

Holy Ghost Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
90th Anniversary of Organizing (1922 - 2012)

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Solemnity – Humble Shepherds - “C”

Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 30, 2012

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, December 30th – Solemnity – 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 deceased members of Halaburda and Nelson families (All Souls).

⤴ Collection for Seminary.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

December 31: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18; **January 2:** 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28; **January 3:** 1 John 2:29 – 3:6; John 1:29-34; **January 4:** 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42; **January 5:** 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

MONDAY, December 31st – *New Year's Eve*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

TUESDAY, January 1st, 2013 – Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord – New Year's Day

10:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville

WEDNESDAY, January 2nd - Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

From apostolic times, the Church has professed that “at the name of Jesus every knee shall bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Through the particular efforts of St. Bernardine of Siena, devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus was promoted through the inscription monogram of the Holy Name (IHS) and the addition of the name Jesus to the Hail Mary.

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, January 4th - First Friday of the month

5:00PM – 7:00PM – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Frackville.

7:00PM – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 6th - Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord

11:00AM – Holy Mass intention: for sp. William & Josephine Zamonas... (All Souls).

⤴ Blessing of chalk.

⤴ Collection for missions.

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.

COMING EVENTS

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Feb. 11th, 2013 Pastor's meeting – Middleport, PA (1:00PM)

Apr. 27th Seniorate Council Meeting – Edwardsville, PA (1:00PM)

May 30th Corpus Christi Service – Frackville, PA (7:00PM)

Oct. 13th 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing Parishes in Hazleton and McAdoo, PA.

SHENANDOAH

Jan. 13th Annual Parish Meeting

Feb. 13th Ash Wednesday – 6:00PM

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** of the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

Feb. 3rd Annual Parish Meeting after 11:00AM Holy Mass

Feb. 13th Ash Wednesday – 7:30PM

May 18th First Holy Communion Day (Saturday)

May 30th Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

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 for our church operational fund donations: **Mr. & Mrs. James Panco, Mr. Frank Gill, Mr. Jan Cegielski, Mrs. Eugenia Tyrrell, Mr. Lance Nelson, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Savitsky, Mrs. Mary Stukas, Mr. Julian Bednarek, Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes, Mr. John Golba, Mrs. Diane Jellen, Mr. Edward Ryszka Jr., Mrs. Cecelia Zomczyk, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky, Ms. Helen Menzyk, Mrs. Claire Mallick, Ms. Susan Bobbin.** When you make a check for donations, please make it out to: **Holy Ghost PNCC.**

THANK YOU to **Joe Karvois** and **Dylan Whitecavage** for their help at the altar last year.

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

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Jaroslaw Rafalko**, his wife, and parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Kewanee, IL.

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 2 – Calli Renee Whitecavage.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda. ***Providence Palace Drums, PA*** - Violet Cegielski. ***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.

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!



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.

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.

HUMBLE SHEPHERDS SOLEMNITY PRAYER

Blessed Christ Child in the manger, bless me with Your peace today. Blessed Jesus, let me see the radiant star – Humble shepherds stand and watch You, awaiting the Three Kings from the East. Blessed Jesus, strengthen me with Your gentle grace. Blessed Jesus, smile on me, come and touch me with Your love. **Amen.**

