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Solemnity of the Holy Family

A Sabbath Thought

On this day within the Octave of Christmas, the holy family of Nazareth stands as a model of human intimacy. Our families, too, are sacred places, places of physical growth, places where each person is cherished and accepted, places where God dwells.

About Today's Bible Readings

SIRACH 3:2-6, 12-14

Within the family, no loving deed proves unfruitful, no act of kindness is ever lost.

Responsorial Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-21

Christ is the head of the Church, his body, his family that strives to be his mirror image in love.

LUKE 2:41-52

The family of Nazareth lived in ordinary circumstances. But in faith, in their trials and labors, they revealed an extraordinary love.

ENTRANCE RITE – Luke 2:15b-16

V. 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 know to us."

R. So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in the manger.

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: Isaiah 45:15

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Truly with you God is hidden, the God of Israel, the Savior!

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 2:41-52

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – 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!

SUNDAY – Feb. 2nd

**Solemnity
Presentation of
Our Lord**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

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, Dr. Brandon Ishaque and all of those impacted by the senseless tragedies in Las Vegas and New Orleans. For the repose of the souls of former president James Earl Carter and all of those that lost their lives in Las Vegas and New Orleans. **Our Father....**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 12th; Oplatek Holiday Dinner **CANCELLED**. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Oplatek Dinner scheduled for next Sunday has been **CANCELLED**. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause anyone.

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 10:30 AM 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 26th. 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.

