



Saint John Paul II Parish

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The purpose of the Salvatorian is to strengthen, to defend and to spread the Catholic faith everywhere insofar as this is committed to it by Divine Providence. Therefore, by exercising this ecclesiastical teaching function in word and writing, it intends to achieve the end that all people might know more and more the one true God and Him whom He sent, Jesus Christ.

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January 13, 2019

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday:

4:30 PM at **St. Michael's Church**;

5:00 PM at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**

Sunday:

8:15 AM; 9:30 AM; 10:45 AM (Polish) & 12:15 PM;

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

9:30 AM (Italian) - **St. Michael's Church**

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM (English) & 8:00 AM, (Polish) [except Thursday]

Saturday: 7:30 AM (Polish) & 8:30 AM (English)

Tuesday 7:00 PM (English), Thursday 7:00 PM (Polish)

St. Michael's Church

8:00 AM (English) Monday – Friday

CONFESSIONS:

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Daily from Monday to Friday 7:30 AM, Saturday 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon; 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon; 1:00PM to 6:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon; 1:00PM to 3:00 PM

SATURDAY, January 12, 2019

4:30 PM (SM) + John Jezyk (Monica Burlacu)
5:00 PM + Charles Graham (Theresa & Frank Graham)

SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

8:15 AM + Henryk Porawski (Arlene & Jim Hunter)
9:30 AM + Robert Vetter (Chris Durak & family)
9:30 AM (SM) + Giovanni Deodato
(Antonio & Elisabetta Destito)
10:45 AM + Aleksander Lyp (Rodziny Nazaretanskie)
12:15 PM + Charles Graham
(Stephanie & Brian Suscavage)

MONDAY, January 14, 2019

7:00 AM + Jeanette Zientek (Mt. Carmel Seniors)
8:00 AM + Mario Szemiot (Stanley Skowronski)
8:00 AM (SM) ++ Grazia & Pietro Barberi
(sons, Nunzio, Mario & Antonio)

TUESDAY, January 15, 2019

7:00 AM + Susanna Slepak (Andrew J. Merkovsky)
8:00 AM ++ Edward & Janina Chorosz
(Borawski family)
8:00 AM (SM) For Parishioners
7:00 PM + Jose Ramos (Macon family)

WEDNESDAY, January 16, 2019

7:00 AM + Matthew Wernock (Florence & Ed Dobies)
8:00 AM + Aleksander Lyp (Romelezyk Family)
8:00 AM (SM) + Elizabeth Norton

THURSDAY, January 17, 2019

7:00 AM + Edward Suczewski (family)
8:00 AM (SM) + Sophie Vanderbeck
(Arlene & Jim Hunter)
7:00 PM (PI) + Richy Barrett (Ksepko Family)

FRIDAY, January 18, 2019

7:00 AM + Marian "Mario" Szemiot
(Florence & Ed Dobies)
8:00 AM + Richard Ciupa (Lidia & Margaret Pieczurko)
8:00 AM (SM) + Don Nicolo Mastrella
(Brother & family)

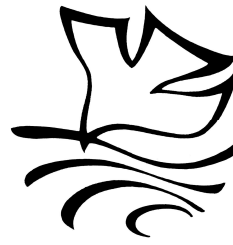
SATURDAY, January 19, 2019

7:30AM + Jan Cichowlaz (mama i brat)
8:30 AM + Theresa C. Kosakowski
(Daughters, Loraine, Joanne & Geri)

4:30 PM (SM) + David A. Henry (Sharon Reilly)
5:00 PM + Marian "Mario" Szemiot
(Mr. & Mrs. L Piscitelli & family)

SUNDAY, January 20, 2019

8:15 AM + Mario Szemiot (Teddy & Maria Zimny)
9:30 AM + Marian Szemiot (Michele & Henry Budny)
9:30 AM (SM) + Franca Saverino (Lucy Scarabaglio)
10:45 AM + Aleksander Lyp (Ewa & Michael Budny)
12:15 PM + Matthew Wernock (Christine Lipinsky)



The Baptism of The Lord

Sunday, January 13, 2019

*He saved us through the bath of
rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
— Titus 3:5*

Spiritual Offerings

January 13-19, 2019

SANCTUARY LAMP

Birthday Blessings for Theresa Tarantino
(Adoration Group)

SANCTUARY LAMP (St. Michael Church)

Special Intentions for Jane Carroll (Adoration Group)

SACRED HEART CANDLE

Special Intentions

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

In Memory of + Mary Ellen Scott
(Ludo & Maria Nolfo)

ST. JOHN PAUL II CANDLE

+ Rev. John Olszewski (Cindy)

ST. JOSEPH CANDLE

++ Jozef & Wieslaw Zielinski (family)

