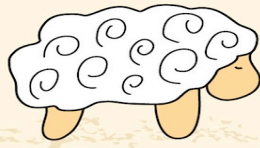


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# Holy Name *focus*

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH  
JANUARY 8, 2012

## Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

### Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

January 8, 2012

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 parishioners living and deceased

Worship leader: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour – please join us.
- Parish Committee Meeting

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time II Niedziela Zwyczajna

January 15, 2012

First reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Psalm: Ps 40:2,4,7-10 R. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Intention: For all parishioners living and deceased

Celebrant: Rev. Adam Czarnecki

Worship leader: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Marilyn Heitala

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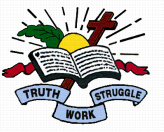
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### Upcoming...

- Jan. 9: Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord
- Jan. 15: 39th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Memorial Service, 7pm, St. Francis of Assisi, 391 Delaware, Albany
- Jan. 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Jan. 29: Music Scholarship Sunday, Annual Congregational Meeting
- Feb 2: Solemnity – Presentation (Blessing of Candles)
- Feb 5: Pre-Lent begins
- Feb 16: 59th Anniversary of the death of Š+P Prime Bishop Francziszek Hodur
- Feb 22: Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 26: Annual Budget Meeting

# Hey, Sheep!

## Do I know you?

Today, our Holy Church honors the humble shepherds, the first to gaze upon Jesus and carry the message of His coming to others.

*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.*

Shepherds had three key responsibilities, to tend, feed, and guard the sheep. To that end they carried quite the kit. They kept a bag made from goat skin in which they carried food and other items. They kept a sling to fight off wild animals, a rod with

a knob on one end, a staff with a hook on the end, a flute for entertainment and to calm the sheep, and a cloak for warmth and to be used as bedding at night.

The most amazing relationship developed between the shepherds and their sheep, the sheep would learn to recognize and follow their shepherd's voice.

God has used the image of the shepherd since the creation of the world. Abel, the son of Adam and Eve, was a shepherd. When Israel blessed Joseph he recalled that God had been his

shepherd throughout his life.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd, and He does all those things that shepherds do. He feeds us with His body and blood. He tends to us, healing and renewing us. He guards us and protects us so that we will never die.

The key for us is that we grow in relationship with Jesus. We need to recognize His voice. That comes from reading His word, talking with Him in prayer, following His way. Doing that, we will recognize His call, His voice.

Do we know the voice of our Good Shepherd? When we hear His voice, let us all respond with: "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." I will follow your way.

## Revelation 7:17

*For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Luke 2:8-14  
MONDAY: Hebrews 12:2  
TUESDAY: Romans 14:17  
WEDNESDAY: Colossians 1:12-14  
THURSDAY: Palm 16:11  
FRIDAY: Psalm 5:11  
SATURDAY: John 15:10-12

## Pray

Lord Jesus, You have granted me great joy!

# Prayer for Christian Unity

*"We will all be changed by the Victory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:51-58)*

The material for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2012 was prepared by an ecumenical working group of Churches in Poland. The group focused on the transformative power of faith in Christ. This was based on St. Paul's words to the Corinthian Church which speaks of the temporary nature of our present lives (with all its apparent "victory" and "defeat") in comparison to what we receive through the victory of Christ.

The history of Poland has been marked by a series of defeats and victories; striving to overcome enslavement and the desire for freedom. Yet where there is victory there are also losers who do not share the joy and triumph of the winners. This year's theme reflects on what it means to "win" and to "lose", especially given the way in which the language of "victory" is so often triumphalist. Yet Christ shows us a very different way to win!

When Jesus' disciples disputed over "who was the greatest" it was clear that the impulse to win was strong. But Jesus' reaction was very simple: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." These words speak of victory through mutual service, helping, boosting the self-esteem of those who are "last", forgotten, excluded. For all Christians, the best expression of service is Jesus Christ, His victory through death and His resurrection. This "victory" is only possible through spiritual transformation and conversion.

There is room for everyone in God's plan of salvation. Through His death and resurrection, Christ embraces all irrespective of winning or losing, "that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." We too can participate in His victory! It is sufficient to believe in Him, and we will find it easier to overcome evil with good.

## Of note...

**Coffee Hour:** Our weekly coffee hours are a warm and wonderful experience, a time to gather and speak with each other while we enjoy a wealth of good things to eat. If you are able, please help by signing up to take care of a coffee hour. Please see Ed Bertasso with any questions.

**Parish Organizations:** Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you. God calls us to work together for the good of our community, in support of each other, and for the needs of the Church. The YMSofR – Men's Society of the Resurrection, ANS – Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Deacon Jim.

**Serendipity Calendar:** What a fun way to support the parish and potentially WIN! The Serendipity Calendar allows you to choose one or more numbers between 001 and

# Praying for...

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, Art, Dee & Baby, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberlan, Jasimine Russo, Stanley Radzyminski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Derek, 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, Judy Palmer, Deb Couns, 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 Joan, Matthew, Brian, Shari, Adam, Peter Loss

- 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:

Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral Parish, Lancaster, NY its congregation and pastor, Rt. Rev. Thaddeus Peplowski

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

999. If your number is drawn in the day's NYS Lottery Daily Numbers game, you win. Sign-ups have begun for 2012. Reserve your numbers early so you get your lucky numbers. Note that re-subscription notices will be mailed shortly. The cost for each number chance is \$20.

**Epiphany and Home Blessings:** The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th. There will be a worship service and the blessing of chalk, incense, charcoal, and gold that evening at 7pm. Fr. Adam or Deacon Jim are available to come to your homes for the traditional Epiphany home blessing. Please see them to make an appointment. Blessing appointments are available through February 21st (prior to Ash Wednesday).