

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Solemnity – Humble Shepherds - “B”
Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 27, 2020

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Contemporary liturgy in English, p. 63

Following the rules – the Country and the Church – faithful attend services on their own responsibility. Red phase: 10 people (no more!) could be in the church; yellow phase – 25, keep at least 6 feet social distance, you have to wear the face mask, use sanitizers. **Holy Communion will be distributed to those who would like to receive the Sacrament during the regular place of the Mass.**

Today, December 27th –Humble Shepherds
Holy Mass; intention: for all **Parishioners.**
➤ Collection for Savonarola Seminary.

MONDAY, December 28th – Holy Innocents
9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for **Children** of our Congregation.

THURSDAY, December 31st – *Within the Octave of the Nativity*
10:00AM – Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for God’s graces in 2020

FRIDAY, January 1st 2021 – Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

10:00AM – Holy Mass

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

9:00AM - Holy Mass, intention for: Father Christopher Rogalski, his family, and parishioners of Divine Providence parish in Norwich, CT.

5:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 3rd – Solemnity – Holy Family

10:00AM – Holy Mass; intention: for Sp. Joanne Plaxa, of. by Mr. & Mrs. George Wycheck.



Collection for Missions.



Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Today's liturgy

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.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH [PAGE 71]

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.**

Act of Spiritual Communion

(To be used at the time of communion when not receiving the sacrament or anytime we wish to be united with our Lord)

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. 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.

THIS WEEK PRAYER for: - Father Christopher Rogalski, his family, and parishioners of Divine Providence parish in Norwich, CT.



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

DEATH NOTICE – Mrs. **Joanne Plaxa** passed away suddenly on Dec. 16, 2020 at her home. The funeral arrangements will be provided at the proper time. **Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her, o Lord...**



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 **the Pastor**. He 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, 2020**. 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 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.

DECEMBER – ST. JOSEPH – PROTECTOR OF THE LORD: OBEDIENCE, TRUST, PATIENCE

Reflection Question: St. Joseph was obedient to the will of the Father even when asked to do some very difficult things. Have you struggled to embrace God's will for your life in the past? How can you spiritually prepare to more fully surrender your life as a disciple of Jesus?

A PRAYER in OUR TIME of the CORONAVIRUS
(adapted from the monthly publication, America)

O Jesus Christ, my Savior and healer, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help, who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. **Amen.**

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.