

CHRISTMAS MASS of the Shepherds

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8:00 PM **Holy Ghost Parish – Shenandoah**

Mass intention: for **All Parishioners and Friends.**



“It is a glory of Christianity that it not only reveals God *for* us, and God *with* us, but God *in* us.”

Organist: Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff

Choir: Choir of the Holy Ghost Parish

December 24, 2011

Today's liturgy

This night, we celebrate that a Child is born for us, a Son given to us: that Child is Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. Let us rejoice in the good news of God.

ENTRANCE HYMN: O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born the King of angels. O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
2. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exaltation, oh sing all ye rivals, of heaven above. Glory to God, glory in the highest. O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

THE BLESSING of the MANGER

Priest: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
People: Who made heaven and earth.
Priest: O Lord hear my prayer.
People: And let our cry come to you.
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.



Priest: **Let us pray:** Almighty God, Who on that wondrous night sent forth Your Salvation, being manifested in the person of Your Son, Jesus Christ, look upon Your faithful people gathered in Your Church tonight, commemorating the Nativity of our Lord in a stable of Bethlehem. Grant, we humbly beseech You, that the Savior of the World might be born again in the hearts and souls of all people of the world. Unto You we sing and give praise, honor and glory; and we ask You to instill in us godliness and holy love; strengthen our faith and grant us Your true Peace – that peace which we can find only in You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **R: AMEN.**

Priest/People: **Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...**

Priest: The Word made Flesh.
People: And dwelt among us.
Priest: Christ is born today.
People: Glory to God in the highest.
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Priest: **Let us pray:** O Lord, Jesus Christ true Light that lights every person; O Holy Christ Child, Who today will come into the hearts of all who sincerely love You, grant that we may be able to understand the message of Your enlightening Word, and that following Your example and teachings in our daily lives, we may attain the Eternal Light of Heaven. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

R: AMEN.

Blessing the Manger

Cicha Noc – Polish Śpiewnik #34/ Silent Night – (1 Polish, 1 English)

1. Cicha noc, święta noc! Wszystko śpi, atoli czuwa Józef z Maryą, kiedy Boska Dziecina w błogim pokoju śpi, w błogim pokoju śpi.
2. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon virgin Mother and Child, Holy Infant, so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

ENTRANCE (Psalm 96:1-3)

V. Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord; bless His name; announce His salvation, day after day.

R. Tell God's glory among the nations; among all peoples, His wondrous deeds.

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: Isaiah 9:1-7

Isaiah foretells the birth of Messiah, the one who will come to save God's people. His reign will last for ever.

THE GRADUAL (Psalm 96:11-12a, 9b-10a)

V. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them.

R. Tremble before God, all the earth; say among the nations: "The Lord is King."

II Reading: Titus 2:11-14

The revelation of God's grace in Jesus Christ challenges us to live lives worthy of God.

THE ALLELUIA (Psalm 2:7)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. I will proclaim the decree of the Lord, who said to me, "You are My son, today I am Your Father."

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Jesus is born in Bethlehem, and the angel of the Lord announces news of the birth to shepherds in the field: already, the good news is beginning to spread.

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.

OFFERTORY VERSE (Psalm 96:11a, 13)

V. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice before the Lord, who comes, who comes to govern the earth, to govern the world with justice and the peoples with faithfulness.

OFFERTORY HYMN – Wesołą Nowinę

1. Wesołą nowinę bracia słuchajcie, Niebieską dziecinę ze mną witajcie. Jak miła ta nowina, mów gdzie jest ta dziecina, byśmy tam pobieżeli, i ujrzeli.
2. Bogu chwałę wznoszą na wysokości, pokój ludziom głoszą duchy światłości. Jak miła ta nowina, mów gdzie jest ta dziecina, byśmy tam pobieżeli, i ujrzeli.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Gdy się Chrystus Rodzi

1. Gdy się Chrystus rodzi, i na świat przychodzi, ciemna noc w jasności, promienistej brodzi. Aniołowie się radują, pod niebiosy wyśpiewują: Chwała bądź, Chwała bądź, Chwała bądź Bogu na wysokości.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – 1 verse + repeat

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild: God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Śliczna Panienska. - Polish Śpiewnik #26

1. Śliczna Panienska Jezusa zrodziła. W stajni powiwszy siankiem Go okryła. O siano, siano, siano jak lilija, na którym kładzie Jezusa Maryja /2x.
2. Czemuż litości nie masz Panno droga, żeś w liche siano uwinęła Boga. O siano, siano, siano jak lilija, na którym kładzie Jezusa Maryja /2x.

