



Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

January 8, 2017

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: 9:30am for Harper Marie and 11:30am for all parishioners

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

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (PNCC Rite) with Baptism of Harper Marie Heins.
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (PNCC Rite).

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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January 15, 2017

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

Psalm: Ps 40:2,4,7-10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners

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 (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

By this grace baptized infants too are ingrafted into His [Christ's] body, infants who certainly are not yet able to imitate anyone. Christ, in Whom all are made alive . . . gives also the most hidden grace of his Spirit to believers, grace which he secretly infuses even into infants. – St. Augustine

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 518-453-2258

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Upcoming...

- **January 8: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 9: Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass at 8:30am. YMS of R Night Out at 6pm.**
- **January 15: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 16: Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting follows.**
- **January 18: Feast: St. Peter's Chair at Antioch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins.**
- **January 22: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 23: Martin Luther King Day**
- **January 25: Feast: Conversion of St. Paul. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends.**
- **January 29: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**

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.

Hurry up.

When the angels went away from them into heaven, 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

Reflecting on this team of shepherds we see some amazing things happening.

For the shepherds, their meeting an angel and seeing the whole heavenly host would be amazing enough. Hearing that the Messiah had been born - *for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Messiah* – represents a promise that had become a dream that for them had now been fulfilled. Amazing to have one’s dreams fulfilled in an instant.

We have several choices when we encounter something amazing. We might stand there with our mouth open. We might jump for joy. We might, after the initial shock, begin

to question whether it was real. Would we leave everything, would we abandon our entire life, for that amazing thing?

Throughout faith history we encounter amazing things happening. An elderly barren couple becomes the progenitors of God’s chose people. The people of Israel, enslaved, are freed. Judges are chosen to lead the people against enemies that vastly outnumber them. A youngest son, a shepherd, is anointed king.

In Jesus’ coming those amazing things are magnified. The deaf will hear. The poor will have the good news preached to them. The dead will be raised.

On this Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds the amazing teaches us an important lesson.

Among the amazing things that happened that morning was the fact that the shepherds left their herds. They abandoned their herds, their means of livelihood and hurried

toward Bethlehem “to see this thing that has happened, which the Lord made known to them."

This is the same thing that was to happen thirty years later along the shores of lake of Gennes'aret. Men would leave their livelihood; abandon their families and boats to follow Jesus.

Let us reflect on our faith journey, that moment we finally recognized the power of accepting Jesus and placing our faith in Him. In that the amazing became real for us.

Following Christ goes far beyond just believing certain things about God. It is more than intellectual endeavor. It comes down to our willingness to be part of the amazing and to do the amazing because our lives have been changed by God's agenda for us.

By God's grace, the shepherds left their flocks; the apostles dropped their nets. What are we to do? Our call is to hurry up in leaving the old self behind and join with Jesus in living amazing grace filled lives.

This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 31:1
MONDAY: Psalm 35:9
TUESDAY: Psalm 37:39-40
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 57:1-3
THURSDAY: Psalm 63:7
FRIDAY: Psalm 119:32
SATURDAY: Psalm 141:8

Pray
Lord, I run to You.

Epiphany Visitations

The Solemnity of the Epiphany was celebrated on Friday, January 6th, the twelfth day after Christmas. At that time the church remembered the gifts the Magi brought to the Christ Child at His home in Bethlehem. Gifts of incense and chalk were blessed and are available to you. Like the Magi, throughout the Season of Epiphany, the Church travels to the homes of its members and shares with them the gift of Christ’s blessing. Please contact Fr. Jim to arrange for a date and time that is prior to February 28th.

In whichever room of the house you would like the blessing to take place, you may put out a crucifix if you have one, and you may light one of the blessed candles from Candlemas. I will mark the doorpost of your home to indicate the fact of this blessing and to assist in exhibiting the witness of a Christian home. These home visitations also allow us the opportunity to speak informally and confidentially. If you have something you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate. Plus, this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other better and I look forward to meeting with you in your homes.

Financial Obligations and Envelopes

Tax statements will be available this month. Also, if you use parish financial envelopes, those are now available to be picked-up. Dues for each member under the age of 65 is \$150 per year or \$2.88 per week which supports the Central Diocese and National Church. Dues for members 65 and over are \$125 per year or \$2.40 per week.

Outrageous Valentine’s Raffle

We are once again holding our Outrageous Valentine’s raffle to support the youth of our Church and our parish, including support for the annual KURS summer encampment. Tickets have been sent out. They make great gifts. See Stephanie or call her at 518-369-1346.

YMSofR Holiday Celebration

The YMSofR of Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa parish invites all the men of our parish to their annual holiday night out on Monday, January 9th starting at 6pm at the Italian American Club, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, NY. The cost is the same as last year, \$25/guest. Monday is two for one night and that covers the great buffet, tip. Soda and coffee included; adult beverages are on your own. Please let Fr. Jim know today if you can attend.

Week Ahead

Please join us for the special liturgical happenings this week. Holy Mass for the Baptism of the Lord will be held Monday at 8:30am.

SOCL Classes

Parents are reminded that when they had their child baptized, they vowed to have the child educated in the Christian Faith. All youth of the parish should be enrolled and attend SOCL every Sunday.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węgliński, Robert Dominy, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, 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, Madison Sheridan, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Dennis, Donnie Wright, Fr. Ray Drada, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Muse En Lystrala, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Richard and Suzette Place, Amanda Carr, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, Daniel Diiane, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo Diiane, 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, Pattric 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 National Catholic Church. This week we remember and pray for the clergy and people of our Divine Mercy Parish, Mississauga, Ontario. Rev. Andrzej Jezak.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. Please volunteer to help.

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. Help is always needed for SOCL especially in instructing and encouraging our youth. Please see Fr. Jim.

--- Invite friends and family to greet the Lord with you. ---