

St. John the Baptist Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

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Solemnity – Humble Shepherds - “A”

December 29, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, December 29th – 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: Sp. **Leonard Etcho**, of. by Mr. John Etcho.

^ Collection for the Seminary.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Dec. 30: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40; **Dec. 31:** 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18; **Jan. 1:** Genesis 17:9-14; Galatians 5:3-6; Luke 2:21; **Jan. 2:** Exodus 3:13-15; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 1:18-25; **Jan. 3:** 1 John 2:29 – 3:6; John 1:29-34; **Jan. 4:** 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42.

MONDAY, December 30th – *Within the Octave of the Nativity*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Wanda** (Fr. Senior Dymkowski's mother-in-law).

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

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

WEDNESDAY, January 1st, 2014 – Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

10:00AM – Holy Mass

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

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: God's blessing for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese

FRIDAY, January 3rd - First Friday of the month

4:30PM – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

NEXT SUNDAY, January 5th – Solemnity – Holy Family

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

△ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

△ 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.

I Reading: Jeremiah 31:10-14

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.

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

As we thank God for all reconciliation achieved for us by Christ, let us ask with confidence for all the graces we need to continue Christ's work on earth.

- We pray for the Church: that all people of faith will work together to promote the Gospel of peace. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who are suffering the effects of war and violence: that they may find a haven of security and peace. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For nations divided by generations of hatred and fear: that they may respond to words of reconciliation and forgiveness. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For children: that they may have good role models of Christ-like love and service. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for the dead – especially Sp. **Leonard Etcho** - that they may enjoy the fullness of life in God's kingdom. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For us assembled here: may each of us recognize the prophet within ourselves that urges us to show kindness, generosity and compassion. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Father, we trust in the reconciling power of newborn Son of God, and we make our prayer to You in His name, Jesus Christ our Lord. **R: Amen.**

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 29th–Oct. 3rd, 2014 - 24th General Synod of the PNCC (Erie, PA)

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

Feb. 2, 2014 Annual Parish Meeting

March 3, 2014 Pastors Seniorate Meeting (1:00PM)

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;
- to **Veronica Plichta** for her help at the altar last Sunday.

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners for sending Christmas wishes to the rectory. Thank you to everyone who remember Fr. Robert and his family sending cards and all gifts during this Christmas time! 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 Gregory Mikula**, and parishioners of Our Savior Parish in Lawrenceville, NJ.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 30 – Stephen Stefanowicz.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Bishop John Mack – Father Senior Wiesław Pietruszka - James Chistakoff – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. - Victoria Plichta. At **Nursing Homes**: Helen Chistakoff – Dolores Halaburda - **Frackville Nursing Home**: Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108); 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.

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.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Jan. 5, 2014:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 12:** Sp. Melissa Chiao; **Jan. 19:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 26:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Feb. 2:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage.

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.

WARNING – If someone would like to come to the rectory in the winter time, please use **the front porch door**. This is a second year since back porch corner gutter is not fixed, and **stairs are full of ice all the time**.

OUR MINISTRY – the Parish Committee is not a Board of Directors. It is work goes beyond the “material” necessities of a parish. It is a unique group of committed Christians with a conviction – to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. Thus, each member of the Committee has a vocation: to be a steward, a good manager of the gifts of God. The Parish Committee member is one who is called to make commitment, with a conviction to function for the sake of the Gospel. To be this person, we must be good stewards or managers of the mysteries of God and faithful witnesses of the same.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

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.

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