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Solemnity – Humble Shepherds – Cycle “B”

Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

January 8, 2012

“No one can walk backward into the future.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 11:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English

Today, January 8th – Humble Shepherds

This solemnity is celebrated usually on the first Sunday after Christ's Nativity, in honor of the humble shepherds who tended sheep in the land of Jesus.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

- ⬆ Collection for the Seminary.
- ⬆ Annual Parish Meeting.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11; **Tue.**, 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28; **Wed.**, 1 Samuel 3:1-10.19-20; Mark 1:29-39; **Thu.**, 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45; **Fri.**, 1 Samuel 8:4-7.10-22a; Mark 2:1-12; **Sat.**, 1 Samuel 9:1-4.17-19. 10:1; Mark 2:13-17

MONDAY, January 9th - Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

TUESDAY, January 10th - *Octave of the Epiphany*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for sp. **Rev. Zygfryd Maul**, of. by Fr. Robert.

THURSDAY, January 12th - *Octave of the Epiphany*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention for: sp. **Rev. Maksymilian Lawnicki**, of. by Fr. Robert.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 15th - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

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

GRADUAL (Psalm 45:3,2a)

V. You are the most handsome of men; fair speech has graced Your lips.

R. My heart is stirred by a noble theme, as I sing my ode to the king.

II Reading: Titus 3:4-7

ALLELUIA (Psalm 93:1)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord is King, robed with majesty; the Lord is robed, girded with might.

R. Alleluia, 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.

OFFERTORY VERSE (Psalm 96:8)

V. Give to the Lord the glory due His Name! Bring gifts and enter His courts.

COMMUNION VERSE (Psalm 9:19)

V. The needy will never be forgotten, nor will the hope of the afflicted ever fade.

Jesus was sent out on His ministry, so we are called to go out into the world as witnesses to Him.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Apr. 12th Diocesan Council meeting (Scranton, PA)
Oct. 11-13th, Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Feb. 20th Pastors meeting (Wilkes-Barre, PA 1:00PM)
May... Seniorate Council meeting (Shenandoah, PA)
June 7th Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

SHENANDOAH

Feb. 22nd Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at 6:00PM

FRACKVILLE

Feb. 22nd Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at 7:30PM
Apr. 29th "Chinese" Auction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners and Friends for their donations, time and hard work this week to better our parish and Church. The Sunday greeters, the people working on fundraisers, the decorators, repair and maintenance people, and members of the choir.

THANK YOU to church operational fund donation: **Mrs, Mary Ann Hoppes, Mrs. Helen Menzyk, Mrs. Mary Stukas, Mr. Lance Nelson, Mr. Julian Bednarek, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Savitsky, Mrs. Claire Mallick, Mr. Stanley Sawecki, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky; Ms. Maria Celso, Ms. Diane Jellen, Ms. Susan Bobbin, Mr. Frank Gill, Ms. Melissa Nahas; Anthony and Barbara Ideson; Mr. & Mrs. James Panco.** When you make a check for donations, please make them out to: **Holy Ghost PNCC.**

THANK YOU very to **Mr. Stephen Karvois** for the grass cutting at the rectory's yard; to **Mr. Joseph Petrusky, Mrs. Theresa Petrusky and Mr. Julian Bednarek** for everything what you did for our parish. Thank you to **Ms. Mary Ann Hoppes** for taking care of poinsettias, and everything what you did for this parish. Thank you to everyone for any kind of help. May God bless you all!

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

HOLY GHOST PARISH is looking for the additional voices to our **Choir**: both men and ladies. If you feel

that you can help us, please join our Parish Choir. Thank you.

CHURCH SERVICES – we stop shaking hands during the Holy Mass due the flu conditions. Thank you.

PLEASE CALL FR. ROBERT - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; ..if your phone number or address change; ..if you have a prayer concern.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Jaroslaw Jablonski**, his family and parishioners of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Walton Hills, OH.

THE PARISH MEMBERSHIP – to keep our parish membership list up to date – please pay your dues during the fiscal year, a deadline is December 31, 2012. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage. Eugenia Halaburda – Dolores Halaburda. ***Shenandoah Manor*** – Violet Cegielski (B2). ***Trinity Mission (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. Please remember that with privacy laws, the Parish is often not informed when someone enters. Please call the rectory so Fr. Robert can come for prayer.

UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS: Aug. 19: sp. William Zamonas Sr. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.*

SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of OUR LORD – Epiphany means “manifestation” and speaks of the “light of the world” manifesting itself to the Gentiles represented by the Magi who came to adore the Christ Child. This feast is celebrated by both Eastern and Western Christianity and goes back to the third century. On this feast the traditional blessing of incense and chalk is held. (from “Rites and Ritual” – a liturgical handbook for the PNCC). In the *PNCC* as well as other catholic churches on January 6, the priest blesses incense (one of the gifts of the Wise Men), and chalk, which is used for the marking of the door-frame of parishioners homes with the initials of the Three Kings and the year: **+20+K+M+B+12+**. Beginning with this day, and ending on February 2 (*Presentation of the Lord*), the parish priest will make Epiphany pastoral visits to as many parishioners as possible. There he will bless the home and its inhabitants.

A properly-prepared home displays a white linen cloth, upon which is placed a crucifix, a blessed candle, holy water and chalk; the sweet scent of blessed incense fills the air.

SHOPPING at “REDNER” REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners and Friends that if you go shopping at *Redner's* please use your “Redner's card” for purchase. When you will do it the Parish can get a credit – Thank you!



WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship!

THE MANOR AT WAYMART – a personal care facility, is located in beautiful waymart, PA near the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center. We invite you to contact us at **570-488-6829** or manoratwaymart@echoes.net for rates, room availability, or to arrange a tour of our facility. Also these are our **room rates:** Semi-Private - \$2,097.00; Private - \$2,646.00; Private Deluxe - \$3,087.00.



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 **10:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age should come to **private** Confession. If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come for private confession at least once a month. If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH CONCERNS - In this blessed land of the United States of America, no community is complete without its House of Worship. For this, full credit must be justly given to the Founding Fathers of our Country. Our forefathers were of a thoroughbred spiritual stock. Being God fearing, religious and church going people they built our national structure upon the foundation of God. Judging by the results, God was with them in all their civic undertakings with a blessing that was as constant as it was generous. If there is any truth whatever in the proverb, "like father, like son," then it is easy to understand why the present generation intends to keep God in its midst today, tomorrow and forever. To God's glory and His name the people of the United States have built beautiful temples and churches, large or small, stately or simple, according to the means of the community and the needs of the congregation they were intended to serve. Inspired with this motive and impelled with this same purpose a group of citizens of Polish descent and emigrants from Poland residing in Shenandoah area united in a resolve to build for them a House of Worship. Early in the 1920's residents of Shenandoah turned for guidance and advice to the Most Rev. Franciszek Hodur in Scranton, PA. An organizational meeting was held in May 1922 in the presence of the Rev. Father Leon Grochowski and the Rev. Father Jan Gritenas who helped to organize the Holy Ghost Polish National Catholic Church. The church records state that the first Mass was celebrated in the Russian Hall on Center Street by the Rev. Father Stanislaw Cybulski and for the first time the Mass was celebrated in the Polish language. Later, property was purchased at West Lloyd and Chestnut Streets and a church was built and dedicated in December 1923. In addition to the church building, the parish's property consists of a rectory, cemetery and park. During these formative years, the parish grew in membership and various societies were organized to help with the work of the parish. Among them were the Ladies Adoration Society, The Polish School Society, two branches of the Polish National Union of America - (Spójnia), Young Men's Resurrection Society, the St. Mary's Girls Society and the Frederick Chopin Choir.

Now we are desperately struggle to survive, and to keep our church doors open. ***Dear Parishioners and Friends***, please, take care of your own parish, because we are in danger to close. Our parish family needs you, your assistance and participation: both: spiritually – in time of worship, and financially – to support your own church by your donations. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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.

MEMBERS DUES 2012. Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the 'family plan' method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the last General Synod.

Each adult member will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at the Holy Ghost Parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

Total dues for 2012 per Adult Member: \$95.00 Per Year

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations:

Sunday Collection, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Donations, and Christmas Donations.