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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 28, 2014

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 28, 2014

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

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: śp. Edward Panfil offered by Jim & Dorothy Morrison.

Celebrant: 9:30am Rev. James Konicki,

Lector: Marilyn Hietala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Holy Mass at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour

Feast of the Holy Family Święto Świętej Rodziny

January 4, 2015

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

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

Psalm: Ps 128:1-5

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

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Intention: śp. Edward Panfil offered by Stanley Podkulski.

Celebrant: 9:30am Rev. James Konicki

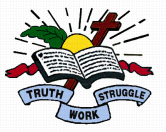
Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Holy Mass at 9:30am (Traditional Rite)
- Coffee Hour
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

Do not cease then to pay down this goodly debt, which has a twofold pleasure. For those who pay, and those who receive, derive equal enjoyment, inasmuch as they are both alike enriched by the payment; which in the case of money is an impossibility, for there the one who pays becomes poorer, and only the man who has received is richer. But this is not what commonly happens in the covenant of love. For he who pays it is not less bereft of it, as in the case of money when it is transferred to the receiver; but payment of love makes him who pays richer than before. – St. John Chrysostom

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 28: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds**
- **December 31: New Year's Eve**
- **January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision. Holy Mass at 9:30am. Happy 2015**
- **January 2: Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus. Holy Mass at 7pm**
- **January 4: Feast of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am**
- **January 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord. Holy Mass with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense at 7pm.**
- **January 11: Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am**
- **January 18: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Free lunch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins**

Getting even busier.

"Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands afar off; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.'"

Today we celebrate a special day within our Holy Church. Uniquely, we celebrate this Solemnity in honor of the humble shepherds that God chose to first hear word of His Son's coming among us. He chose these simple shepherds, who were generally outcasts from society, to not just hear of His Son's birth, but then to go forth and proclaim it to all: *And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child.*

In these days after the celebration of the Solemnity of the Nativity we may be tempted to relax a bit. The hustle-bustle

seems to have died down a bit, yet if we look at our Church's calendar we will notice that we are just getting started. That's what happened to the shepherds. Their mission was just starting that night in Bethlehem. They recognized the preciousness and joy of the Lord's birth and then got busy.

Getting busy means that we too recognize the meaning and import of the tremendous joy that is the coming of the Lord. This requires two things, two kinds of busyness.

We must keep this solemn season before our eyes and in our hearts. Jesus' coming was not a one-time event. His coming as man marks only a beginning. He constantly stands before our doors, always knocking, asking that we allow Him to enter our homes and our lives. We have to get busy in answering the door. We need to open ourselves to Him and carry out His will for us. We have to recognize that His coming again

remains immanent. We have to get busy in making His presence known to those who are not hearing the knock, who do not recognize it.

We must also respond in a special way, particularly the men among us. We encourage them to get busy in answering Jesus' special call, for He needs those men to go out, as those humble shepherds did. Jesus is knocking and they are being called to make *known the saying which had been told them concerning this child.*

Our Holy Church is so blessed for we are not a Church at rest. Right here, in our community, we are busy working diligently at making the Lord's coming known. We have among us those humble shepherds who have responded with joy to the Lord's call to be busy about the work of the Lord as bishops, priests, and deacons. Let us give thanks for God's tremendous blessings to our community and our Holy Church, for all who commit their lives to being busy about the Lord's work.

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 10:11

MONDAY: 1 Peter 2:25

TUESDAY: Proverbs 27:23

WEDNESDAY: 1 Timothy 3:1

THURSDAY: Revelation 7:17

FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 4:5

SATURDAY: Acts 26:16

Pray

Lord, grant that we may see You alone as our Chief Shepherd. Send forth many to serve Your people as good and loyal shepherds.

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

The Sunday after Christmas is one of the unique feast days of our Church: the Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds. God chose the humble shepherds of Bethlehem to be the first ones to hear of Jesus' birth. We embrace the message that Christ comes for all people, especially the poor and marginalized of society, and that all are called to be His witnesses. Also on this day we will offer sacred vocation prayers for the shepherds of our church, the clergy.

Food Collection

Our annual holiday food collection amounted to 638lbs of food – more than a quarter ton of food. Dorothy Morrison worked to collect 273lbs of that amount donated in lieu of grab bag gifts at the Elks Auxiliary Christmas party that she hosted. The food was donated in the name of our parish to SICM. God bless you for your generosity and care for those in need in our local area.

The Holy Name of Jesus

January 2nd marks the annual celebration of the Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus. Our parish was established and dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. Join us on January 2nd at 7pm for Holy Mass in celebration of our patronal feast. Let us always honor and praise the Holy Name of Jesus in all we do – in our witness to His Holy Name and our mutual affection, fellowship, love, and charity.

Epiphany Home Blessings

Father Jim is available to visit your home for Epiphany home blessings starting January 7th. Just call Father Jim to set up a time.

Thank YOU!!!!!!!!!!

On behalf of Renee, Adam, Victoria and myself, I thank everyone who remembered us at Christmas. Your cards, gifts and well wishes are very much appreciated by the entire family. May God bless all of you as we continue to celebrate the birth of the Child Savior. Also a huge thanks to all who assisted in preparing for and welcomed our Bishop and for our parents who prepared their children for Confirmation. Thank you too to all who assisted in making the parish so beautiful for Christmas.

Reminders

1. Our Outrageous Valentines Raffle is underway. Please remember to sell tickets and join in to support of our youth.
2. Parish Membership requires the payment of annual dues which support the larger Church, our Diocese, and our Parish. Dues are now \$137 per year for adult members, \$112 for seniors 65 and over.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is today. 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, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Stanley Radzysinski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, Deb Couns, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Edward Glover, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Alyssa DePaula, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Jeremy Fish, Helen Pasiak, Pat Bruno, Bishop Bernard, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski.

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- 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
- 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 St. Isidore's Parish, Turobin, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Henryk Mielcarz.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is held after worship each Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week!

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 inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus for Christmas