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Solemnity – Nativity of our Lord

FAITH SHARING

Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, which occurred some 2,000 years ago. Looking through the telescope of Christ's Resurrection, the New Testament authors, as well as the Fathers of the Church, reexamined foreshadowing of the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, in the writings of the prophets, and they identified Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 9:1-6

The Lord God, through His prophet Isaiah, promises relief for both the northern and the southern kingdoms of Israel through a new king and his descendant in the line of David, in the person of Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Titus 2:11-14

The second reading, tells us that it is only by the saving power of God in Christ that we are enabled to live virtuously in the present with hope for the future.

Luke 2:1-14

The Gospel tells us how Jesus was born in Bethlehem and how the news of His birth was first announced to shepherds by the angels. Since David was a shepherd, it seems fitting that the shepherds were given the privilege of visiting David's successor in the stable. If these shepherds were the ones in charge of the Temple sheep and lambs meant for daily sacrifice in the Temple of Jerusalem, no wonder they were the first to see the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world!

ENTRANCE HYMN

(Psalm 96:1-3)

V. Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name; announce salvation day after day.

R. Tell God's glory among the nations; among all peoples, His 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.

Gospel

LK 2:1-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

R. Glory be to You, Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

May the LORD bless you and keep you!

May the LORD let his face

shine upon you and be gracious to you!

May the LORD look upon you kindly

and give you peace!

(Book of Numbers 6: 24-26)

***Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to all our Parishioners, Friends and Benefactors!***

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

#57 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#83 We Three Kings of Orient Are

Communion Hymn

#77 Away In A Manger

Recessional Hymn

#042 Silent Night

WORSHIP SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

12:00 Midnight – Shepherds' Mass

Pasterka

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, December 29

Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

PASTOR'S

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In case of all regular Parish issues please call Fr. Mariusz at 215-535-4978. This number is always linked to pastor's cell phone, so in case of real emergency please also use this number.

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BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have any information which supposed to be in our parish bulletin, please call or email Fr. Mariusz. Due date for each bulletin is always Friday, 4:00 p.m.

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; For the health and wellbeing of Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterce, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, Milton Keiles, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, James Stenz, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Dorothy Zyteczk. Jan Cherneski, Beverly Wunderlich, Peggy Kowalik, Thomas Oliver, Sally Bisch, Bea and Stan Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko.

For the repose of the soul of all our parishioners who passed away.

Our Father...

THANK YOU FOR THE CHURCH DECORATING

Big thanks to all who came to decorate the church for Christmas last Sunday. May Babe Jesus bless you for it!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATION

Christmas Flowers Envelopes for donations for flowers to adorn the Christmas altars are on the table in the Narthex. This is a beautiful way show your love in honor of family, friends or loved ones.

HOLY MASSES AT CHRISTMAS AT OUR SAVIOUR PARISH

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

- 12:00 Midnight The Traditional Shepherds' Mass – *Pasterka*

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 – Nativity of our Lord

- 12:00 Noon Christmas Mass

Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 29, 2019 – Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

- 12:00 Noon Holy Mass

New Year

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

- 12:00 Noon Holy Mass

Sunday, January 5, 2020 – Solemnity – Holy Family & Epiphany of the Lord

- 12:00 Noon Holy Mass with the blessing of families, and the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk

Sunday, January 12, 2020 – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

- 12:00 Noon Holy Mass



THE FIRST LIVE CHRISTMAS CRIB

In 1223, St. Francis of Assisi inaugurated a pious practice that today has become so common that many think that it always existed. St. Francis set up the first crèche in recorded history on Christmas Eve, 1223, in the town of Greccio. He brought in live animals — an ox and an ass. He recruited a newborn baby and a set of young parents. Hay and a manger were brought in. There was even the attempt — with hundreds of burning torches — to create the luminescence of a bright star. And Francis could not have been happier with the results. People came from all over to see the living nativity. Through all the sounds, sights and even smells, the multitudes became convinced that Christmas was not just a cute story, but a real event, one that was not just PAST, but something which they were called to enter in the present. Soon living crèches like this spread throughout Italy and into other parts of Europe.