



Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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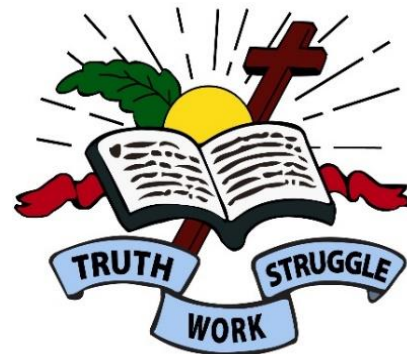
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January 8, 2023

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

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 - January 8th

Solemnity

Humble Shepherds

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY - January 15th

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Beverly Rush Wunderlich, offered by Father Senior Donald and Danielle Wunderlich.

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Blessed Chalk and Incense

The chalk and incense that were blessed Friday night as we celebrated the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord are available on the table in the vestibule. Please take one home for your own use.

Donation Envelopes 2023

The Donation Envelopes for 2023 are available on the table in the Library. Please remember to pick up yours so that you are ready to faithfully support our beloved Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish in the coming year.

UKRAINIAN RELIEF DONATIONS

The deadline for Ukrainian Relief Donations will be Sunday, January 22nd. Please be sure to have your donations here by then and leave them in the Fellowship Hall on the table by the door near the stage. Please contact Tom Schalata for more details.



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, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Jeannine Dresh, Amanda Dresh, Brianne Dresh, Bonnie Sue Pilot, Lisha Rowe, Lorah Zawoski, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk., Terry Leatherman, Jackie Weinhold, Andy Kosak, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Cindy Golowski, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, and Father Senior Ed Ratajack. **Our Father....**

If there are any other individuals who should or shouldn't be on this list, please email or tell Fr. Sr. Donald so he can add them or remove them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, January 8th; The ANS will meet in the Library at 11:00 AM. All of the women of the Parish are encouraged to attend and to join the ANS if not already members.

Tuesday, January 10th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, January 11th; The Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM. All are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, January 14th; The Music Commission of the Central Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church will hold a seminar here at Saint Stephens at 1:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. All Choir members should mark this date on your calendars.

Sunday, January 15th; The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, January 29th; 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 four years ago. Please respect it and make use of it by attending and participating. To participate online via TEAMS, please email Fr. Sr. Donald no later than Wednesday, January 25th.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

NEW YEAR

As we enter the new year please be aware of the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting on January 29th. 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 see to it that your yearly dues are paid to date.

Koleda – Blessing of Homes

Father Senior Donald will be blessing homes this Epiphany Season. He will be happy to bless any home at your request. Please print your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule along with the best time for you to have this done. Or, simply call him at 610-775-4559 to set up a time and date. He will be happy to see you and more than happy to bless your home.

Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship

Please join us after each Mass in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. For a small donation, have a cup of coffee, a donut and some Christian Fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Catch up with old friends and maybe make some new ones.