

Holy Family Parish

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Celebrating 101 Years



Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

Mission Collection

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
SOCL Classes	10:15 A.M.
SAMBS Monthly Meeting	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Frederic Chopin Choir rehearsal	6:30 P.M.
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Saturday, January 15, 2022

Church Christmas Undecorating	9:00 A.M.
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Sunday, January 16, 2022

Ordinary 2

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+ Helen Popovic Int. Frances Palko; + Marianne Keith Int Rosso Family	
SOCL Classes	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.
+ Warren Albeck (4 th Ann) Int Henrietta Albeck	
PNU District 5 Teleconference Meeting	7:00 P.M.

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only

Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to the only Son of God, the Beloved. Since we are talking about revelation, the first reading opens us to the knowledge of who the Son of God is, and what he will do. Again, as in the Gospel, it is the Lord God who speaks, pointing out to us the One whom he has anointed. The reading is quite sensibly divided into paragraphs, so use them to dictate your pauses when reading. There is a slightly different tone between the first three paragraphs, and the last two. The first are about the Lord's servant; the last are addressed to the servant. Again, you must note the poetry of the reading, and the pictures and images it calls up. Be careful, however, because the language is sometimes a little obscure, and will need to be read very carefully if people are going to hear and follow you. (An example is the phrase "he will neither waver..." which is not a familiar usage.) Towards the end your tone should grow warmer and more positive, as you read the Lord's address to his servant, especially in the last three lines. As Peter speaks, (in our second reading for today) he sums up the mystery of the Revealing of the Savior to all nations which we have celebrated in recent weeks, but also looks forward, through the Baptism of Jesus and his Anointing with the Holy Spirit, to the work we will hear about in the next few weeks before Lent. In the first paragraph, echo Peter's emphasis: "but that anybody of any nationality..." Similarly in the second paragraph, the phrase "Lord of all men..." is to be brought out. The words "You must have heard." is a good and natural phrase; pause before it and give it its full effect. Also, the words "because God was with him..." are particularly relevant to today's feast.

Christmas Poinsettias

After our Masses today, those wishing to take home their memorial poinsettias, may do so. Please do not take the plastic saucers. We thank Marlene Jobses for all the memorial angels placed in poinsettia pot.

Next Saturday, we need volunteers to take down the Church Christmas Decorations. We will start at 9:00 A.M. Come and give us a hand. Thank you.

Epiphany Visitations

Those who would like their homes blessed during the Epiphany season are to call Fr. Bruce @ 412.276.5562 to make arrangements.

Requiem Mass Requests

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