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Solemnity – Humble Shepherds - “C”

Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 30, 2012

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 8:45AM – Contemporary liturgy in English [page 63]

Today, December 30th – Solemnity – 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 all **Parishioners**.

- Collection for the Seminary.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

December 31: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18; **January 2:** 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28; **January 3:** 1 John 2:29 – 3:6; John 1:29-34; **January 4:** 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42; **January 5:** 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

MONDAY, December 31st – *New Year's Eve*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

TUESDAY, January 1st, 2013 – Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord – New Year's Day

10:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville

WEDNESDAY, January 2nd – Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

From apostolic times, the Church has professed that “at the name of Jesus every knee shall bend,

of those 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.” Through the particular efforts of St. Bernardine of Siena, devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus was promoted through the inscription monogram of the Holy Name (IHS) and the addition of the name Jesus to the Hail Mary.

9:00AM – Holy Mass

FRIDAY, January 4th - **First Friday of the month**

5:00PM – 6:00PM – First Holy Communion Catechism Class

5:00PM – 7:00PM – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

7:00PM – **Holy Mass** to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 6th - **Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord**

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

- Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- Blessing of chalk.
- Collection for missions.

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 (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: 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 lowely, 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.

I Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-14

The Responsorial Psalm: A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

II Reading: Titus 3:4-7

ALLELUIA (Psalm 93:1)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

V. The Lord is King, in splendor robed: robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.

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.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH [page 71] GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Christ's rule in our lives brings us peace and freedom. With confidence we turn to Him with all our needs.

- Let us pray for the Church, and especially for those in positions of authority among God's people: may we always know the power and love of Christ's kingship. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- We pray for the world, torn apart by conflicting powers: that people of goodwill may increase Christ's rule in places of struggle and need. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- We remember especially today all young people: may they have hearts open to God's will for them, and play their parts in the building up of the kingdom. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Let us pray for those who are sick, sad or lonely: may the majesty of God's love for them console and heal them.
- For our bishops, priests and deacons who have died : they may come quickly home to their Father's house. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we bring these and all the prayers of our hearts to You. Teach us, as we place our trust in You, to live lives worthy of Your royal household, through Christ, our Lord and King. **R. Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN – **O Come, All Ye Faithful** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 57

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
3. Ye, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN – **Silent Night** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 42

1. Silent night, Holy night, All is calm, all is bright. 'Round yon virgin, Mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, Holy night, Shepherdsquake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia." Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born.
3. Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy Holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus Lord at Thy birth. Jesus Lord at Thy birth.

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, Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

COMING EVENTS

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

- Feb. 11th, 2013 Pastor's meeting – Middleport, PA (1:00PM)
Apr. 27th Seniorate Council Meeting – Edwardsville, PA (1:00PM)
May 30th Corpus Christi Service – Frackville, PA (7:00PM)
Oct. 13th 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing Parishes in Hazleton and McAdoo, PA.

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

- Feb. 3rd Annual Parish Meeting after 11:00AM Holy Mass
Feb. 13th Ash Wednesday – 7:30PM
May 18th First Holy Communion Day (Saturday)
May 30th Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

SHENANDOAH

- Jan. 13th Annual Parish Meeting
Feb. 13th Ash Wednesday – 6:00PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to:

- 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.

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners and Friends for sending Christmas wishes and all Gifts to the Rectory. May God bless you.


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.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Jarosław Rafalko**, his wife, and parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Kewanee, IL.

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 2 – Carolyn Boychak.

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – James Chistakoff – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta. At **Nursing Homes**: Helen Chistakoff – Dolores Halaburda - **Frackville Nursing Home**: Dorothy Halaburda (205) – 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. 6:** sp. Edward Bulcavage, **Jan. 13:** sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 20:** sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 23 (Wed):** sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 27:** sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Feb. 3:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 3 months. Thank you.*



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.

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2012**. Therefore, please, be responsible for your own church and fulfill your obligation to the Parish before that date. **THANK YOU.** A member, who fulfills the financial obligation to the Parish, by paying our yearly dues (\$79.00), is a financial good standing member of the Church. This means that he/she is a voting member of the Parish, can be elected to the Parish Committee, can be elected as a delegate for Synods and Seniorate Council, can be married in the church, and when time comes could be buried at the Parish Cemetery.

HUMBLE SHEPHERDS SOLEMNITY PRAYER

Blessed Christ Child in the manger, bless me with Your peace today. Blessed Jesys, let me see the radiant star – Humble shepherds stand and watch You, awaiting the Three Kings from the East.

Blessed Jesus, strengthen me with Your gentle grace. Blessed Jesus, smile on me, come and touch me with Your love. **Amen.**

BULLETIN SPONSOR:
Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage