

wonderful to have you, be it the first or fifth or fifteenth time worshipping with us. If you have not done so quite yet, we would love to get to know you better- Please fill out the yellow cards found at each pew and drop in the collection basket –thank you for being with us!

## *Sacraments*

The Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) acknowledges 7 Sacraments, available to the faithful. Communion is distributed by intinction, that is, the Body of Christ is dipped into the Blood of Christ and placed directly on the communicant's tongue. Penance is imparted generally at the beginning of each Mass; the Word of God is experienced as well. Should you desire private confession, please see a priest.

Discuss Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony with Fr. Jason.

## *The Week Ahead*

**MONDAY, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

10am- Requiem Holy Mass for +Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak- *Fr. Gronn*  
No Choir/1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class today

**TUESDAY, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

## **WEDNESDAY, December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve**

4pm – Litany of the Most Blessed Sacrament – *Fr. Ploskonka*

THURSDAY, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 – New Year's Day

Let us pray...Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

**FRIDAY, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Holy Name of Jesus**

**SATURDAY, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10am-11:30am – Adult Polish School meets  
8pm - AA meets

## **SUNDAY, December 28<sup>th</sup> – The Solemnity of the Holy Family**

**Collectors – Bob Samelson & John Kasperczyk**  
- Election of Officers Parish-wide meeting-see announcement

## Announcements

**CANON**—Today, we use the 5<sup>th</sup> Prayer on p. 92. Next week, and for all of January, we will use the 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharistic Prayer on p. 77.

## **WITH APPRECIATION FROM FR.**

**JASON –**

messages, your patience, and your prayers for me the last few days. I know many of you are well-aware how difficult it is to lose a parent, especially going back-and-forth half a country away. Please forgive my absence for portions of last week, today, and portions of the week ahead.

Please use the updated parish calendar in this bulletin and not in the newsletter. Continue to pray for my strength, especially Monday morning as I celebrate my father's Funeral Mass. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

**MASS FOR +FR. SR. SOLTYSIAK** – Many have asked if they can do anything to help Fr. Jason out in this difficult time, and this is his request. Fr. Greg will be celebrating a requiem Mass this Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am, the same time as Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak’s funeral Mass will be celebrated in Massachusetts. Join Fr. Greg in prayer in remembering Fr. Joseph’s soul and raising up Fr. Jason in strength to offer his father’s funeral Mass.

**THANK YOU**—Christmas was blessed this past week here at St. Mary’s. While it wasn’t a white nor the original forecasted 50-something degree Christmas, the weather cooperated to allow many to come be a part of our Savior’s birth in His worship. So much help was offered in preparation by many parishioners – thank you so very much. From food prep and sales to cleaning, making hot meals, carrying decorations, preparing party items, rehearsals and pulling “double-duty”: Thank you for keeping the Prince of Peace as part of your Christmas celebration.

**PARISH ANNUAL MEETING** –We tentatively plan to have the Annual Meeting on January 25 – please set aside time that morning for our parish of St. Mary’s.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**—The PTO's Card drop off continues! Make sure that you stop by the envelope station in the Fellowship Hall to check for some cards — they are sorted alphabetically by last name.

**WAFER BREAKFAST** – Please make note that we will continue to do a bit of celebrating in the new year, with a pancake wafer (Oplatek) taking place after 9am Mass on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU** – Appreciation for the preparation in last Sunday's PTO Christmas Party. After Sunday Mass, we were treated to the love that always prepares us for Christmas week. Thank you to the members of

the PTO and everyone else who chipped in to make it special, all in Jesus' Holy Name.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – As we were met with inclement weather last Sunday, the previously scheduled Parish Meeting to elect 2026 officers will take place Sun. Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> after 9am Mass.

**SOCK TREE**- Has been planted in the back of the church, in "Mary's Corner". Please bring NEW socks that will be attached to the tree, along with new mittens and hats. Thank you for your support!

