

- **Friday, January 18 - Peter's Chair at Antioch** - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins - Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, January 20** - Holy Mass at 9:30 a.m. in memory of loved ones and friends who have passed away and are represented by the crosses on the "Memory Tree."
- **Friday, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle** - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends - Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- **Eastern Diocese National United Choirs a Mini-Workshop for Music Ministers** - Saturday January 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Divine Providence Parish, Norwich, CT (see announcement in the Church vestibule).

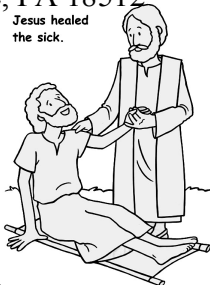
Epiphany Visitations

I will make Epiphany Visits to parishioners who want to have their homes blessed. A traditionally prepared home for the pastoral visit displays a white cloth on a table, upon which is placed crucifix, two candles, the Bible, holy water and chalk. If you would like to have your home blessed, please notify me at Church or call the Rectory Office. - Fr. Adam

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Joan Forman - P.O. Box 303, Hadley, MA 01035
Helen Golec - 71 State Street, Apt. 130, Northampton, MA 01060
John Lenkowski - 31 Denise Court, Northampton, MA 01060
Grace Mackiewicz - 9 Chestnut Street, #6, Amherst, MA 01002
Fr. Senior Joseph Soltysiak - 73 Main Street, Westfield, MA 01085
Rt. Rev. Thomas Gnat - 104 Naphin Hill Rd, Dunmore, PA 18512

*Please say a prayer for peace, comfort and healing for our sick sisters and brothers; send a card to them; if you can, participate in the **Holy Mass** celebrated in their intention every **Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** (except holidays when Holy Mass is celebrated at 6:00 p.m. - see bulletins).*



PASTORAL CARE AT HOME AND HOSPITAL

If you have a family member or friend at hospital or home unable to take part in Holy Mass and Sacraments, please notify Fr. Adam at 584-0133.



Holy Mass Schedule:

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Solemnities & Feasts - see bulletins

Daily - 10:00 a.m.

For Holy Mass intentions contact Fr. Adam after Sunday Holy Mass or anytime by phone (413) 584-0133.



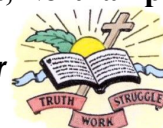
Sunday Church Bells

*of the St. Valentine's
Polish National Catholic Church*

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**Solemnity -
Baptism of our Lord
January 6, 2013**

**Uroczystość
Chrztu Pańskiego
6 Stycznia 2013**



"Embracing and Faithful God, from all eternity You have loved us and betrothed Yourself to us in fidelity. We are born of water and Your Spirit. You continue to penetrate our hearts and our world with freeing and enlightening justice. Just as Jesus was radically open to Your call and Your Spirit, let Your Spirit speak to us and penetrate our being. In Baptism, we are plunged into the death and life of Jesus - and his openness to You. You embraced him as Your beloved Son. Continue to hug him, and in the universal outreach of Your strong arms, embrace us as Your beloved daughters and sons. Your Baptism has given us a new destiny - a new identity - a new life. In Spirit us to continue the ongoing enfleshment of Your Son in our world. Shine within us as a light for others, revealing their dignity, and uplifting them from any oppression or darkness. Bathe us in Your favor."

Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord C

9:15 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer.

9:30 a.m. - Holy Mass - Traditional Rite - Mass Book, page 13.

Mass intention: For all parishioners living and dead.

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

Priest: 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."

All: He shows pity to the needy and the poor and saves the lives of the poor.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

GRADUAL (Isaiah 2:4)

Priest: He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks;

All: One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-38

ALLELUIA (Psalm 114:3-4)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: The sea beheld and fled; the Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs of the flock.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

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."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Questions:

1. John the Baptist was the middleman. He pointed back to Isaiah and forward to Jesus, connecting the whole plan. What or who are the "middlemen or women" who connect you with God? In what way are you a middle person?
2. Jesus stood in line with everyone else to be baptized. What does this tell you about him? Can you think of anything that God asks you to do that Jesus didn't experience in some way?

*Jesus, you came and stood alongside us,
waiting to go under water like everybody else.
It was as though you were a sinner in need of cleansing.
But you weren't.
The Father said in a loud voice:
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
O, Holy God the Trinity,
You stand with us, sinful as we are.
Make us holy through the waters of baptism.*



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: *Isaiah 62:1-5*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

Gospel: *John 2:1-11*



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Collection for the Seminary**
- there is a basket in the Church vestibule for this collection.
- **Potluck Brunch** - today following Holy Mass.
- **Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting:**
Monday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

