



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.

Kenneth Woolley, Mirosław Szyperek - *Trustees*
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Safe Environment Coordinator
Dayle Vander Sande, *Music Minister*



Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday:

4:30 PM at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**

Sunday:

7:30 AM; 8:30AM (Italian) 9:45 AM; 11:00 AM (Polish) & 12:30PM;

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM, (Polish) [except Thursday] & 9:30 AM (English)

Saturday: 8:00 AM (Polish) & 9:30 AM (English)

Tuesday 6:00 PM (English), Thursday 6:00 PM (Polish)

CONFESSIONS:

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Daily from Monday to Friday after morning Masses (by request) Saturday after 9:30AM Mass

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

BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are held on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year.

Register by calling the Rectory.

CONFESSION:

Daily from Monday to Friday after morning Masses (by request) Saturday after 9:30AM Mass

MARRIAGE:

Arrangement must be made with one of the priests at least six months before the date of the wedding. Confirm desired date at the church before making other arrangements.

At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered and active parishioner of St. John Paul II Parish. Weddings are not scheduled on Sunday.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the Rectory.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

(RCIA) The RCIA is the process the Church uses to form and inform those who want to "inquire" about the Catholic faith. This process is for those who have never been baptized, baptized adults needing Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, and those of other faiths who feel called to become Catholic. Is God calling you? If so, please call the Parish Office @ 201-339-2070

SPONSOR CERTIFICATE AND LETTER OF GOOD STANDING

The purpose of a sponsor certificate is for the individual (sponsor) to aid the candidate in leading a Christian life in a manner that faithfully fulfills the obligations of Catholic faith. To do this, the individual must be living the Catholic faith. The certificate is a sworn statement that attest you are actively attending mass, practice the catholic faith, and have received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. Therefore, if you are not a registered parishioner of this this parish, you will not be able to be a sponsor. If you wish to become a parishioner, then you must register and wait a three-month period before we give you the certificate. Completing the Sacraments in this parish does not qualify you to receive a sponsor certificate.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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.

CHRZTY:

Chrzty odbywają się w soboty i niedziele. Rejestracja w kancelarii parafialnej.

SPOWIEDŹ :

Od poniedziałku do piątku po porannych Mszach św. (na życzenie) w sobotę po porannej Mszy Sw. o godzinie 9:30

ŚLUBY:

Narzeczeni powinni zgłosić się do księdza na 6 miesięcy przed datą planowanego ślubu.

Prosimy potwierdzić datę w kościele przed podjęciem innych ustaleń. Przynajmniej jedno z narzeczonych (lub ich rodzice) musi być zarejestrowanym i aktywnym parafianinem św Jana Pawła II. Śluby nie odbywają się w niedzielę.

SAKRAMENT NAMASZCZENIA CHORYCH:

Prosimy zadzwonić do kancelarii parafialnej.

INFORMACJE:

1. Wszelkie zaświadczenia stwierdzające że dana osoba jest wierząca i praktykująca a tym samym, że może być Rodzicem Chrzestnym, Świadkiem do Sakramentu Bierzmowania (oraz inne zaświadczenia) będą wydawane w kancelarii parafialnej po trzech miesiącach przynależenia do wspólnoty parafialnej i wywiązaniu się z powziętych zobowiązań wobec parafii.
2. Wszyscy katolicy z naszej parafii, mają obowiązek uczestniczenia w niedzielnych i świątecznych Mszach św. oraz wspierania swojej parafii poprzez składanie ofiar na kościół. Status parafianina/parafianki Parafii Jana Pawła II otrzymuje osoba, która ma ukończony 21 rok życia i niezależnie od tego, czy zamieszkuje z rodzicami czy też samotnie, podlega zobowiązaniom wynikającym z przynależności do rodziny parafialnej.
3. Rodziny, które zmieniły adres zamieszkania, proszone są o poinformowanie kancelarii parafialnej, w celu aktualizacji danych adresowych.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, January 9, 2021

4:30 PM + Genevieve Roszkowski
(Eileen & David Ascough)

