

## GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

Luke 2:8-14

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 27, 2015

### Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 27, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 39, Canon, page 52.

First reading: Jeremiah 31:10-14

Psalm: Ps 97:1,6,11,12

**A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us**

Epistle: Titus 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

Intention: 9:30 – śp. Mary Dzięgiel offered by Stephanie and Bob Dominy.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Fr. Jim, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (PNCC Rite), Blessing of Wine.
- Coffee Hour
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (PNCC Rite), Blessing of Wine.

### Feast of the Holy Family Święto Świętej Rodziny

January 3, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 15, Canon, page 28.

First reading: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

Psalm: 128:1-5

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Intention: 9:30 – for our parish and vocations.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Traditional Rite)
- Coffee Hour, SOCL
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63/Canon, pg. 77)

*But we must not simply believe in Christ Jesus nor receive Him as one of the many who are improperly called Christs. For they were figurative Christs, but He is the true Christ; not having risen by advancement from among men to the Priesthood, but ever having the dignity of the Priesthood from the Father. And for this cause the Faith guarding us beforehand lest we should suppose Him to be one of the ordinary Christs, adds to the profession of the Faith, that we believe In One Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son of God. – St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

**Sick Calls and Hospital Visits** – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Father Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944. You may also call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518- 437-1889.

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### Upcoming...

- **December 27: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds/Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am with wine blessing.**
- **December 30: Bible study at 7:30pm**
- **January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision. Holy Mass at 9:30am. HAPPY 2016!**
- **January 2: Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus – Holy Mass at 4pm.**
- **January 3: Feast of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord. Holy Mass with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense at 7pm.**
- **January 10: Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 17: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 18: Feast – St. Peter's Chair in Antioch, Martin Luther King Day. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm**

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 by intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

## Let's hurry up – part 2

*The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.*

Last week we heard that Mary had hastened to care for her kinswoman, Elizabeth. This hastened journey was part of a long line of journeying that had occurred throughout salvific history.

Like Mary, we are urged to faithfully journey toward Christ. We were asked, as part of our Advent preparation, to show forth our acceptance of God's will and the great joy that comes from His service.

Now the Christ child is among us – with Christmas joy – reborn in our hearts. We are now asked to show forth a new perspective and a refreshed sense of happiness and peace.

Today we hear that the shepherds were the first to hear of Jesus' coming. They had a choice. They could remain where they were or they could take up the journey. They immediately responded by setting out on a journey to Bethlehem. "Let us go over to Bethlehem..."

The coming of Jesus was not the end of journeying, but the start of a new journey – the most important and magnificent one of all – to true joy.

These humble shepherds had the first opportunity to respond. They were extraordinarily humble people who had been extraordinarily blessed. They could have focused on the place where they were, where they existed, but instead they got up to

go – to take the journey to Jesus – the source of all that is extraordinary.

Like these humble shepherds we have an opportunity. We can maintain our ordinary lives and get by. We can stay where we are and attend to the shepherding of our work, laundry, child rearing, shopping and so on, or become extraordinary shepherds. To become extraordinary shepherds, we like the humble shepherds must set out on the journey to make known the saying which had been told concerning this child.

That does not mean that we get out of our work, laundry, child rearing, shopping and so on but that it in all those things we have the opportunity to spread the joy of the Great Shepherd. Each task and each trip will be a new opportunity to live joyfully in Jesus.

It has been said that we idealize the past and dream of a perfect future. If we take up the journey, each day will be extraordinarily joyful.

*Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,*

1 Peter 1:8

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 15:13

MONDAY: Philippians 4:4

TUESDAY: Galatians 5:22

WEDNESDAY: John 16:24

THURSDAY: James 1:2-4

FRIDAY: Romans 14:17

SATURDAY: 1 Thessalonians 5:16

## Pray

Lord Jesus, fill me with joy anew and grant that I may spread Your joy in extraordinary ways every day.

## St. John's Wine Blessing

Today we bless wine on the Commemoration of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist. John stood by Jesus through all and was saved from martyrdom on many occasions including one in which his wine had been poisoned. May we all stand faithfully by Jesus through all.

## A Season of 40 Days

The Christmas Season has just begun (yes, really). Let us make a special effort to celebrate Jesus' coming with true joy for each of its forty days (i.e., until February 2nd). Note the various observances of the season in our calendar. If you would like to have your home blessed after the Solemnity of the Epiphany, please see Fr. Jim to set up a time. All home blessings must be concluded prior to Ash Wednesday, February 10th.

## Food Collection – Thank You and...

Our November and December food collection delivered over 166 pounds of food to Schenectady Inner City Ministries (SICM). We will begin a new food and money collection for Souper Bowl Sunday, February 7th. Souper Bowl Sunday supports local charities feeding the hungry. Bless you!!!

## Christmas Schedule

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## Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

We have sent out tickets for next February's Outrageous Valentine's raffle. Prizes total \$1,220. Each entry gives one multiple chances to win. Every time someone wins, their ticket is placed 'back in the bucket.' Daily prizes are \$40 and the Valentine's Day prize is \$100. Thank you for supporting this effort, which pays for our summer youth programs – Kurs and CONVO.

## Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. Please stop by and join is to support this new ministry. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, December 30th.

## Holy Mass Intentions

Reminder... you can ask Father Jim to offer Holy Mass for any intention. Just see Fr. Jim and let him know what you want.

## FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is January 17th. Please be sure to continue to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake every month. There is no cost or charge for this meal. This service opens our home to all in need of a little company, a warm meal, and the love of Christ. Our free lunch on Sunday program is on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Of note...

## Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzynski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Dennis, Donnie Wright.

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Jelenia Góra, Poland and its pastor Rev. Jan Belniak.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour is held every week after 9:30am Holy Mass. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week. If you can, please help out.

**Parish Organizations:** Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS – Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

--- Please think of inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus ---