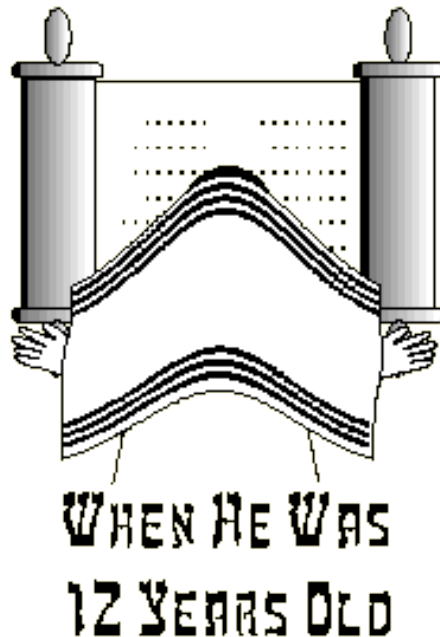


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Solemnity of Humble Shepherds - "C"

Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 30, 2018

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 30th – Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **James Dean**, of. by Wife, Marjorie.

- Collection for the Seminary.

MONDAY, December 31st – New Year's Eve

10:00AM – Holy Mass of Thanksgiving.

TUESDAY, January 1st, 2019 - Solemnity – Circumcision of the Lord

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

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

9:00AM – Holy Mass

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

FRIDAY, January 4th – First Friday of the month

4:15PM - Holy Mass and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

5-6:00PM – Private adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

SATURDAY, January 5th – Christmas Weekday

9:30AM – Holy Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, and Litany.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 6th – Solemnity – Epiphany of the Lord

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Carolyn Boychak, of. by Mr. & Mrs. George Wycheck.

- Confession.
- 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 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: 1 Samuel 1:20-22.24-28

Hannah longed for a child and, having pleaded with God, she fulfills her promise by dedicating him to God and a life of service.

Responsorial Psalm: **Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, o Lord.**

II Reading: 1 John 3:1-2.21-24

St. John reminds us that we are children of God. We are to be confident in God's love for each one of us.

ALLELUIA (Acts 16:14b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Open our hearts, o Lord, to listen to the words of Your Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

Mary and Joseph have been to Jerusalem with Jesus but, instead of returning with them, Jesus remains in the Temple, talking to and asking questions of the elders.

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: Believing that God knows all our needs, we bring before the Lord our concerns and deeper longings.

- For the Church: that she might be a beacon of light in our troubled world, showing the way to truth and justice.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

- For world leaders: that they might seek guidance and support to make the right decisions in bringing peace to all nations. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our parish community: that we, as the family of God, will support to make the right decisions in bringing peace to all nations. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who are seeking God: that they may be inspired by the loving and compassionate witness of God's Church. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the **President** of the U.S. and for the entire **Government**: may they succeed in their mission to lead our nation wisely. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all deceased members of our families – especially for **James Dean** – and whose good deeds go with them: may they experience the fullness of life in Christ. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all of our needs ...(PLEASE, NAME THEM NOW...) **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving God, we bring our prayers before You. May what we ask in faith be granted through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

THANK YOU to our **Parishioners** and **Friends** for decorating the church for Christmas last Sunday. Thank you so much to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** for her work in the church during this week! We will remove these decorations on Sunday, **January 13**, after the Mass.

- **Hall for Rent** is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and **\$50.00** returnable deposit.
- **Upcoming liturgy events: Feb. 24, 2019 – Annual Parish Meeting** after the Mass.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Janusz Lucarz - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Frank Savitsky – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda (309); **Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA** – Marie Demnitski.



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.



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.

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2018**. 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 (**\$137.00**), 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.

PNCC Future Direction Message - If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

PNCC 2019 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods

Develop and emphasize Discipleship through 2019: *Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Getting back to basics. Discipleship is who we are – all this flows from being a disciple of Jesus.*

January – The Call to Discipleship “Follow Me”. Projected outcome: *Church members will have a deeper insight into the true nature of Discipleship, which will serve as the foundation for the rest of the year.*

HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2019!