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Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 26, 2010

“Go as far as you can see, and when you get there you will see farther.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 8:45AM – Contemporary liturgy in English [page 63]

Today, December 26th – Humble Shepherds

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

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Geraldine Andrews**, of. by Helen and Richard Wienches.

- Collection for the Seminary.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a.2-8; **Tue.**, 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18; **Wed.**, Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37; **Thu.**, Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21.24-27; **Fri.**, Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31; **Sat.** Isaiah 30:19-21.23-26; Matthew 9:35 – 10:1.5a.6-8

MONDAY, December 27th – Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

Born in Bethsaida, a fisherman, he was called to follow Jesus while mending his nets. Known as the “beloved disciple”, John wrote the fourth Gospel, three Epistles, and the Book of Revelation. His passages on the preexistence of the Word, who by his Incarnation became the light of the world and the life of our souls, are among the finest of the New Testament. He is the evangelist of Christ’s divinity and fraternal love. With James, his brother, and Simon Peter he was present at the Lord’s Transfiguration. At the Last Supper, he leans on the Master’s breast. At the foot of the cross, Jesus entrusts his mother to his care. John’s pure life kept him very close to Jesus and Mary. John was exiled to the island of Patmos under Emperor Domitian.

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

TUESDAY, December 28th - Holy Innocents

The Church celebrates the memory of the twenty or so babies whom Herod put to death in his attempt to kill Jesus. These innocent victims thus bear witness to Christ to a world unwilling to receive him.

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for **Victoria** and **Veronica Plichta**, of. by parents.

FRIDAY, December 31st - Solemnity – Holy Family

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

11:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

SATURDAY, January 1st 2011 - Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord – New Years Day

11:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 2nd, 2011 – Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Geraldine Andrews, of. by Ta.....T.....

- Collection for mission.

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.

May the light of faith burn in your hearts today and every day; and as you go from here may almighty God bless you.

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.

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.

HELP NEEDED – If anyone is interested to help at the altar during our services, and serve as the Lector, please contact the pastor.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for the Very Rev. Francis Kadryna, his family, and parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel PNCC in Niagara Falls, NY.

MASS LITURGY CHANGES – until Easter we will stop shaking hands during the Holy Mass, due flu season.

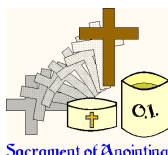
UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: Sp. Geraldine Andrews: Jan. 2, 2011, Jan 9, 2011; **Jan. 16, 2011:** sp. Susan Bednarek, Helena Bednarek, Julian Bednarek Sr.; **Jan. 23, 11:** sp. Franciszek, Elżbieta Sroka; **Jan. 30, 11:** for sp. John and Dolores Sroka; **Feb. 6, 2011:** sp. Jan Sroka; **Feb. 13, 2011:** sp. Catherine Marasco.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 19 – Rosemary Savitsky; December 23 – Lee Sincavage.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Ida Socker. *Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)* - Margaret Kruszynski - Edward Ryszka Jr.



Sacrament of Anointing

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.

“Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord...” (James 5:14). If you, or a member of your family are sick

and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home, please notify the rectory.

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.



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.

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.

CHURCH OPERATION FUND – as of today the following have donated: Mr. & Mrs. James Panco, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Savitsky, Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes, Mr. John Golba, Mrs. Ida Socker, Mrs. Mary Stukas, Mr. Frank Gill, Mr. Stanley Sawecki, Mrs. Claire Mallick, Mrs. Helen Menzyk, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky, Mrs. Loretta Kovalewski. Monetary donations during the church year include: Mrs. Violet Cegielski, Mr. Jan Cegielski, Mr. Frank Gill, Mrs. Diane Jellen. Thank you!

PARISH COMMITTEE – Our PNCC is a democratic Church, where the members have a privilege to serve in the parish. It is a privilege and responsibility to help the church grow, and to be a member of the parish committee. If anyone is interested to help the Committee, please contact Fr. Robert or Mr. Joseph Petrusky.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS – are donated in memory of: Anette Zomchick, Jon Zomchick, Anthony Zomchick, Stella Idason, Stanley Kovalewski/Zamonas family, Anne Grande, Bobbin family, Susan Bednarek, Helena Bednarek, Lucille Gill, and Mr. Jan Cegielski, Mr. John Golba. Thank you. Thank you.

MEMBERS DUES 2010. 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 2010 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, Bleenie Sales (we had

a great time last year, come out help out, join in the fun...), Chinese Auction, and Christmas Donations.



THE PARISH CATECHISM – *Can all sins be forgiven?* God will forgive all sins no matter how great or how often committed, if a person is truly sorry for them and gives up anything that has led or may lead him into sin again.

ARE YOU IN ONE OF THESE GROUPS?

Of the people who belong to our church today:

Ten percent cannot be found.

Twenty percent never pray.

Thirty percent never read the Bible.

Forty percent never give anything to the church.

Fifty percent seldom attend services.

Sixty percent never give to missions.

Seventy-five percent never go to midweek prayer services.

Ninety percent never have family worship.

Ninety-five percent have never told another person about Christ.

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 **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.