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**Solemnity – Humble Shepherds - “C”**  
Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

**December 27, 2015**

*O Lord I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and this parish will grow in number of really holy and dedicated people: to God and to the Church.*

## **EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, December 27<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity – 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 vocation to the Priesthood.

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Paul Elsavage**, of. by Mrs. Helen Hopko.

▲ Collection – for the Seminary.

### **WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Dec. 28:** 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18; **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. 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

**MONDAY, December 28<sup>th</sup>** – *Holy Innocents*

9:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Children.

**WEDNESDAY, December 30<sup>th</sup>** – *Within the Octave of Christmas*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for deceased members of Touchinsky and Brazausky families (All Souls).

**THURSDAY, December 31<sup>st</sup>** – *New Year's Eve*

10:00AM – Holy Mass – Thanksgiving Mass for graces in the past year.

**FRIDAY, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016** – *Solemnity – Circumcision of the Lord*

10:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

**SATURDAY, January 2<sup>nd</sup>** – *Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus*

10:00AM - Holy Mass

**NEXT SUNDAY, January 3<sup>rd</sup>** - *Solemnity – Holy Family*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Edward Bulcavage, of. by Wife, Flossy.

- ⋈ Confession.
- ⋈ Collection for missions.
- ⋈ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

#### 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.

**R. 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**

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

#### **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH [PAGE 71]**

##### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

- ⋈ **Celebrant:** The Lord turns our hearts and minds towards Him in prayer; let us offer our petitions in humility.

- We pray for the Prime Bishop and our Bishops: may they be established in faithfulness and integrity as they teach and show the way of God. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
  - We pray for the Church, spread throughout the world: may the hearts of all of us be confirmed in holiness, and may they teach and show the way of God. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
  - We pray for those in civil, political and military authority: may they work for a just and peaceful solution to the challenges and crises facing the world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
  - We pray for all who are sick, those afflicted by addiction and all those who care for them: may they be given strength and hope in their suffering and service. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
  - We pray for all who have died – especially for **Paul Elsavage** – may they be received with joy into the kingdom of their Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ▲ **Celebrant:** Almighty Father, You have inspired us to pray with confidence; through Your loving kindness, hear our prayers and grant what we ask, through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

### COMING EVENTS

**FRACKVILLE** – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 6:00PM)  
Feb. 7, 2016 Annual Parish Meeting after 10:00AM Mass

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to:

- to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** 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 the **Sunday greeters.**

**THANK YOU** very much to our Parishioners for sending Christmas wishes to the rectory. Thank you to everyone who remember Father Robert and his family sending cards and all gifts during this Christmas time! May God bless you!

**LAST WEEK STATISTIC:** Dec. 20 – 17; Dec. 24 – 40; Dec. 25 – 2.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Mark Gnidzinski**, his wife and parishioners of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa Parish in Latham, NY [bvmc.org; facebook: BVMC Parish].

**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 – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – John Kruk – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Joseph Petrusky – Eugenia Tyrrell. At **Nursing Homes:** 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. 3, 2016:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 10:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 17:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 24:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 31:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage.

**The Sundays Mass intentions are busy until the end of May 2016. Please, do not order Mass intentions for Sunday until Spring of 2016. Daily Masses are available at any time.**

**Total dues for 2015 per Adult Member:      \$124.00 Per Year**  
The dues should be paid \$124.00 total in one time until **December 31, 2015**.

 **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! If you are new to our parish, please submit your name, address and telephone number to **Father Robert**. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. WELCOME! You are always welcome to join us in worship. Come as a Guest – **Leave as a Friend**.

**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.

#### **PRAYER**

God our Father, when Your Son came into the world You chose the humble shepherds as the first witnesses of His Incarnation. As we honor them, may we continue to proclaim His presence among us. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*PNCC Missal 2006*

#### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Almighty and Eternal God, in your plan for our salvation You provide priests as shepherds for Your people. Raise up worthy servants for Your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*PNCC Missal 2006*