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Epiphany (Saturday, Jan 6, 2024) Baptism of the Lord (Sunday, Jan 7, 2024)



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OPENING HYMN

Hear the Glad Tidings (Dzisiaj w Betlejem) – PNCC #45

(Jan 6) THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD – SOLEMNITY

ENTRANCE HYMN (Malachi 3:1c; Matthew 2:2b)

C. The Messenger of the Covenant Whom you desire. Yes, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

R. We saw His star at its rising, and have come to do Him homage.

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.**

Reading 1

IS 60:1-6

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.

Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,

and with your justice, the king's son;

He shall govern your people with justice

and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days,

and profound peace, till the moon be no more.

May he rule from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;

the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.

All kings shall pay him homage,

all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reading 2

EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia

MT 2:2

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.

Gospel

MT 2:1-12

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. The Gospel of the Lord.

(Jan 7) THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD – SOLEMNITY

ENTRANCE HYMN (Matthew 3:16-17; Ps. 72:13)

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.

Reading 1

IS 42:1-4, 6-7

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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

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.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Reading 2

ACTS 10:34-38

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." The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia

CF. JN 1:29

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Gospel

MK 1:7-11

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Hudson Tutko, Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Darren Geyer, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Johanna Pardoe, Allan Soltez, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pełka, Bronisław Korus, Ewa Nowak, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Rosalie Clark, Lucille Davelli, Joan Kotulsky, Karyn Muse, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli, Helene Tylor.

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Father Mariusz will visit them with the Holy Communion.

CLOSING HYMN

We Three Kings (verses 1, 2, 3, 4) – PNCC #83

FAITH SHARING

(Jan 6) **Epiphany** is a Christian feast day celebrated on January 6th, marking the revelation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, as symbolized by the visit of the Magi or Wise Men. The term "epiphany" means a manifestation or showing

forth. The Gospel narratives, particularly in Matthew 2:1-12, describe how the Magi followed a star to find the newborn King of the Jews, presenting gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This event highlights the universal nature of Christ's mission, extending salvation to all people. Epiphany is also associated with the baptism of Jesus, signifying God's revelation of His Son to the world. In some Christian traditions, Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season. The celebration emphasizes the manifestation of God's glory and the call to recognize and worship Jesus as the light of the world.

(Jan 7) **The Baptism of the Lord** is a Christian feast day that commemorates the baptism of Jesus Christ by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. This event is considered significant as it marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Celebrated on the Sunday following the Feast of the Epiphany, it symbolizes Jesus' identification with humanity, even though he was sinless, and serves as an example for believers to follow in the sacrament of baptism. The Gospel accounts emphasize the Holy Trinity's presence at Jesus' baptism, with the voice of God the Father, the descent of the Holy Spirit like a dove, and Jesus being revealed as the beloved Son of God. The Baptism of the Lord is a reminder of the transformative power of baptism in the Christian faith, symbolizing purification, rebirth, and entry into the community of believers.



SAMBS MEETINGS AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Jan 14, 2024; Feb 11, 2024; Mar 10, 2024; Apr 7, 2024; May 12, 2024

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

<u>Sunday, January 7:</u>	Bill Griffiths, Richard DeLong
<u>Sunday, January 14:</u>	Don Newcamp, George Jobes
<u>Sunday, January 21:</u>	Joe Parknavy, Ed Gorlczyk
<u>Sunday, January 28:</u>	Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence
<u>Sunday, February 4:</u>	Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Thank you for your Christmas donations. Your generosity supports the mission and ministries of Holy Family PNCC Parish. Thank you for your continued financial support. Donations can be made by mail or in-person during Mass.

NEW AND RETURNING PARISHIONERS

We extend a warm welcome to new and returning parishioners who joined us recently. Any time please feel free to reach out to our parish office and Parish Committee members.

PARISH WEBSITE

Stay updated on parish news and events by visiting our website www.hfpncc.org or follow us on Facebook. (Thank you David and Marian for all posted updates).

BULLETIN BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive our weekly bulletin by email, please simply send an empty email with the title BULLETIN to pastor@hfpncc.org.

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Parish Committee meeting will be on Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.



EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS

Contact Father Mariusz (cell 412-330-8286, office 412-678-0566) or email pastor@hfpncc.org if you would like your home blessed during the 2024 Epiphany Season where time and date arrangements can be made.

WALL CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Please take home our newly issued wall calendar. They are available in the Narthex. Thank you **Jaycox-Jaworski Funeral Home** and **Willig Funeral Home** for sponsoring them.

DE-DECORATING

Thank you very much to Barb, Stan, Neil and Izabela for removing the Christmas decorations in the Auditorium. Very organized and well done.

Please help us to remove the Christmas decorations in our church on **Saturday, January 13th at 9:00 AM.**

On Saturday or Sunday you can take your donated poinsetias home.

THANK YOU

We thank to all of you for many beautiful Christmas cards that we received, delicious food, cookies and sweets and other gifts donated for our family for Christmas and New Year. You are in our prayers. Have a happy, healthy and blessed New Year! *Fr. Mariusz, Izabela & John*

*May God bless you
abundantly in the New Year!*

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 7, 2024 – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

10:00 AM – Holy Mass with the renewal of our baptismal promises and the Installation of the 2024 Parish Committee

† Josephine Dorazio – requested by Rose Marie Korch

Monday, January 8, 2024 – Weekday

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – Weekday

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 – Weekday

Thursday, January 11, 2024 – Weekday

Friday, January 12, 2024 – Weekday

Saturday, January 13, 2024 – Weekday

Sunday, January 14, 2024 – 2nd Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Bonnie Zaucha – requested by Ted & Janis Gibala

† Warren Albeck – requested by Henrietta Albeck

1/21/24 Su 10:00 AM 3 Ordinary Sunday

† Laura Adamek – requested by Alexa Foster & Karyn Muse

1/28/24 Su 10:00 AM Septuagesima Sunday

† Phillip Kotulsky – requested by his children

2/2/24 Fr 10:00 AM Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord

OPEN

2/4/24 Su 10:00 AM Sexagesima Sunday

† Ted Balawajder – requested by Bob & Jan Yonek

2/11/24 Su 10:00 AM Quinquagesima Sunday

OPEN

2/11/24 We 10:00 AM Ash Wednesday

† Jan Pelka

2/11/24 We 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday

OPEN

2/18/24 Su 10:00 AM 1st Sunday of Lent

OPEN

2/25/24 Su 10:00 AM 2nd Sunday of Lent

OPEN

3/3/24 Su 10:00 AM 3rd Sunday of Lent

OPEN

3/10/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC

OPEN

3/17/24 Su 10:00 AM Passion Sunday

OPEN

3/19/24 Tu 10:00 AM Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

Mass for all men of the Holy Family Parish

3/24/24 Su 10:00 AM Palm Sunday

OPEN