ST. JUDE CANDLE

Special Intentions

O.L OF THE ASSUMPTION CANDLE

Birthday blessings for Barbara Siwec
(Adoration Group)

Our Grateful Tithe to God:

January 6, 2019

Regular: \$ 7,372.00
Maintenance collection: \$3,347.00
Christmas collection : \$

**We thank all our parishioners for their generous
support of our parish!
Bóg Zapłać! Grazie!**



Sunday, January 13, 2019

Religious Education Class -9:15am

Monday, January 14, 2019

Ruch Rodzin Nazaretańskich - 7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Eucharistic Adoration -
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, St. Michael's Church

Saturday-Sunday, January 19-20, 2019

School Support Collection

Sunday January 20, 2019

CCD Family Mass-9:30 AM

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT
INFORMATION**

Due to numerous returned envelopes, we are requesting all parishioners to call the rectory to update your contact information such as address, apt/fl., phone and email to prevent mailing errors or not receiving your envelopes. Thank you.

Monthly Memorial Masses

Our Parish has a monthly Memorial Mass on the first Saturday of every month. Those enrolled are prayed for once a month for one year. A large decorative Mass card is available. Contact the Rectory for more details.



Tax Statements for 2018

We will provide a statement of your 2018 donations to St. John Paul II Parish upon request. Please contact the rectory (201)339-2070.



Thank you to all parishioners for their generous donations this Christmas!

We are extremely indebted to wonderful parishioners who made outstanding gifts to the parish this year.

**Our Christmas collection (to date) :
\$42,137.00**



**Would you like to help the Poor & Needy?
You can do so in two ways:**

1. As you are sorting out your winter clothes, bundle up those items (sweaters, slacks, shoes, shirts) that you no longer use and place them in the Catholic Charities Clothing Bin located behind our Convent building.
2. During the winter months, we distribute food cards to the homeless and needy on Monday mornings. We need McDonald's, Subway & Dunkin Doughnuts cards. (We can also use cash.) Please deposit the cards or cash donations in the wooden collection box located by the side entrance.

**The Right to Life March is Friday,
January 18, 2019, in
Washington, DC.**

If you are unable to attend, the march will be broadcast on EWTN (Channel 135 on Comcast.)
Join the marchers with your prayers

PODZIEKOWANIA!

Serdeczne podziękowania za ofiarę w wysokości \$771 złożoną podczas rekolekcji adwentowych. Ofiara ta została przeznaczona na Seminarium Duchowne Salwatorianów.
Bóg zapłać!

Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Chrzest Pański

W niedzielę po uroczystości Objawienia Pańskiego (w naszej tradycji bardziej rozpowszechniona jest nazwa święta Trzech Króli) przypada święto Chrztu Pana Jezusa. Zamyka ono okres świętowania Bożego Narodzenia. Najstarszej tradycji tego święta należy szukać w liturgii Kościoła wschodniego, ponieważ (pomimo wyraźnego udokumentowania w Ewangeliach) chrzest Jezusa nie posiadał w liturgii rzymskiej oddzielnego święta. Dekretem Świętej Kongregacji Obrzędów z 23 marca 1955 r. ustanowiono na dzień 13 stycznia, w miejsce dawnej oktawy Epifanii, wspomnienie chrztu Jezusa Chrystusa. Posoborowa reforma kalendarza liturgicznego w 1969 r. określiła ten dzień jako święto Chrztu Pańskiego. Pominięto wyrażenie "wspomnienie" i przesunięto jego termin na niedzielę po 6 stycznia.

Teksty modlitw związane ze świętem Chrztu Pańskiego odzwierciedlają bardzo dokładnie i szczegółowo przekazy Ewangelii. Podkreślają przy tym związek tego święta z uroczystością Epifanii, czyli Objawienia Pańskiego. Chrystus już jako dorosły, 30-letni mężczyzna, przychodzi nad brzeg Jordanu, by z rąk Jana Chrzciciela, swojego Poprzednika, przyjąć chrzest. Chociaż sam nie miał grzechu, nie odsunął się od grzesznych ludzi: wraz z nimi wstąpił w wody Jordanu, by dostąpić oczyszczenia. W ten sposób uświęcił wodę.

Najszczegółowiej to wydarzenie zrelacjonował nam św. Mateusz.

