



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 26, 2021

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Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 26, 2021

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

First reading: Jeremiah 31:10-14

Psalm: Ps 97:1,6,11,12

R. 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: 10am and Noon, For all called. For śp. Dennis Kopec.

Celebrant: 10am and Noon, Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

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 Name of Jesus

Uroczystość Najświętszego Imienia Jezus

January 2, 2022

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

First reading: Exodus 3:13-15

Psalm: 113:1-6

R. Blessed be the Name of the Lord forever

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Intention: 10am and Noon for our parish.

Celebrant: 10am and Noon, Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski

- Mattins at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite pg. 63). Exposition and Benediction for the intention of the parish.
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R. Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim His Name; among the nations make known His deeds, proclaim how exalted is His Name.

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.

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. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

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Upcoming...

- **December 26: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **December 27: Feast – St. John the Evangelist. Holy Mass with Blessing of Wine of Noon.**
- **December 28: Commemoration of the Holy Innocents. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 29: Octave of the Nativity. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 30: Octave of the Nativity. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 31: Solemnity of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision (Holy Day of Obligation). Holy Mass at Noon. HAPPY 2022!**
- **January 2: Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **January 3: Fr. Jim in Scranton. No Daily Holy Mass.**
- **January 4: Daily Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 5: Daily Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany. Holy Mass at Noon with the Blessing of Chalk and Incense.**
- **January 7: Daily Holy Mass at Noon.**

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – If someone is in need, please let Pastor Jim know so he might visit, pray with, and anoint them. Call Pastor Jim at 518-522-0944.

Mission.

And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child

At our three Holy Masses of Christmas we saw references over and over again to Jesus as the light of the world, the light of heaven breaking into the world to change it forever.

We can certainly see how the Lord’s love and mercy have changed us. We no longer live in fear. Our life is eternal, the gates of heaven and all its light are opened to us. We have forgiveness of sin, we have a new relationship with God and to each other.

We who were once strangers and afar off are bound together in a new family, the family of the Church. We are given two important missions by God that spread the light of Christ.

Our first mission is to grow in our personal sanctification, to become more like Jesus, to walk better in His ways. We receive power and strength to do that through the many graces we receive both sacramentally and in living our everyday walk of faith.

Our other first mission, for it is equal to the necessity for sanctification, is to build the Kingdom of God right here and right now.

On Christmas 1919 Bishop Hodur addressed his congregation and spoke of the gap between the very materialistic view of the world, a world only concerned with bodily needs and wants, and the Savior Who came to build up both the body and the soul. He called this materialistic focus an illness, for the worldly do not perceive the wholeness God offers us in Jesus. They limit themselves by their deafness to His word and way.

Jesus pointed to the Kingdom and called us to build. We are to call people out of where they are, out of deafness, to what they can be, not only as individuals, but as a society.

This is the example we celebrate today on this very special Solemnity in our Holy Church – the Humble Shepherds, the Ubogich Pasterzy.

The Shepherds whose life was limited to the care of earthly material things, their flocks and pay and duties, encountered heaven. They met Christ Jesus their Lord and Messiah, God. They met Him as we meet Him each time we come to Holy Mass, participate, pray through the Eucharist, and receive Him. They were left with the same choice we all have. What will I do for my sanctification and for the building of the Kingdom?

The Shepherds set forth to announce and build the Kingdom. In the world’s eyes they remined poor, but in God’s eyes they became whole and rich. Let us decide to as well, as we renew our commitment to God’s mission for us.

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Ephesians 4:11-12
MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 3:11
TUESDAY: 1 Peter 2:4-5
WEDNESDAY: Acts 2:42
THURSDAY: 1 John 1:7
FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 14:26
SATURDAY: Psalm 127:1

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, we stand in the light of Your presence. Grant that I may work diligently at building Your Kingdom here and now.

Today’s Music

- Entrance: B62, Let Us Hasten.
- Gloria: R184, Hark The Herald Angles Sing.
- Gospel: R194, Infant Holy.
- Offertory: R64, Christ is Born.
- Communion: Do You Hear What I Hear.
- Communion Reflection: R179, First Noel.
- Recessional: R171, Joy To The World.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- REMEMBER: The Christmas Season has just begun and lasts 40 days – December 25th through February 2nd. Celebrate!**
- Thank You** – for all who attended our services of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. To Linda with help from Joe and Alyssa for the wonderful provision of our Christmas Repast. To all who donated food in November and December. 289 pounds of food were delivered to SiCM.
- On behalf of my family and myself, I thank you so much for the lovely Christmas cards and greeting, the beautiful gifts and messages. You have filled our hearts with rejoicing this season.**
- Rules:** As you may have heard, indoor masking is now required. We ask all to wear masks in church and in the parish hall when not eating or drinking.
- Keep inviting people** to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- Put it on your calendar:**
 - Remember Daily Holy Mass.**
- SMILE** – If you are shopping on Amazon, go to AmazonSmile and choose Holy Name of Jesus PNCC as your charity. It really helps.
- Keep our Valentine’s Raffle Tickets in Mind.** See Fr. Jim or Linda.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

--- Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ---

Praying for:

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Ed Jakubiak, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Amber Tatlock, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Greg Kaczmarek, Carla, Maggie, Susan, Linda, Ed Casey, Virginia Rogers, Carolyn, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, James. Kevin, all suffering due to Coronavirus, and 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, Timothy Olsen, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, 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 for any need or intention.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish National Catholic Church/Union of Scranton. This week we remember and pray for the clergy and faithful of Guardian Angel Parish, Los Angeles, CA.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to support a week. We are also in need of people to serve for 6 months as kitchen coordinator.

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 Branch 140/168 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Pastor Jim.

Of note . . .