SUNDAY, January 3, 2021

7:30 AM + Krzysztof Kubiak
8:30 AM (It.) + Giovanni Deodato
(Antonio & Elisabetta Destito)
9:45 AM + Pat Downes (Carol Whaselsky)
11:00 AM ++ Frank, Jadwiga & Julian
Slowikowski (Córka z rodzina)
12:30 PM ++ Chester & Adelaide Mikolajczak
(Daughter Mary Anne)

MONDAY, January 11, 2020

8:00 AM ++ Mieczyslaw & Hieronima Rawa
(Córka z rodziną)
9:30 AM + Adele Rosciszewski (Family)

TUESDAY, January 12, 2021

8:00 AM + Robert Zietek (Kazimai Family)
9:30 AM ++ Pietro & Grazia Barberi
(Sons, Nunzio, Mario & Antonio)
6:00 PM + Nellie Matlosz (Donna Laden)

WEDNESDAY, January 13, 2020

8:00 AM + Waclaw Chojnowski
(Rodzina Szydłowski)
9:30 AM + Henry Porawski
(Arlene & Jim Hunter)

THURSDAY, January 14, 2021

9:30 AM + Teresa Capogna
(Samiha Shenouda)
6:00 PM + Richard Barrett (Irena Ksepko)

FRIDAY, January 15, 2021

8:00 AM For Parishioners
9:30 AM + Joseph J. Jaros, Sr.
(Joseph Jaros, Jr.)

SATURDAY, January 16, 2021

8:00 AM + Robert Zietek
(Rodzina Mazurkiewicz)
9:30 AM + Susanna Slepak
(Andrev J. Merkovsky)
4:30 PM ++ Mary & Walter Romelczyk
(Family)

SUNDAY, January 17, 2020

7:30 AM + Virginia Ruth Peel
(Daughter & Family)
8:30 AM (It.) ++ Felicia & Andre Novembrino
(Richard & Maria Sucato)
9:45 AM + Sophie Vanderbeck
(Jim & Arlene Hunter)
11:00 AM + Hieronim Czepielewski
(Irena Ksepko)
12:30 PM + Janet Knoop Albrecht (Audrey Knoop)

**Those of you who are still unable to attend Mass
are encourage to follow Mass on line or on TV:
Watch our Parish Mass on Facebook
(under St. John Paul II Parish, Bayonne)
at 9:45 AM on Sundays.**

Spiritual Offering, January 10-16, 2021

INFANT OF PRAGUE CANDLE

++ Rosciszewski & Susek Families

SACRED HEART CANDLE

Health Blessings for McCarthy Family (Grandma)

DIVINE MERCY CANDLE

Health Blessings for Angela & Jay Reynolds
(Mom)

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

+ Janet J. Albrecht (Sister Audrey)

O. L OF CZESTOCHOWA CANDLE

+ Franco Amato (Alessi Family)

ST. ANTHONY CANDLE

In Thanksgiving

ST. FRANCIS CANDLE

+ Lucille Gerardi (Rose, Lisa & Teresa, ASLS)

ST. JOHN PAUL II CANDLE

Health Blessings for Mrs. Janis Levine

ST. JOSEPH CANDLE

+ Marge Mierzejewski (Pat Suckiel)

ST. STANISLAUS CANDLE

Special Blessings

ST. THERESA CANDLE

Health Blessings for Mrs. Roselyn Felstein

O.L. OF THE ASSUMPTION CANDLE

+ Franco Amato (Alessi Family)



Saturday - Sunday, January 9 - 10, 2021
Communicating God's Word Collection

Wednesday, January 13, 2021
Eucharistic Adoration -
After 9:30 AM Mass to 5:00 PM
O.L. of Mount Carmel Church

Saturday - Sunday, January 16 - 17, 2021
Parish Assessment Collection

- PAST WEEK -

**Grant eternal rest and let perpetual light
shine upon the souls of:**

+ Allen Jaskovsky, age 70



December 27, 2020

Regular: \$4,292.00
Second Collection: \$2,066.00
(Utilities)