W dniu chrztu Jezus został przedstawiony przez swojego Ojca jako Syn posłany dla dokonania dzieła zbawienia. Misję Chrystusa potwierdza swym świadectwem Bóg Ojciec. Zamknięte przez grzech Adama niebiosy otwierają się, na Jezusa zstępuje Duch Święty. Z nieba daje się słyszeć jednoznaczny głos: **Tyś jest mój Syn umiłowany, w Tobie mam upodobanie.**

Il Battesimo del Signore

La festa del Battesimo di Gesù conclude il tempo liturgico del Natale e cade la domenica dopo la solennità dell'Epifania. I Padri della Chiesa dicevano che Gesù scendendo nelle acque del Giordano, ha idealmente santificato le acque di tutti i Battisteri; dal più semplice e moderno, posto all'ingresso delle chiese, a quelli che si innalzano a gloria imperitura del Sacramento

Il Battesimo - Lettera di un Parroco ai Genitori

Carissimi genitori, siete venuti in parrocchia per chiedere informazioni sul Battesimo. Permettetemi con questa lettera di dirvi **la gioia mia e della Chiesa per la nascita di vostro figlio!** Immagino la vostra vita in questo periodo e vi penso felicemente "stravolti" da questo evento. La nuova creatura vi riempie di gioia e vi chiede continuamente attenzione: tutto ora è diverso da prima.

Per me è una gioia sapere innanzitutto che vostro figlio è venuto al mondo **perché lo avete amato**. Non siete più quelli di prima, ora siete genitori. State donando voi stessi a questo bambino così bisognoso della vostra presenza. Proprio Gesù ci ha detto che «non c'è amore più grande di chi dà la vita»: voi state vivendo questo amore. Ed è una gioia ancora più grande perché chiedete per lui il Battesimo. Lo fate certamente perché avvertite che il bambino è nato non solo perché lo avete voluto, ma anche **perché Dio stesso lo ha pensato ed amato. Gesù è venuto a rivelarci il volto di Dio**, perché noi possiamo scoprire che questo bambino è figlio amato dal Padre. La mia gioia è anche quella *dell'intera Chiesa*. Come **ognuno di noi ha ricevuto la fede** - perché la fede non è nata con lui - così ora il dono del Vangelo può giungere anche a vostro figlio. Voglio assicurarvi subito, per questo, la mia preghiera e quella dell'intera comunità. Anche altre famiglie battezeranno insieme al vostro i loro bambini e questo ci aiuterà a comprendere che il Battesimo è un avvenimento che interessa tutta la Chiesa. Noi desideriamo aiutarvi nel sostenere la fatica della vostra **vocazione** di genitori.

Vi ricordo anche che **i padrini e le madrine** devono essere scelti tra le persone che avete care, **che vivono con coerenza e fedeltà la vita cristiana**. È necessario che abbiano ricevuto il sacramento della Cresima e, se sposati, che lo siano con il sacramento del Matrimonio cristiano. Ma è altrettanto importante che vivano con autenticità la fede e partecipino alla vita della Chiesa, altrimenti non potrebbero aiutarvi pienamente nell'educazione cristiana dei figli.

Attendiamo allora il giorno del Battesimo con vera gioia. Spero che questo cammino sia anche l'inizio di un'amizizia tra noi. Durante l'anno vi inviteremo ad alcuni momenti di incontro e di festa per continuare a condividere la bellezza di essere genitori cristiani ed aiutarci a vivere bene questa missione.

January 17th St. Anthony the Abbot

Anthony "the Great", the "Father of Monks", ranks with those saints whose life exercised a profound influence upon succeeding generations. He was born in Middle Egypt (about 250) of distinguished parents. After their untimely deaths, he dedicated himself wholly to acts of mortification.

One day while in church he heard the words of the Gospel: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor" (Matt. 19:21). It seemed as if Christ had spoken to him personally, giving a command he must obey. Without delay he sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and went into the desert (about 270). When overcome by fatigue, his bed was the hard ground. He fasted rigorously, ate only bread and salt, and drank only water. Nor would he take food before sundown; at times he passed two days without any nourishment. Often, too, he spent whole nights in prayer.

The saint suffered repeatedly from diabolical attacks, but these merely made him more steadfast in virtue. He would encourage his disciples in their struggle with the devil with such words: "Believe me; the devil fears the vigils of pious souls, and their fastings, their voluntary poverty, their loving compassion, their humility, but most of all their ardent love of Christ our Lord. As soon as he sees the sign of the Cross, he flees in terror." He died in 356 on Mount Kolzin by the Red Sea, 105 years old. A year later his friend, the fearless bishop and confessor St. Athanasius, wrote his biography, which for centuries became the classic handbook of ascetics. As seen by St. Anthony, the purpose of asceticism is not to destroy the body but to bring it into subjection, re-establishing man's original harmonious integrity, his true God-given nature. St. Anthony lived in solitude for about twenty years. "His was a perfectly purified soul. No pain could annoy him, no pleasure bind him. In him was neither laughter nor sadness. The sight of the crowd did not trouble him, and the warm greetings of so many men did not move him. In a word, he was thoroughly immune to the vanities of the world, like a man unswervingly governed by reason, established in inner peace and harmony."