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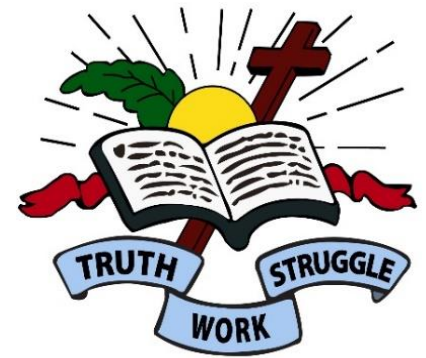
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Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord – During the Day

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A Festival Thought

The profound mystery of the Word made flesh causes us to celebrate with joy every aspect of our redemption. Through Christ's birth, by Christ's death and in Christ's marvelous resurrection, we find ourselves saved!

About Today's Bible Readings:

ISAIAH 52:7-10

God's word of salvation for Israel meant freedom from exile, a return home, a chance to rebuild.

Responsorial Psalm:

98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

HEBREWS 1:1-16

God's word of salvation, first spoken through the prophets, became a living reality in the person and mission of Jesus Christ.

JOHN 1:1-18

God's word of salvation, finally made flesh in Jesus, is the source of our light, love and peace.

ENTRANCE RITE – Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

V. A Child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

R. Sing a new song to the Lord, Who has done marvelous deeds.

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 – Traditional – Liturgy of the hours antiphon

A sanctified day has shown upon us; come, you nations, and adore the Lord: for this day a great Light has descended upon the earth.

THE GOSPEL – John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY December 25th

Solemnity

Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY - December 26th

Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

Feast of Saint Stephen

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

ONE MASS ONLY!

MONDAY - December 27th

Feast of Saint John

Apostle and Evangelist

Blessing and

Distribution of Wine

7:00 PM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY - January 2nd

Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS



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INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: 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, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman, Ed Edling and Riley Rejniak. **Our Father...**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Don so he can add them!

THE OPLAKI ARE HERE!

The Oplaki are here. They are in a basket on the table in the vestibule. Please take what you need and donate what you can to offset costs and to help the Ladies of the ANS continue their good work for our Parish.

2022 HOME LITURGICAL CALENDARS

There are a limited number of 2022 Home Liturgical Calendars available in the vestibule as well. Please donate what you can to offset costs. If more calendars are needed please let Father Senior Don know so he can order more. Thank you and God Bless.

MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS

The new sign-up sheet for Memorial Altar Flowers for 2022 will soon be posted in the Church Hall. You can see Carol Urban or call 610-678-3133 if you wish to reserve a Sunday for a Flower Memorial donation or fill out the form attached to the chart.

Carol can advise you as to the costs.

This is a lovely way to remember a dearly departed loved one or to honor a living loved one as well as helping to beautify the altars.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

On behalf of the Parish Committee, myself and my daughter, Danielle, I would like to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Blessed and most prosperous New Year!