Total: \$6,358.00

January 3, 2021

Regular: \$5,544.00
Second Collection: \$1,956.00
(Maintenance)

Total: \$7,500.00

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

**A special Thank you to those who
faithfully send in their envelopes each week
through the mail.**



**Thank you
to all parishioners and our friends 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) :
\$39,209.00**

Tax Statements for 2020

We will provide a statement of your 2020 donations
to St. John Paul II Parish upon request.
Please contact the rectory
(201)339-2070.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Our parish church is totally dependent upon your
financial support and generosity. Without your
generosity we as a parish church could not
function. Unfortunately it takes money and we must
pay the bills like any other household,
the only difference is that we are much,
much bigger.

Please be generous with God's given treasure
in supporting your parish church. Please consider
tithing (5% of your income) if you have not done so
in the past.

The Good Lord reward you for your
generosity and sacrifice.

YEARLY INTENTION CANDLES

We have available year-long Intention candles as a
Memorial for deceased loved ones or Prayers for the
living. The decorative glass sheath with gold
intention plate may be placed at any of the red
votive candle stands. Those who ordered candles
will find them at the designated stands.

Reflections for the week

In the context of today's Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, it is worth noting that Jesus does not undertake His mission by marching out to the streets of the world right away. Before being baptized and starting public ministry, He goes to the desert, devoting Himself to prayer and trial. In the desert, Jesus is tempted and His mission matures when He is confronted with an evil spirit. Only then will He begin to preach and bear witness to the Father. Perhaps there is a hint in all this for us, so that our activity should not stand out in the foreground, that it should not only be superficial. Our actions should also flow from meditation, contemplation and focus on prayer. We also need or will need strength to fight the evil one.

The Baptism in Jordan that we celebrate today, is somehow a prefiguration of that "baptism of death" through which Jesus passes on the cross, and consequently becomes the basis of our own baptism. It is exactly as St. Paul wrote to the Romans, "we have been buried with Him through baptism into death" and we will also rise to a new life by the power of His resurrection. Today's Solemnity, therefore, is a direct announcement of what awaits us during Easter. Let us ask God today that we will always consciously draw from the power of our baptism in everything we do. This source of grace has left us with an irremovable seal. It tells us that we belong to Christ. Let us pray today that Christ will fill not only our prayer and our religious life, but also that He will enter our mutual relationships, awaken our consciences and strengthen our sense of responsibility for the created world, for everything that surrounds us.



Refleksją na tydzień

W kontekście obchodzonej dzisiaj uroczystości Chrztu Pańskiego warto zauważyć, że Jezus nie podejmuje swojej misji wychodząc z marszu na ulice świata. Zanim przyjmie chrzest i rozpocznie publiczną działalność udaje się na pustynię, oddając się tym samym modlitwie i próbie. Na pustyni Jezus jest kuszony, a Jego misja dojrzewa w konfrontacji ze złym duchem. Dopiero potem zacznie głosić i dawać świadectwo o Ojcu. Być może jest w tym wszystkim jakaś wskazówka i dla nas, żeby i nasza aktywność nie wybijała się na pierwszy plan, żeby nie była tylko powierzchowna. Nasze czyny też powinny wypływać z medytacji i skupienia na modlitwie. Też potrzebujemy lub będziemy potrzebować sił do walki ze złym duchem. Właśnie Chrzest w Jordanie, który dzisiaj wspominamy jest niejako prefiguracją owego "chrztu śmierci", przez który Jezus przechodzi na krzyżu i który konsekwentnie staje się podstawą naszego chrztu. Jest dokładnie tak, jak mówi nam św. Paweł, "przez chrzest zanurzający nas w śmierć zostaliśmy razem z Nim pogrzebani" i mocą Jego Zmartwychwstania powstaniemy do nowego życia. Dzisiejsze święto zatem, zamykając okres Bożego Narodzenia, stanowi bezpośrednią zapowiedź tego, co czeka nas w okresie wielkanocnym. Prośmy dzisiaj Boga, abyśmy we wszystkim co robimy, świętym adomie czerpali z mocy naszego chrztu. To źródło odcisnęło w nas nieusuwalną pieczęć przynależności do Chrystusa. Módlmy się, aby Chrystus wypełniał nie tylko naszą modlitwę i nasze życie religijne, ale żeby wkroczył także w nasze wzajemne relacje, obudził nasze sumienia i umocnił w nas poczucie odpowiedzialności za stworzony świat, za wszystko co nas otacza.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIRST RECONCILIATION

