



## While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 30, 2012

### Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 30, 2012

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

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: For all bishops, priests, and deacons in the PNCC and for an increase in vocations.

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Deacon Jim

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour – please join us.
- 1st Monthly Soup on Sunday 11:30-1:30

### Solemnity of the Epiphany Uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego

January 6, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal, 11:00 Pew Missal, page 63

First reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: 72:1-2,7-8,10-13

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Epistle: Ephesians 3:2,3,5,6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Intention: For all who journey to seek the Lord

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Celebrant: 11am Rev. Mark Gnidzinski

Lector: 11am Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes
- Holy Mass at 11am. Blessing of chalk & incense, Exposition and Benediction

**Sick Calls and Hospital Visits** – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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### Upcoming...

- December 30: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds/1st Monthly Soup on Sunday at 11:30am
- January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision, Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 10am
- January 2: Solemnity of the Holy Name, Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 7:30pm
- January 6: Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord
- January 13: Solemnity - Baptism of the Lord
- January 18:-25: Week of prayer for Christian Unity
- January 20: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- January 27: Septuagesima Sunday, 2nd Soup on Sunday
- February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation
- February 3: Sexagesima Sunday

## He called, they and I answered

*"I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, says the LORD."*

There are several very good reasons for our Church to have established this special Solemnity, that of the Humble Shepherds.

Our initial thoughts go to the remembrance of those men, who kept watch over their flocks by night, to whom the angel first appeared to announce the good news of the Lord's birth.

Since God deigned to provide first news of His birth to these men, the Holy Church should rightly honor them and their witness to His coming. The community of the Church, each of us, should also take after their

example by listening, responding, and taking action.

Next, our thoughts should go to those men around us that God continues to speak to and through. They work among us as leaders. They draw us to the goodness of the Lord. These are the shepherds among us; they are the bishops, priests, and deacons of our Holy Church.

What does it mean to be such a shepherd?

Like the shepherds on that hillside, today's shepherds must listen. Listening is difficult, especially if the one speaking to you doesn't use the phone, Facebook, E-mail, texting, or smoke signals. His word comes in very subtle ways, and they seem easy to set aside and ignore. Yet, if we dare to listen, we will hear Him speaking to us, setting forth a vital mission and challenge that we need to take on.

Like those shepherds, today's responded and went. They left

everything they thought they might be behind. They went to be what He wants them to be. Whether drafted, or going voluntarily (even reluctantly sometimes), they still chose to respond. They didn't sit on the hillside wondering, "What if?" They didn't miss the chance.

Also like the shepherds that went that night, they took something away with them, the experience of meeting the Lord who challenges us, who supports us, who is our best friend and confidant. They met Him and were changed in that meeting. They then took what they learned, and with the Lord's help went out on mission, to build the Church, to gather co-workers, and to build family and community.

They lead because they have heard and seen abundantly. They tell others, many of who are astonished and do not accept their word. Those that do hear, who may also be astonished at first, but who then follow by listening, responding and taking action themselves are God's witnesses in the world.

*But as for you, teach what befits sound doctrine.*

Titus 2:1

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Timothy 3:1

MONDAY: 1 Peter 2:25

TUESDAY: Isaiah 40:11

WEDNESDAY: John 10:4

THURSDAY: Hebrews 13:17

FRIDAY: James 5:4

SATURDAY: 1 Thessalonians 5:13

## Pray

Lord Jesus, I praise and thank You for sending us good shepherds to lead Your Church.

## School of Christian Living

We have an active and on-going Confirmation, First Communion and SOCL classes. Thank you to our parents for supporting the program. Sign-ups can be done at any time – it is never too late to learn.

## Epiphany Home Blessings

We continue the wonderful tradition of offering home visits and blessings for those who would like them. Blessing of the homes will take place starting Monday, January 7th through Tuesday, February 12th. It is an ancient custom for Christians to have their homes blessed in relation to the feast of the Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Wisemen to the house of the Holy Family. Please see Deacon Jim to set aside a time.

## Envelops Available

God bless you for your generosity and support of our parish. Donation envelopes for 2013 have arrived and are available in the back of the church. Each packet is marked with a family name. Please take your packet home and avail yourself of these envelopes in the coming year. Doing so allows the parish to provide you with a statement for accounting and income tax purposes.

## Parish Offices

Our annual congregation meeting will be held in January along with the election of a new Parish Committee. So much good has been accomplished in 2012 – and it will be a great meeting filled with thankfulness for the many blessings we have experienced - especially for the blessing of having you in our family of faith!!! If you or someone you know would like to be part of the leadership team, please write your name, theirs, or better yet, both of yours down along with the office (Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, Trustee) you would like to run for and drop them in the collection basket in an envelope marked nominations.

Anyone may attend the annual meeting to share in the information provided, but please note that only parish members may cast a vote or run for office.

## Hey, SOUP!!!

We welcome all those who have come to visit us on our first ever "Soup on Sunday." We will be holding this event on the last Sunday of every month as a means of outreach and ministry to our local community. Our parish motto is "A small church on a small street with a big and welcoming heart." Having a welcoming heart is not just about giving someone food, but offering a bit of ourselves, a warm handshake; a clean, well lit place to spend time and experience some fellowship and company; and open doors at any time. You are important to us: For each person is a reflection of God's love and of the precious humanity He has given each of us.

Of note...

## Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, 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 Cousins, 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, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, John Humme, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Prime Bishop Emeritus Robert Nemkovich, George Damouni, Kindlon Family, Carolyn Walker, Chris, James McGrath, Larry Alfred, Brian Soos, Bonesteel Family; Bill VanShufflin

- 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 who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: St. John the Baptist Parish, Frackville, PA its congregation and pastor Rev. Robert Plichta.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour is back. Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every 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 Deacon Jim.