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Solemnity – Humble Shepherds – Cycle “B”
Święto Ubogich Pasterzy

January 8, 2012

“No one can walk backward into the future.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 8:45AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, January 8th – Humble Shepherds

This solemnity is celebrated usually on the first Sunday after Christ's Nativity, in honor of the humble shepherds who tended sheep in the land of Jesus.

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Edward Bulcavage**, of. by Ms. Flossy Bulcavage & family.

▲ Collection for the Seminary.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11; **Tue.**, 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28; **Wed.**, 1 Samuel 3:1-10.19-20; Mark 1:29-39; **Thu.**, 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45; **Fri.**, 1 Samuel 8:4-7.10-22a; Mark 2:1-12; **Sat.**, 1 Samuel 9:1-4.17-19. 10:1; Mark 2:13-17

MONDAY, January 9th - Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord

9:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee

TUESDAY, January 10th - *Octave of the Epiphany*

7:30AM – Holy Mass; intention: for sp. **Rev. Zygfryd Maul**, of. by Fr. Robert.

THURSDAY, January 12th - *Octave of the Epiphany*

7:30AM – Holy Mass; intention for: sp. **Rev. Maksymilian Lawnicki**, of. by Fr. Robert.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 15th - *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Edward Bulcavage, of. by Ms. Flossy Bulcavage & family.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – **Pokropisz mnie** Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Wisdom 18:14-15a; Psalm 93:2)

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

R. Your throne stands firm 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN – **Lo, The Monarchs** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 50

1. Lo, the monarchs of the East now Wend their way to Bethlehem, There to find the promised Savior, There with gifts to greet Him. In a manger poor and lowly Lies the precious Savior, Born to rule the hearts of mankind In eternal splendor.
2. Kings and wise men note the malice At the child directed, Dreadful tidings and great sadness, Herod's plot affected. But the fearless monarchs hurry Forward on to Bethl'em; As the star leads to the Savior, Giving hope unto them.

I Reading: Jeremiah 31:10-14

GRADUAL (Psalm 45:3,2a)

V. You are the most handsome of men; fair speech has graced Your lips.

R. My heart is stirred by a noble theme, as I sing my ode to the king.

II Reading: Titus 3:4-7

ALLELUIA (Psalm 93:1)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

V. The Lord is King, robed with majesty; the Lord is robed, girded with might.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-20

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Thou Creator Spirit blest. And in our souls take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN – **Shepherds Heard An Angel Say** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 33

1. Shepherds heard an angel say, “Christ is born for you this day.” Bethlehem, in this lowly, little town, there was born without renown, Lord of creation.
2. Now the shepherds could behold What this joyous news foretold. So with haste they went on to Beth'lem town. Infant Jesus there they found; Joseph with Mary.
3. Glorious Lord came down to earth from on high in virgin birth. Son of God, regal home did not require; love in mankind to inspire; Lord of creation.

COMMUNION HYMN – **Beauteous Maiden** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 72

1. This Beauteous Maiden gave birth to our Jesus, And in a stable, covered Him with soft hay. O see the soft hay, sweet as any lily, On which dear Mary lays the Baby Jesus.
2. Why do you not show mercy dearest Maiden? That with the rough hay you did wrap the Lord God? Dear hay, O sweet hay, You became a flower, when placed upon you the lowly Savior.

Jesus, My Lord And Savior – PNCC Hymnal, p. 159, 2 verses

1. Jesus, my Lord and Savior, here would I worship Thee. All that I have I give Thee for Thou didst die for me. Here in this Bread of heaven, here in this Host Divine. Thanksgiving, praise and honor be ev'ry moment Thine. All my vain pride I humble, all my poor soul I give unto my Lord and Savior that with Him I may live.

