



FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-38); Mark 1:7-11

KEY VERSE: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (v.11).

READING: The baptism of Jesus is another "epiphany," or divine manifestation. The word baptism comes from a Greek word (*baptizo*), which means to plunge, or to become submerged in water. Christian baptism is very different from Jewish ritual washings or cleansings that were self-administered and could be repeated many times. Christian baptism is administered by another person and happens only once in a lifetime. At the heart of Christian baptism is dying to one way of living and then rising to a whole new way of life. In baptism, the elect are plunged into the death and resurrection of Christ (Ro 6:3-5). By

submitting to baptism Jesus embraced our full humanity. God's beloved Son sanctified the foul waters of our sinfulness by his divine presence (2 Cor 5:21). Just as God's favor rested on Jesus, all God's children are beloved sons and daughters.

REFLECTING: Do I understand my own baptismal promises so that I can share them with others?

PRAYING: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, fill me with grace to do your work on earth.

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The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings the Christmas season to a close. Baptism forgives all sin and incorporates one 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. 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

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Solemnity-Baptism of the Lord

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OPENING HYMN	“We Three Kings”	Hymnal Song 61
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P: 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 heaven, 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.		
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R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end.		
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OPENING PRAYER		
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First Reading	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7	
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L: The Lord will bless His people with peace.		
R: The Lord will bless His people with peace.		
Second Reading	Acts 10:34-38	
Alleluia Verse		
C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
C: The heavens were opened and the Father’s voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear Him.		
R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
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A little Humor

These sentences appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I Will Not Pass This Way Again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing: 'Break Forth Into Joy.'

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.



“Can you drink the cup I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”

Mark 10:38b





Annual Night at the Races
 Saturday, February 21, 2009
 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

Lajkoniki News

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the International Village and the Lajkoniki Dance Troupe is planning a spectacular show but they need the help of past dancers over the last 50 years. It doesn't matter how old you are (or young), you will be incorporated in the program. So if you have ever danced with the Lajkoniki, please call Frank Pociask@724.861.0759. Spread the news to all past dancers.

Spojnia 2009

The PNU wants you to start the New Year right by adding security to your family with various policies that will be of benefit in the future. The PNU not only adds your fiscal future but offers other PNU benefits such as college stipends, membership in the Spojnia Credit Union, and Fraternal Activities. For more information, check out www.pnu.org or contact your local PNU Secretary; Melissa Parknavy@724.989.5741 Branch 132 or Rosalie Clark @ 724.335.0744 Branch 245

*Help Us Grow
 Invite some to worship with you
 Next Sunday*

THEME: Do I Experience God's Voice in my Life?

The voice crying out in the desert is as powerful as the one sweeping over the waters of creation. It is a commanding as the voice that led the people through the Red Sea to freedom. It thunders like the voice heard on Mt. Sinai and as strong as the voice that shook the rafters of the temple. The voice us the prophet John proclaiming the coming of God's reign.

In Jesus, God's voice is mighty and powerful, yet gentle and healing. His word summons the people from the prison of oppression and open the eyes of all who live in darkness. In His baptism, the heavens are torn open, and the Spirit of God descends as gently as a dove. The loving voice of the Father speaks, "You are my beloved Son. On You My favor rests."

Peter learns that God's favor rests on everyone. God has no favorites, shows no partiality. All are God's "chosen people." Whoever enters the waters of baptism is welcome in the house of God. God speaks to us as God spoke to Jesus: "You are my beloved child. On you my favor rests."

When we truly believe this, then we will walk the extra mile, keeping His Church full and alive, recognizing that His mission is our mission of maintaining His Church; to lead the ill, hurt, unloved people of our community to His love, redemption and salvation. Listen to the voice speaking and follow His words.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	9:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
Lectors	Youth Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	H. Albeck	B. Kijowski
Ushers	Youth	T. Zaucha
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers
<u>Next Week</u>	9:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
Lectors	Yellow Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	M. Krusienski	S. Kish
Ushers	M. Zurovcik & K. Maglicco	J. Wagner
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

This Week

Sunday, January 11, 2009

Solemnity-Baptism of the Lord

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+Stella Solvay Int M/M J. Tomedolsky & +Sophie Szalankiewicz	
Int M/M E. Cerini	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
Coffee Hour	10:15 A.M.
SOCL	10:15 A.M.
SAMB Meeting	10:30 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:30 A.M.

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:30 P.M.
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Saturday, January 17, 2009

Church Christmas Undercoating	9:00 A.M.
First Communion Class	10:00 A.M.

Sunday, January 18, 2009

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+Mack & Anna Mastrovich Int Helen Popovic & Family and	
+Anthony Davelli Int Mrs. Stella Bryla	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
Coffee Hour	10:15 A.M.
SOCL	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:30 A.M.
+Valerie Adams Int M/M Robert Yonek	

2009 Special Intentions Reservations

If you would like to reserve special dates for Mass Intentions or special events during the 2009 year, please see Father Bruce and he will mark these dates in the parish Ordo.



Epiphany Visitations

If you would like Father to bless your home during the Epiphany Season, please call him @ 412.276.5562 to set arrangements.

Christmas Poinsettias

After Mass today, if you would like to take home the poinsettia that you purchased, please do. Thank You for your donations to beautify the Church Building during the Christmas Season. To keep the plant flowering when you bring it home, water it from the bottom and it should last for many weeks.

Christmas Trees Donations

We thank the following for their donations towards the purchase of the permanent Christmas Trees that were displayed in the Church this Holiday Season.



- \$25. Martha Krusienski
- \$30. Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Tadajski
- \$100. SS Cyril & Methodius Ducky Fund
- \$25. Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Crouch
- \$10. Mr. & Mrs. Tom Zaucha
- \$159. Former SS Cyril & Methodius SAMBS
- \$250 (Large Tree) In memory of their Mother

Catherine Michalek by Laura Adamek, Helen Kielnar, Alice Rybar, Robert Michalek and Kathleen Glanz.

Christmas Undecorating

If one could keep the beauty of the Christmas Decorations displayed throughout the year, it would be a continual remembrance of the spirit and joy of Christmas which brings good will to all people, but unfortunately it would not be in keeping with the liturgical practices of the Church and they must be placed away until the next year. Next Saturday, we are asking for help to put away this year's decorations and calling upon as many volunteers to help. We will begin at 9 A.M. and work throughout the morning. Please lend us a hand.