

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy
Solennita di Umili Pastori

December 29, 2019

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, p. 63

Today, December 29th – Solemnity of Humble Shepherds

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

- Collection for the Seminary.

MONDAY, December 30th – Weekday within the Octave of Christmas

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Josephine and Felix Gursky, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Chester Gursky.

TUESDAY, December 31st - New Year's Eve

10:00AM - Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for God's graces within 2019.

WEDNESDAY, January 1st, 2020 – Solemnity – Circumcision of the Lord

10:00AM - Holy Mass for God's blessings in 2020.

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

9:00AM - Holy Mass

FRIDAY, January 3rd – **First Friday of the month**
Holy Mass and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

SATURDAY, January 4th – *Christmas Weekday*
Holy Mass and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary

NEXT SUNDAY, January 5th – **Solemnity – Holy Family**
10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

- 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, 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: On this holy day let us implore the God of perfect love and peace to fill us with the glory of the Word-Made-Flesh.

- You have given us Christ to be our light. In the name of the Prince of Peace, enable us to be a people ever eager to do what is right, peaceable, and just. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- You have given us Christ, the Living Word. In the name of the Wonder-Counselor, pour out the Spirit of wisdom and understanding on all religious leaders especially our Prime Bishop, Bishops, Priests and Deacons of Your Holy Church. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- You have given us Christ to be the herald of good news to the poor and lowly. In the name of the Anointed One, help us to carry our Christ's mission of love and mercy. **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.**
 - You have given us Christ to redeem humanity from the forces of sin and death. In the name of Emmanuel, teach us to set aside any jealousy and animosity that deprive us of closeness with You. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - You have given us Christ as our eternal High Priest. In His holy name help those who are called to service in Your Holy Priesthood and diaconate to accept this Sacred Vocation. **R. Lord, hear us.**
 - We pray, God of Good news, for our young men. You call them to serve as Priests and Deacons in our Holy Church. Through Your abundant grace grant that they may respond as the Humble Shepherds responded to the news of Your Son's coming. **R. Lord, hear us.**
 - You have given us the descendant of David to be our blessed hope. In the name of the risen Savior, comfort all who mourn with Your tender compassion and heal those who are sick and suffering. **R. Lord, hear us.**
- Celebrant:** God of glory, the light of Christ reveals Your love for us. Receive our prayers and grant that we may always receive Your Word-Made-Flesh with grateful hearts. We ask this in Jesus' name. **R. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Hall for Rent** is available...**\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00** each additional hour, and **\$50.00** returnable deposit.
- **Ash Wednesday – February 26**
- **Palm Sunday – April 5**
- **Easter Sunday – April 12**

THANK YOU very much to some of our Parishioners, Friends and the Parish Committee for sending Christmas gifts to the rectory. Thank you to everyone who remember the Pastor and his family by sending cards and all gifts during this Christmas time! May God bless you!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Helen Hopko - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik –Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen – Edward Jurewicz – Marjorie Dean. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda (309); **Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA** – Marie Demnitski (223); **Shenandoah Manor:** Helen Menzyk (D14).



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.**

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.

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 2020 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods.

Continue to develop Discipleship through 2020: Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord Jesus Christ. During 2020 we will examine the lives of some of the early disciples of our Lord and their discipleship virtues to see what we can learn from them and apply to our daily living.

JANUARY – John the Baptist: Fortitude, Humility. Matthew 3:1-17; John 1:15-36, 3:22-30.

Reflecting question: John the Baptist called others to repent and prepare for the Lord Jesus. How can you, as a disciple, help others take their relationship with our Lord more seriously?

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wiles and wickedness of the devil. Restrain him, o God, we humbly pray, and you, o Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin and destruction of souls. Amen.