This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased.”		
<b>R: He shows pity to the needy and the poor and saves the lives of the poor.</b>		
P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.		
<b>R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</b>		
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OPENING PRAYER		
LITURGY OF THE WORD		
First Reading	Isaiah 421-4, 6-7	
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 29	
<b>L: The Lord will bless His people with peace.</b>		
<b>R: The Lord will bless His people with peace.</b>		
Second Reading	Acts 10:34-38	
Gospel Acclamations.		
C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
<b>R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.</b>		
C: The heavens were opened and the Father’s voice was heard; this is My Beloved Son, hear Him.		
<b>R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!</b>		
Gospel	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22	
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“Can you drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”



Mark 10:38

### Needed

Jesus said that it is important that we take care of the needs of our community by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, etc. A Parish Food Bank is in the works. Needed is a coordinator. Please contact your pastor if interested. We will work with the local McKeesport Salvation Army Emergency Food Bank for food distribution. Thank You. Let us always remember those in need with our Christian Service and Charity.

### Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord means to me?

The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord is a part of the Christmas season which concludes in our Church with the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. Baptism forgives all sin (when baptized as an adult) and incorporates the child and adult in the life of the Trinity. Believers are given a share in the divine nature. In addition, baptism makes one a member of the body of Christ and of the visible manifestation of that body, the Church, and provides a share in the mission of Jesus but then must be completed by Confirmation. Water is the main symbolic element that conveys the sacrament of baptism, along with the words, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." That triple plunging or immersing in the water symbolizes dying to the old self. Coming up out of the water corresponds to being born as a new person in Christ. Anointed with the Oils of the Catechumen and Chrism, the individual experiences the ancient scriptural rite of pouring on of Holy Oils. With the placing of a white linen on the head, the person is reminded of purity of life and the lighted candle symbolizes the Light of Christ has come into the person life through baptism. This sacrament of initiation to the Church allows us to become heirs to the Kingdom of God and share in the death and resurrection of Christ, if we live by choosing to keep the Commandments entrusted to us. Baptism does not guarantee salvation, it only begins our spiritual pilgrimage, but we must work upon our spiritual pilgrimage each day of our earthly lives.

*Persons looking for some part time work as US Census Recorders, information about the positions are in the Church Narthex. Take one if interested.*

## Night at the Races

Saturday, February 13, 2010  
Holy Family Parish Auditorium  
1921 Eden Park Boulevard McKeesport, Pa.



Doors open at 6 P.M.  
Post Time at 7:00 P.M.  
Tickets \$10.00



Soda and Beer Included - BYOB and/or snacks  
Food will be available at reasonable prices

Chinese Auction

Reservations call Ted Gibala @ 412.678.7347

Makes reservations early, limited tickets will be sold.

This is a Church Event and Chinese Auction Baskets or other gifts will be appreciated, please contact Janis Gibala.

## Christmas Thought

Something you can do. During Christmas we receive wonderful gifts and cards from family and friends. Here is a wonderful idea that can be done as a family. Before sitting down for your evening meal, when you say grace; take a card from the gifts received or Christmas Card greetings and say a prayer for the people who thought of you during the holiday and remember them at mealtime by praying God to shower His blessings upon them. This is a wonderful home devotion your family would enjoy and unite those you love during your mealtime.

## Stewardship

Today is the last Sunday that we can accept your 2009 parish envelopes, so we can close the 2009 stewardship year. Please begin using the 2010 stewardship envelopes. If you can help distribute remaining envelopes to family and friends, please help by doing so. Stewardship is important to the parish activities and maintenance. If you need a yearly total of your donations for tax purposes, please contact Fr. Bruce. Our giving is a pale comparison to the tremendous gift of grace we have been given (John 3:16). Always remember the blessings received are twice fold given back to the grateful and generous steward.

## THEME-Am I Hearing God's Voice?

Our first reading proclaims the coming of the one who will bring forth justice to the nations. From this proclamation, the people were full of anticipation, wondering, if the voice they heard was that of the long awaited Messiah. It was John the Baptist, thundering in the desert, announcing the coming of God's reign. Yet there would be one more powerful who would baptize with the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus stepped into the waters of baptism, a voice was heard that tore the heavens in two, yet the words descended as gently as a dove: "You are My beloved Son. On You my favor rests." Jesus, God's Son and God's servant, was called to bring forth justice and peace to the people.

