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**Solemnity – Humble Shepherds - “B”**

Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

**December 28, 2014**

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow in number of holy and dedicated people.

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

**Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Contemporary liturgy in English.**

**Today, December 28<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of Humble Shepherds**

This Solemnity reminds the members of our Church to pray for the living and departed clergy, to support the need of the increase of vocations to the Priesthood.

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Children and Youth.

- ^ Collection for the Seminary.
- ^ Pierogie are available - \$5.00 per dozen.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Dec. 29:** 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35; **Dec. 30:** 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40; **Dec. 31:** 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18; **Jan. 2:** 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28; **Jan. 3:** 1 John 2:29 – 3:6; John 1:29-34;

**MONDAY, December 29<sup>th</sup>** - *Within the Octave of the Nativity*

**8:30AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for all Parishioners.

**WEDNESDAY, December 31<sup>st</sup>** - *Within the Octave of the Nativity*

**9:00AM – Holy Mass**

**THURSDAY, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015** – Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

**FRIDAY, January 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus – First Friday of the month

**9:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: God's blessing for the Family.

**5:00 – 6:00PM** – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**NEXT SUNDAY, January 4<sup>th</sup>** - Feast – Holy Family

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Edward Bulcavage, of by wife Florence.

- △ Confession.
- △ Collection for missions.
- △ Coffee & Cake.

### 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.**

**I Reading: Jeremiah 31:10-14**

**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.

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#### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**Celebrant:** The Lord is a loving and compassionate judge. With this in mind, we pray.

- For the Church: that she may faithfully remind all people of the things of most lasting importance. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those in command of nations and armies: that they may remember that they are accountable for what they do. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who are wounded, bereaved and homeless, as a result of war. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- For our children and youth that they may know the loving support of all who care for them. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Father, increase our thirst for justice, and our trust in Your everlasting love through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

### COMING EVENTS

**FRACKVILLE** – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM Winter til **6:00PM**)

- Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 15 Annual Parish Meeting
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 15 Ash Wednesday
- March 29<sup>th</sup>, 15 Palm Sunday
- Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>, 15 Easter Sunday
- May 17<sup>th</sup>, 15 First Holy Communion Day
- June 14<sup>th</sup>, 15 Confirmation (3:00PM)

### 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 **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to **Dylan and Veronica** for their help at the altar last Sunday;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

**GENERAL CHURCH DUES** – has been increased to **\$100.00**; therefore beginning January 2015, our church dues will be **\$124.00** per adult member.

**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 John Cramer**, his family and parishioners of Our Savior Parish in Dearborn Heights, MI [[oursaviorpncc.com](http://oursaviorpncc.com)].

**CONFIRMATION** – Our Diocesan Bishop – the Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki will impart the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 3:00PM**. We have two students-candidates; if any adult members didn't receive Confirmation yet – please contact Fr. Robert ASAP. The deadline is: **March 31, 2015**.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: Dec. 30 – Stephen Stefanowicz; Jan. 2 – Carolyn Boychak, Calli Renee Whitecavage.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Wiesław Pietruszka - James Chistakoff – Sarah Powanda – Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Patricia Abicunas – Joseph Petrusky. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff – **Frackville Nursing Home:** Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108); **NY** – Cecelia Pyzowski. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda. **Fritzingertown Drums, PA** - Violet Cegielski. **Ridgeview (Shen. Hts.)** - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221).



**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 MASS INTENTIONS: Jan. 4, 2015:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 11:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 18:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 25:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Feb. 1:** Sp. Loretta and Stanley Kovalewski; **Feb. 15:** Sp. Lauren Feudale; **March 1:** for those who were touched with cancer.



**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 **9:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age must come to private Confession. **If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come and be well prepared for private confession at least once a month.** If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

**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. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend!**

**KINDLY REMINDER** – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on December 31, 2014. 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; beginning next year - \$124.00), 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.

**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.

**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.

Luck is when an opportunity comes along and you're prepared for it. (Denzel Washington)