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Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A Festival Thought

Today we reflect on the humble shepherds and why God chose them, among the lowliest of people, to spread the good news of great joy.

About Today's Bible Readings:

JEREMIAH 31:10-14

The joy of the coming of the Saviour and the salvation of Israel are extolled.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. A light will shine on us this day; The Lord is born for us.

GALATIANS 4:1-7

St. Paul tells us that the coming of Christ elevates us from childhood to children of God.

LUKE 2:15-20

The shepherds see the Christ Child in the manger and, filled with awe, return to spread the Good News.

ENTRANCE RITE: Wisdom 18:14-15a; Psalm 93:2

V. For when peaceful stillness compassed everything and the night in its swift course was half spent, Your all-powerful Word from heaven's royal throne bounded, a fierce warrior, into the doomed land.

R. Your throne stands firm from 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.

ALLELUIA: Psalm 93:1a

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.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-20

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – Dec. 29th

Solemnity

Humble Shepherds

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Jan. 5th

Solemnity

Holy Family

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

MONDAY – Jan. 6th

Solemnity

Epiphany of Our Lord

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Jan. 12th

Solemnity

Baptism of Our Lord

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Jan. 19th

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Jan. 26th

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

ONE MASS ONLY!

COFFEE AND DONUTS

We are pleased to gather for the Fellowship hour in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for each donut being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.

2025 DONATION ENVELOPES ARE IN THE LIBRARY!

INTENTIONS:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, David Mulutzie, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman and Dr. Brandon Ishaque. **Our Father...**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 12th; Oplątek Holiday Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM. Complete sit down ham dinner with kielbasa, sides, desserts and door prizes. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule and sign the sheet if you are planning to attend so that we know how much food to prepare. There is **NO CHARGE** for this dinner but free will donations will graciously be accepted.

Sunday, January 19th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, January 26th; Annual Parish Membership Meeting at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I urge every member of Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish to attend this important meeting. Many issues vital to the health and success of our parish will be discussed and decided upon. The key to success in any democratically oriented organization is in the participation of the membership. Our parish is facing many challenges and your thoughts and ideas on how to solve them are of the utmost importance. Please plan to attend, engage and to elect or volunteer to be elected representatives to the various offices and positions in our parish for the upcoming terms. Our ancestors fought for this right when they founded the Polish National Catholic Church one hundred and twenty seven years ago. Please respect it and make use of it by attending and participating.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

NEW YEAR - 2025

As we enter the new year please be aware of the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting on January 28th. I would also like to remind all of the various parish organizations to be sure to have their year-end reports ready in preparation for the meeting and if you have not already done so, please be sure to complete your minimum yearly contribution to the Parish as soon as you can. Thank you.

2025 PNCC HOME LITURGICAL CALENDARS

The PNCC Home Liturgical Calendars are here and on the table in the vestibule for \$7.50 each. Only a limited number are available so get yours before they are gone! These are a great way to keep abreast of the various Sundays and Solemnities.

