



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 11, 2026

## Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord

Wspomnienie Chrztu Pańskiego

January 11, 2026

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Entrance Hymn: V. 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.** V. 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.**

First reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Gradual: V. 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;. **R. One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.**

Epistle: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Intention: For śp. Susan Kornak (Koscinski).

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

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## Today's Music

- Entrance: R193, O Come All Ye Faithful.
- Gloria: R184, Hark The Herald
- Word of God: R185, Away In A Manger.
- Offertory: R206, We Three Kings.
- Communion: Little Drummer Boy (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R179, The First Noel.
- Recessional: R171, Joy To The World.

R=Red Hymnal, B=Blue Hymnal

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Giving Envelopes:** Your new envelopes are in the back of the church. Please take yours home. See Linda with any questions.
- **Clothing Donations:** Branch 56 of the YMSofR is once again collecting clothing donations to help those in need locally. Please take a form to report what you donated. Turn in the form today or as soon as possible. If you need help, the men will help.
- **Other reminders:** Chalk and incense were blessed on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. They are available for you to take home. Thank you to all who turned out. **Official Announcement: The Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, February 1st. There will be only one Holy Mass that day at 10am.**
- **YMSofR Dues for 2026 are now due. Please see Paul with you payment.**
- **We would like to take down** the manger and some of the Christmas decorations, today if possible. Trees will be taken down on Sunday, January 25th prior to PreLent.
- We join in prayer for the repose of Jerry G. Maiorano and Helen Spencer. Memory eternal!

**We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.**

*--- Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed ---*

*Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.*

We have been traveling with Jesus throughout this Christmas season. There's been a lot of journeys.

Heaven to earth, uncountable; Nazareth to Bethlehem for the Nativity, about 90 miles; Bethlehem to Jerusalem for the dedication and back, 12 miles; Bethlehem to Egypt, the flight, around 150 miles; Egypt to Nazareth, the return, around 240 miles; Nazareth to Jerusalem, the annual festival for twelve years, about 900 miles; and today, Nazareth to the Jordan, around 90 miles. From there He will travel into the desert to fast and pray. All told, that is about 1,482 miles.

Some estimates count Jesus' total travels at 15,000 miles. All on foot, all focused on one thing, bringing redemption,

salvation, and the opening of the eternal Kingdom for us.

Regardless of the Bible translation used, Jesus' journey to the Jordan is marked by a compelling draw from life at home to public ministry, to the work the Father had sent Him to do.

John knew his cousin Jesus, they traveled together as children. They spent time at family celebrations. More than just knowing Him, he realized by the light of the Holy Spirit that Jesus is the Messiah.

The man standing in the river with John is revealed to the world as God among us.

These are all interesting and wonderful things. If you like stats, a few you can put on recall for Bible trivia.

Our baptism was our time to emerge from the home into the ministry God is calling us to do. The call of the God-man Jesus is compelling. In our training and by the sacraments, the light of the Holy Spirit has shined in our lives to recognize what we have and what we must do.

The Father calls us to set out and to draw many to know, love, and serve Jesus. The Father asks us to hear His voice, experience the Holy Spirit, and walk as Jesus did.

The average person drives 14,263 miles per year, about as much as Jesus walked His entire earthly life. Let us continually remind ourselves of the mission we are on and what we are to do in our

baptismal travels.

### Memory Verse

*He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,*

**Titus 3:5**

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Ephesians 5:26  
MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 6:11  
TUESDAY: Isaiah 1:16  
WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 10:22  
THURSDAY: 21 Peter 3:21  
FRIDAY: Acts 22:16  
SATURDAY: Psalm 51:2

### Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, My baptism was the moment I made myself Yours, pledged to travel the various paths of my life with You alongside me. Grant that I may always walk in Your ways, do Your will, and bring others to the waters of regeneration. Amen.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepakowski, Joshua Moraski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Daniel & Julia Byrnes, Steve Snyder, Susan D'Ameco, Ed Sargalis, Chip, and all needing God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Andrew Tenu, Fr. Nadeem Yaqoob, Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All members of the Civil Air Patrol.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of San Juan Bautista parish, Chicago, IL.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

### Upcoming

- **January 11: Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- January 12: Food Pantry 3pm until 5pm.
- January 13 – 15: Fr. Jim in Scranton (tentative).
- **January 18: 2nd Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- January 19: Feast – Chair of St. Peter at Antioch (translated). Holy Mass at Noon. Week of prayer for Christian Unity Begins. Food Pantry 3pm until 5pm. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.
- January 20: Fr. Jim attends and speaks at Faith Rising, The Church's Response to Domestic Violence hosted by Roses From Ashes at the Loudonville Community Church from 9am until Noon.
- January 21 – 23: Holy Mass at Noon.
- **January 25: 3rd Ordinary Sunday. Music Scholarship Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**