Peter learned that God's favor rests on all. For Peter, this message was radically new. All were God's chosen people. All were welcomed in the house of God. Whoever enters the waters of baptism hears the words God's spoke to Jesus. They can be paraphrased as You are my beloved child. On you my favor rests. What a joy that would be to hear. But do we hear?

We need to always be reminded that we have been called by God to continue His Mission. The Church is not a museum. The Church is a living entity, displaying the living God each day to all who will listen. The goal is to minister to those in need both physically and spiritually. Jesus did both and so must we. Through our baptism and confirmation, we accepted the challenge. Now we must fulfill that challenge with our time, talent and treasure. All three of them.

## Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Youth Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	W. Albeck	S. Kish
Ushers	Youth	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers
<u>Next Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Yellow Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	M. Sleczkowski	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	K. Stubock & D. Newcamp	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Server

## This Week

### Sunday, January 10, 2010 Solemnity-Baptism of the Lord

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
<i>+Angelo Tarli Int Guy Borrelli; +Stella Solvay Int Mr. &amp; Mrs. G. Jugan; +Joseph Zyrostko Int Mr. &amp; Mrs. S. Tadajski</i>	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
School of Christian Living	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
SAMBS Monthly Meeting	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.
Youth Association Meeting	11:00 A.M.

### Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Bible & Apologetic Class	7:00 P.M.
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### Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Church Christmas Undecorating	10:00 A.M.
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### Sunday, January 17, 2010

#### 2 Ordinary Time

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
<i>+Sophie Szalankiewicz; Int. Bill Andrews +Alice Demski Int Connie Shiroky</i>	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
School of Christian Living	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

The 2010 Parish Council will be installed during the 9 A.M. Holy Mass this morning; The Installation was rescheduled from last week due to the weather. The 2010 Council Members are as follows:

Chairman of the Parish Council-Ted Gibala Vice Chairman-George Jugan; Financial Secretary-Terry Kleckner Recording Secretary-Karen Bongiorno; Treasurer-Sharon Kish Directors: Frank Pociask, Gary Coddington, Denise Tomco, Kathy Carozza, Marcia Angel, Dolores Szatkowski, Robert Tomco, Helen Mulac Alternate Directors: Don Newcamp and Jean Crouch. Auditors: David Kost, Janis Gibala, and Janet Korch Parish Tribunal: Dennis Burlikowski, Marian Sleczkowski and Rosalie Clark. We thank Neil Rushnock and Alexa Foster of the 2009 Council and retired from the Board.

## 2010 Special Mass and Anniversary Requests

If you have special dates for the 2010 year, please contact Fr. Bruce to enter them into the Church Ordo and Calendar. This also includes Hall Rentals. Thank You.

### Epiphany Visitations

If you would like your home blessed during the Epiphany Season, please call Fr. Bruce at 412.276.5562 or email him at BSleczkowski@aol.com to schedule the Epiphany blessings. Also, located in the narthex are the blessed chalk, charcoal, incense and ritual for home blessings.



### Looking Ahead



February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Presentation of the Lord
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Night at the Races
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Institution of PNCC
July 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Diocesan Youth Retreat
July 26 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	2010 National Youth Convocation
October 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	General Synod

Please Note: Winter is a beautiful time of the year and also can be hazardous driving like last Sunday. Safety is a main concern and if such conditions arise again, plan to attend the later Mass at 11:00 A.M. when the road crews have completed their work. Usually, the roads are cleared by that time. Please call Fr. Bruce @ 412.276.5562 (before 7:30 A.M. when Father normally leaves to drive to McKeesport) or Ted Gibala @ 412.678.7347 if in doubt.

### Help Needed

We will be taking down the Christmas Decorations this coming Wednesday at 10 A.M. We are asking available men and women to help pack and put the Christmas displays away until next year. If you can give several hours, please help. Thank You.

### Christmas Poinsettias

The Youth Association thanks all who donated this year for the purchase of the Christmas Poinsettias. Those who would like to take their flowers home, may do so after the 9:00 A.M. today.