



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 29, 2019



Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 29, 2019

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 and 11:30am for all clergy and all those called.

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

Lector: 9:30am Lauren DeBlois, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Prayers at 9:20am, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Hodur Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Hodur Rite).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. For when peaceful stillness compassed everything and the night in its swift course was half spent, Your all-powerful Word from heaven's royal throne bounded, a fierce warrior, into the doomed land.

R. Your throne stands firm from of old; You are from everlasting, Lord.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Solemnity of the Holy Family Święto Świętej Rodziny Jezusa, Maryi i Józefa

January 5, 2020

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.

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: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Intention: 9:30 and 11:30am for all parishioners, youth, vocations, and the dearly departed.

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Prayers at 9:20am, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

R. So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Upcoming...

- **December 29: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision of the Lord. Holy Mass at 10am. HAPPY 2020!**
- **January 2: Solemnity - Holy Name of Jesus. Parish Patronal Feast. Holy Mass at 7pm.**
- **January 5: Solemnity of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 6: Solemnity - Epiphany of our Lord. Holy Mass with Blessing of Chalk and Incense at 7pm.**
- **January 12: Solemnity - Baptism of our Lord. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins.**
- **January 19: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**

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.

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.

A job, a career, a calling.

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."

On this Sunday after Christmas we especially honor the humble shepherds who heard the angelic proclamation and responded.

Some historians have posited that the shepherds who were called the evening of Jesus' birth were the very shepherds who tended the sheep used in sacrifice at the Temple. In the modern day, the Hebron Road runs between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. It is about nine kilometers, about twenty-two minutes by car from one place to the other, so we could imagine that the Temple sheep and lambs were kept in the fields along that ~~nine kilometers, six-and-a-half-~~

mile route. It's not that far.

The symbolism there is pretty mighty. God calls those who cared for the Temple sacrifices, the lambs offered up for the sins of the people, to be the first to visit the Lamb of God.

Dr. Amy Wrzesniewski, a professor at the Yale School of Management, established three different, defined contexts of work: job, career and calling:

A job provides you with pay and perhaps some benefits. A job is primarily about earning a paycheck. People who hold jobs are typically more invested in their lives outside of work. Work is merely the way they afford to do the things they love. They do not see their job as a place to learn, gain experience or increase connections.

A career is what you do for yourself. Career people are also working for the paycheck but

are more driven to seek out opportunities for advancement. People with a career orientation tend to have a long-term vision for their future, set goals and enjoy competition with colleagues.

Those with a calling however feel a deep alignment between their vocation and who they are as a person. They feel a personal and emotional connection to their work. They are enthusiastic, have a sense of purpose and are willing to work harder and longer to make a contribution. Unsurprisingly, this group is often the most satisfied with their life's work.

What did the shepherds have and where did they end up? It is likely that they saw their work as a job. There wasn't much room to learn or advance. Where they ended, and where we need to end is with a calling. For they were changed by their encounter with Jesus and *they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child.*

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Timothy 3:1-5
MONDAY: 1 Peter 5:1-3
TUESDAY: Psalm 28:7
WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 13:17
THURSDAY: James 3:1
FRIDAY: 2 Timothy 1:13
SATURDAY: Revelation 1:5-6

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You called me, set me apart for Your work. Grant that I may work with purpose and dedication in building Your kingdom.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all who attended Holy Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Thank you to our altar servers for being present and assisting. Thank you to Christina and Victoria for your beautiful music unto the Baby Jesus. Thank you to Ms. Liz, Larry, Kyle, Alyssa and Victoria for your music and singing. Thank you Alyssa for your representation in ministry, bringing in the Baby Jesus. Thank you to all who decorated so beautifully. Thank you to Linda for the festive repast. To each and every person, thank you for being family here at Holy Name of Jesus!

Christmas Schedule

12/29 - Solemnity of Humble Shepherds: Normal Sunday schedule.
1/1 - Solemnity of the Circumcision. Holy Mass at 10am.
1/2 - Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus, Parish Feast. Holy Mass at 7pm.
1/5 - Solemnity of the Holy Family. Normal Sunday schedule.

Loose Change Goes In The...

Soup pot. The SouperBowl Sunday soup pot will soon be out. Please drop in your loose change over the next month. Souper Bowl of Caring was originally founded by a church youth group in 1990. The movement has expanded ever since. Fueled by those coming together to worship and make a difference in their community, the SouperBowl of Caring assists those in need in our local community. We have participated since 1998 and have raised over \$2,200. Keep it going in 2020.

Kolędy / Epiphany Visitation

Fr. Jim would love to visit your homes and bless them. Epiphany home visits begin January 7th and continue through February 25th. See Fr. Jim to schedule a time.

YMSofR Clothing Drive

Starting November 1st, Branch 56 of the YMSofR began its clothing drive that will last through January 20th. Any type of clothing is welcome. Drop your items and bags off downstairs. Branch 56 will count the clothing and deliver it weekly to local charities that supply those in need such as Vet House, located in Ballston Spa serving veterans, The Guardian House which serves homeless female veterans, the Bridge Christian Church which serves our neighborhood, and others. This is part of a national service project. Help us help you clean out those basements and closets!

Intentional Prayer and Candles

Why light a candle in church? It's a good question. A candle is lit as part of intentional prayer for someone or some need. A candle is lit as part of a prayerful intention and with purpose and meaning. Alone the candle does nothing, but in prayer it symbioses the Light of Christ who has overcome all for us.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Marica Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Dolores Konicki, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Jan Shufelt, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Jeanmarie Vollmer, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Kit Yarrow, Chris Gancarz, Wayne Wienclawski, Zach, Stanley Ordon, David Urbanski, Greg Kaczmarek, Dewey Rogers, Carla, Anita, Yvette, Polly, Joanne Houser, FrTime, Ewelina Filyushchenko, Dave Albert, and all in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Garrett Grochowski, Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patricia Jones. Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Sr. Robert Pleczkowski, Fr. Andrew Bilinski.
- 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 people and clergy of Sacred Heart of Jesus/Holy Cross Parish, New York Mills, NY.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. There is a sign-up sheet. Please take a week. We need your 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 reconstituted branch 140/168 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

Of note...

--- "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." ---