January 16, 2021

Jaiden Cruz
Francesca DeAngelo
Aria Jamilano
Michael Largmann
Jonathan Matechak
Riley Kate O'Connor
Maria Parrel
Nicholo Parrel
Jake Pelingon
Andrew Serafin
Zofia Slawek-De Oliveira
Charles Smith



"Going to confession is about going to meet with our Father who pardons us, who forgives us and who rejoices." - Pope Francis

ANNO DI SAN GIUSEPPE
8 Dicembre 2020 - 8 Dicembre 2021

Abbiamo bisogno di te, San Giuseppe!

Dalla Lettera Apostolica "Patris corde" di Papa Francesco:

«In San Giuseppe, Gesù ha visto la tenerezza di Dio, quella che ci fa accogliere la nostra debolezza, perché è attraverso e nonostante la nostra debolezza che si realizza la maggior parte dei disegni divini. Solo la tenerezza ci salverà dall'opera del Maligno».

«**Tutti possono trovare in San Giuseppe**, l'uomo che passa inosservato, l'uomo della presenza quotidiana, discreta e nascosta, un intercessore, un sostegno e una guida nei momenti di difficoltà. San Giuseppe ci ricorda che tutti coloro che stanno apparentemente nascosti o in seconda linea hanno un protagonismo senza pari nella storia della salvezza. A tutti loro va una parola di riconoscimento e di gratitudine».

«**Il mondo ha bisogno di padri, rifiuta i padroni**, rifiuta cioè chi vuole usare il possesso dell'altro per riempire il proprio vuoto; rifiuta coloro che confondono autorità con autoritarismo, servizio con servilismo, confronto con oppressione, carità con assistenzialismo, forza con distruzione». Un Padre consapevole che rinuncia alla tentazione di «vivere la vita dei figli», spalanca spazi all'inedito, commenta il Papa: «**Ogni figlio porta sempre con sé un mistero**, un inedito che può essere rivelato solo con l'aiuto di un padre che rispetta la sua libertà. Un padre consapevole di completare la propria azione educativa e di vivere pienamente la paternità solo quando si è reso 'inutile', quando vede che il figlio diventa autonomo e cammina da solo sui sentieri della vita».

Per celebrare quest'Anno la **Penitenzieria Apostolica** concede fino all'8 dicembre 2021 speciali indulgenze per via dell'Anno di San Giuseppe: «*Tutti i fedeli avranno così la possibilità di impegnarsi, con preghiere e buone opere, per ottenere con l'aiuto di San Giuseppe, capo della celeste Famiglia di Nazareth, conforto e sollievo dalle gravi tribolazioni umane e sociali che oggi attanagliano il mondo contemporaneo*».

Understanding the Bible

The Bible is all around us. People hear Scripture readings in church. We have Good Samaritan (Luke 10) laws, welcome home the Prodigal Son (Luke 15), and look for the Promised Land (Exodus 3, Hebrews 11). Some biblical passages have become popular maxims, such as "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you (Matthew 7:12)," "Thou shalt not steal (Exodus 20:15), and "love thy neighbor" (Matthew 22:39).

Today's Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the bible.

Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

Bible reading is for Catholics. The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.

Prayer is the beginning and the end. Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.

Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition. A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an imprimatur notice on the back of the title page. An imprimatur indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.

The Bible isn't a book. It's a library. The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.

Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't. The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.

The sum is greater than the parts. Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.

The Old relates to the New. The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.

You do not read alone. By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.

What is God saying to me? The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?

Reading isn't enough. If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective."(Hebrews 4:12).