COMMUNION VERSE (Psalm 110:3b)

V. In holy splendor, before the daystar, like the dew I begot You.

+ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Święty, Święty, Święty, święty zawsze święty. Jezu jesteś niepojęcie w Przenajświętszym Sakramencie. /3

times

O Przenajświętsza Hostya, dla której nam niebo sprzyja, broń nas od nieprzyjaciół wszelkich, dodaj mocy i sił wszelkich.

Chwała bądź Panu naszemu, z Dziewicy narodzonemu, Ojcu, Duchowi Świętemu, Bogu w Trójcy Jedynemu. **Przed tak wielkim Sakramentem** upadajmy na twarzą, niech ustąpią z testamentem nowym sprawom już starzy. Wiara będzie suplementem, co się zmysłom nie zdarzy.

Ojciec z Synem niech to sprawi by Mu dzięki zabrzmiała, niech Duch Święty błogosławi, by się Jego moc stała. Niech nas nasza wiara stawi, gdzie jest wieczna cześć chwała.

Niechaj będzie pochwalony, od nas wszystkich uwielbiony, Przenajświętszy Sakrament, ten niebieski Testament. /3 times/ Teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

May your hearts be filled with joy and hope this Christmas and always.

RECESSIONAL HYMN – Joy to the World!

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive their King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

THE LEGEND OF POINSETTIA

On hearing the birth of Jesus, a poor girl set out with her brother to visit Him. The girl wanted to bring a gift for baby Jesus, but her family had no money for gifts.

So along the way, she began picking weeds and making them into a bouquet for the Christ Child. She felt ashamed when she saw the finer gifts others were bringing.

However, her brother told her that even a humble gift, if given in love, would be acceptable to Jesus.

When they arrived, the girl took her gift up to the manger and laid it down with a shy smile. To her amazement, her handful of weeds was transformed into beautiful red flowers shaped like stars. This is why in Mexico poinsettias are known as **Flowers of the Holy Night**. *They bloom each year during the Christmas Season and remind us of Christ's love and acceptance.*



SILENT NIGHT – (Josef Mohr & Franz Gruber)

Silent Night, Holy Night, is the third hymn to be considered a Christmas Carol. There are some sources who disagree with the original story. Joseph Mohr provided the words and Franz Gruber composed the music on Christmas Eve, 1818, in Oberndorf, Austria. It is reported that the first singing was accompanied by a guitar as the church organ was broken. The words were not translated into English until 1863 by **John Freeman Young**. Mohr and Gruber had often talked about the fact that the perfect Christmas hymn had never been written. When Mohr brought these words to Gruber, he exclaimed, *“Friend you have found the right song.”* This happened in the middle of the winter, high in the beautiful Alps. *Again, God had the right man in the right place at the right time.*

A
year
that's
full of
happiness
for you and
yours we pray.
And may a gleam
of friendly cheer melt
all your cares away. With
every joy that heart could wish to
light the yule log's glow. Let singing
voices fill the air and New Year's bells ring
out. Let everyone with glad accord a joyful
message shout. Let Christ abide within your
heart and hallow your desire
and home and may
you
say
with all of us
“God bless us everyone.”

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS CAME

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.
The Children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.
When out of the East there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutter and threw up the sash!
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I new in a moment this must be THE DAY!

The light of His face made cover my head
It was Jesus! Returning just like He had said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.
In the Book of Life which He held in His hand,
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name:
When He said “its not here” my head hung in shame
The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without a sound
While all the rest were left standing around.
I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and cried as they rose out of sight:
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.
In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



May the message of Christmas bless you with God's hope and peace

Merry Christmas and Happy New – 2012 – Year!!!

Fr. Robert Plichta with Family.



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

Shenandoah: **THANK YOU:** very much to all of our Parishioners who so beautifully decorated our church for Christmas.

Mr. John Golba and **Ms. Mary Ann Hoppes** purchased the new Paschal Candle to our Parish. Thank you, very much!

THANK YOU – very much to **Joe Karvois** and **Dylan Whitecavage** for their help at the altar.

Frackville: **THANK YOU:** very much to all of our Parishioners who so beautifully decorated our church for Christmas.

PARISH INFORMATION. **Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only

practicing Christians should be chosen as **godparents**.

Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

The parish bulletin - is made on **THURSDAY'S** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage. Eugenia Halaburda – Dolores Halaburda. ***Shenandoah Manor*** – Violet Cegielski (B2). ***Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)*** - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221).