**CLOTHES COLLECTION** – The collection bin for the YMSofR Clothing Drive is overflowing! But hurry: the drive ends January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS** – For 2025 are due Sunday, December 28. Please see Pattie Dotson or Susan Boehnlein with any questions.

#### *Prayer List*

##### **Please pray for these St. Mary's parishioners, family and friends:**

|                           |                   |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Helen Cummings            | Shannon Alberino  | Tom Pietka        |
| Bill Kastak               | Marty Bengela     | Jay Jurczyk       |
| Johanna Markiewicz        | Sage McLane       | Jim Lukas         |
| Bill & Pat Glatzer        | Wanda Clark       | Shyanna Tiller    |
| Dave Tuma                 | Jim Giles         | Marilyn Girard    |
| Lew & Margaret Heifner    | Ron Ference       | Jo Orlowski       |
| Andy Cannizzaro           | Millie Dominik    | Kim Kolens        |
| Jack Spilka & John Spilka | Nicole McGivern   | Elaine Repede     |
| Steve & Astrid Wisniewski | Jane Walo         | Josephine Ference |
| Matthew & Sue Penney      | Beth Chihill      | Bob Kaczmarek     |
| Michelle Ostrowski        | Jane Hunter       | Joe Litto         |
| Jay Grabowsky             | George Bennett    | Kenny Mach        |
| Patrick & Jennifer Kmott  | Gail Perz         | Bill Zychowski    |
| Jeff Dreger               | Amanda Monyak     | Paulette Lilli    |
| Cherise Pacanovsky        | Loretta Baldwin   | Cecelia Hall      |
| George Makovicka          | Judy Alexin       | Louise Moritz     |
| James & Bobbi Moss        | Cathy Pieciak     | Kenneth Parks     |
| George & Rose Ann Zieffle | Sheri Sefcik      | Jeffery Kirchner  |
| Rich Dombrowski           | Bryson Dzuroff    | Diane Black       |
| Esther Stepanik           | Stephanie Milla   | Mike Paulus       |
| Kathleen Sobocinski       | Caroline O'Connor | Linda Marks       |
| Linda & Rick Duffy        | Kim Penney        | Greg Banaszak     |

**AND ALL OTHERS!**

**Bless them, O Lord.**

**Pobłogosław im, O Boże**

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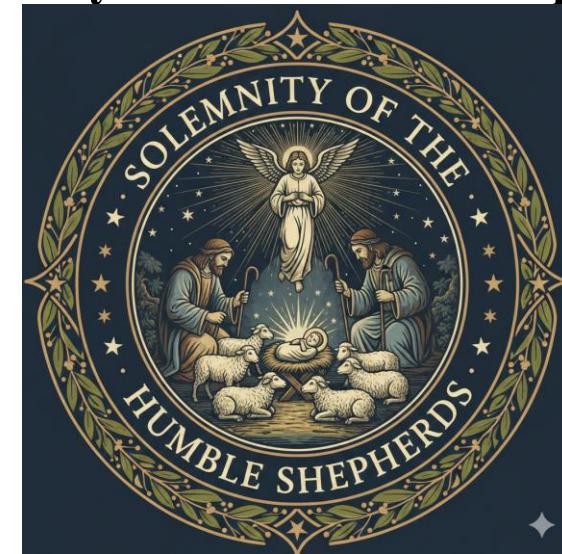
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## **Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds**



**December 28th, 2025**

**9am: Len & Hanna Poyer of. by daughter Evonne Poyer**

**Readings: Jeremiah 31:10-14; Galatians 4:1-7; Luke 2:15-20**

**Lector – Bob Samelson**

**Greeter – Susan Boehnlein**

**Collectors – Mark Avondet & Pete O'Connor**

**- Election of Officers Parish-wide meeting-see announcement**

**Welcome**

Welcome to all parishioners and visitors this day. Please enjoy Holy Mass and consider coming downstairs for coffee hour afterward. For our visitors, it is