RECESSIONAL HYMN – **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 76

1. Hark! The herald angels sing: “Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th'angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored: “Christ, the Everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'Incarnate Deity, Pleas'd as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Jesus was sent out on His ministry, so we are called to go out into the world as witnesses to Him.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Apr. 12th Diocesan Council meeting (Scranton, PA)

Oct. 11-13th, Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Feb. 20th Pastors meeting (Wilkes-Barre, PA 1:00PM)

May... Seniorate Council meeting (Shenandoah, PA)

June 7th Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

FRACKVILLE

Feb. 22nd Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at 7:30PM

Apr. 29th "Chinese" Auction

SHENANDOAH

Jan. 8th Annual Parish meeting after the Holy Mass

Feb. 22nd Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at 6:00PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to:

- **Mrs. Betty Brazausky** and members of the Parish for preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** for musical preparations, and to the Choir members;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector,
- to the **Sunday greeters**, the people working on fundraisers.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home;. if your phone number or address change;. if you have a prayer concern.

EASTER EGG PROJECT – St. John the Baptist Parish is asking our Parishioners for help at this fundraiser. We need everyone's prayer and help to succeed. If you feel a part of our congregation please sign your name on the list in the back of the church, including a time of a day when you may come for help. Thank you so much!!!


ST. JOHN PARISH is looking for the additional voices to our **Choir**: both men and ladies. If you feel that you can help us, please join our Parish Choir. Thank you.

SNOW and ICE ALERT – During winter days, please remember that we do not cancel our Worship Services. In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Jaroslaw Jablonski**, his family and parishioners of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Walton Hills, OH.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: January 9 – Fred and Carolyn Boychak.

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – James Chistakoff – Josephine Studlick – Dorothy Halaburda – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - George Chesko – Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage. At **Nursing Homes**: Helen Chistakoff - Eugenia Halaburda – Dolores Halaburda - ***Frackville Nursing Home*** – Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108) – Stanley Bulcavage (313); NY – Cecelia Pyzowski.



HOSPITAL VISIT. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification.

UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS: **Jan. 15:** sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 22:** sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 29:** sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Feb. 5:** sp. Charles Touchinsky. *Please, do not order the mass*

intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.


EPIPHANY – ‘KOLEDA – BLESSING OF HOMES – Visit of the priest at your home for a blessing and prayer is not only a gesture of keeping alive our ethnic and spiritual heritage but also an expression of faith and a manifestation of the family’s unity with the Church and with our parish in particular. During the year, in every household there are moments of crisis, pain and sorrow. The best healing comes through prayer, blessing and an act of faith through Jesus Christ. Please don’t neglect this very special opportunity during this special time of the year. In the *PNCC* as well as other catholic churches on January 6, the priest blesses incense (one of the gifts of the Wise Men), and chalk, which is used for the marking of the door-frame of parishioners homes with the initials of the Three Kings and the year: **+20+K+M+B+12+**. Beginning with this day, and ending on February 2 (*Presentation of the Lord*), the parish priest will make Epiphany pastoral visits to as many parishioners as possible. There he will bless the home and its inhabitants.


A properly-prepared home displays a white linen cloth, upon which is placed a crucifix, a blessed candle, holy water and chalk; the sweet scent of blessed incense fills the air.



CHINESE AUCTION will be held on **April 29, 2012** in the parish hall. We are asking all parishioners to help with the fundraiser by donating new items for this event. We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone’s help is needed especially on the day of the auction. The ANS Society is asking Parishioners for donating items for **Big** and **Small** tables. Thank you!

THE MANOR AT WAYMART – a personal care facility, is located in beautiful waymart, PA near the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center. We invite you to contact us at **570-488-6829** or manoratwaymart@echoes.net for rates, room availability, or to arrange a tour of our facility. Also these are our **room rates**: Semi-Private - \$2,097.00; Private - \$2,646.00; Private Deluxe - \$3,087.00.

 **CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH** – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child’s religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **8:30AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age should come to **private** Confession. If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come for private confession at least once a month. If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert

 **WELCOME OUR VISITORS** – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship.

Receiving the Holy Eucharist – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the *PNCC* to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

DUES 2012. Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the ‘family plan’ method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the 2002 General Synod.

Each adult member (18 years old+) will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at St. John the Baptist parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

**Total dues for 2012 per Adult Member:
\$79.00 Per Year**

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request. There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations:

Sunday Collection, St. Johns Fund, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Egg Project Fund,

Easter Donations, Flower Fund, Bleenie Sales (we had a great time last year, come out help out, join in the fun...), and Christmas Donations.

BULLETIN SPONSOR:

Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage