



# Holy Family Parish Polish National Catholic Church



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## Solemnity – Holy Family Solemnity – Epiphany January 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025



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**Bulletin announcements** should be received by Wednesday for Sunday publication.

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## OPENING HYMN

**We Three Kings** – PNCC #83 (verses 1 - 4)

## ENTRANCE HYMN (Luke 2:15b-16)

C. 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."

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

C. 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.**

## FIRST READING

**SIR 3:2-6, 12-14**

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

For the Lord sets a father in honor over his children and confirms a mother's authority over her sons. Those who honor their father atone for sins; they store up riches who respect their mother. Those who honor their father will have joy in their own children, and when they pray they are heard. Those who respect their father will live a long life; those who obey the Lord honor their mother. My son, be steadfast in honoring your father; do not grieve him as long as he lives. Even if his mind fails, be considerate of him; do not revile him because you are in your prime. Kindness to a father will not be forgotten; it will serve as a sin offering—it will take lasting root. The Word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PS 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10.**

**R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD.

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

**R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

Happy they who dwell in your house!

Continually they praise you.

Happy the men whose strength you are!

Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

**R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

## SECOND READING

**COL 3:12-21**

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

Beloved: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,

the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged. The Word of the Lord.

## **ALLELUIA**

**CF. ACTS 16:14B**

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.

## **GOSPEL**

**LK 2:41-52**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Each year Jesus' 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**The First Noel** – PNCC #82 – (verses 1, 3 & 5)

## **FAITH SHARING**

On this Feast day of the Holy Family we are offering our own families and all their members on the altar to ask God's blessing on them and to obtain for them the guidance of the Holy Family.

The Book of Sirach, where our first reading comes from, gets to the heart of biblical understanding of the family and the wisdom of God's plan. It takes the 4th Commandment (Honor your father and mother) to higher level, explaining how this principle is foundational for a moral life, a life that ultimately honors God.

In the second reading, Paul invites us to put on clothes which are not made of natural fibers. They are woven of spiritual stuff. Try as you might in your own power to create them, you need God to create them.

In today's Gospel, Luke concludes his detailed story of Christ's infancy, with the events of Jesus' visit to the Temple in Jerusalem at the age of twelve to become "*a son of the Law*" [*bar mitzvah*] and take up the obligations of the Law. Jesus lingered behind in the Temple, attending the Sanhedrin classes on religious and theological questions as an eager student of Mosaic Law. Finally, when Mary and Joseph had found him in the Temple after three days of anxious search, the Gospel then summarizes the next 18 years of Jesus' life, stating that Jesus grew up at Nazareth like any other young man, obeying his parents, faithfully discharging all his duties to God, to his parents, and to the community, "*advancing in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.*"

### **LIFE MESSAGE**

The Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. Each family is called to holiness. By the Sacrament of Matrimony Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. The husband and wife attain holiness when they discharge their duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the power of God by prayer.

## **Solemnity – Epiphany (January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**

**ENTRANCE HYMN** (Malachi 3:1c; Matthew 2:2b)

**C.** The Messenger of the Covenant Whom you desire. Yes, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

**R.** We saw His star at its rising, and have come to do Him homage.

**C.** 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.**

### **FIRST READING**

**IS 60:1-6**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise

your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD. The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**                      **PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13**

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Justice shall flower in his days,  
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;  
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.  
All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,  
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.  
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;  
the lives of the poor he shall save.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**SECOND READING**    **EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6**

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.  
Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. The Word of the Lord.

**ALLELUIA**    **MT 2:2**

We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.

## GOSPEL

## MT 2:1-12

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. The Gospel of the Lord.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pelka, Bronisław Korus, Anna Dryfik, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli, Helene Tylor, Richard Tomkovitz, Meredith Straw, Colleen Kortz, Lori Tomko, Charles Koczera, Marlene Koczera, John Razukiewicz, Jane Contrella, Vicki Griffiths, Kiersten Donahoe, Rose Marie Korch, Renata Woś, Roberta Wagner, Lucas Etzel, Kellie Gates, Bishop John Mack, Bishop Paul Sobiechowski, Nate Lennon, Luca Milbower, Karyn Muse, Joyce Haber, Blair Lloyd, Justice Coddington, Martin Carney, Kathy Guy, Veronica Campbell, Cindy Puchka, Wendy Blotzer, Gail Coddington, Angela Mayfield, Gladys Bacco, Michelle McGinnis.



## CENTER FOR VICTIMS

Center for Victims is in need of gently used winter coats for the residents of the shelter. Needed are sizes toddler to adult. Donations would be greatly appreciated. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex of the Church.

If you have any questions, please contact **Janice Griffiths** at **412-477-7061**.

## USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

1/5/2025	Joe Parknavy	Shawn Davis
1/12/2025	Lenny Guy	Joe Lawrence
1/19/2025	Frank Pociask	Stan Tadajski
1/26/2025	Bill Griffiths	Rich DeLong
2/2/2025	Don Newcamp	George Jobs
2/9/2025	Joe Parknavy	Shawn Davis



## 2024 FAIR SHARE

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> will be the last day that any 2024 fair share envelopes will be credited to your 2024 fair share. After that, any 2024 envelopes received will be credited to your 2025 fair share.



## 2025 PNCC CALENDARS

Please take home PNCC Home Liturgical Wall Calendar sponsored by Jaycox-Jaworski Funeral Home & Willig Funeral Home & Crematory. You can find it in the narthex.

## CHURCH DE-DECORATING

Please help us to remove the Christmas decorations in our church on **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.**



## TAKE POINSETTIAS AND LUMINARIA HOME

This Sunday after Mass or the next Sunday you can take your donated poinsettias and luminaria home.

## MEANING OF C+M+B:

1. **Christus Mansionem Benedicat:** This Latin phrase translates to "May Christ bless this house," signifying a prayer for God's blessing on the home and its inhabitants.
2. **Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar:** The letters also represent the traditional names of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar — who visited the Christ Child. They reflect the universal nature of Christ's mission, as the Magi came from distant lands to worship Him.

## The Inscription:

During Epiphany (Jan 6 or the closest Sunday), the initials are written above doorways using blessed chalk in a specific format: **20 + C + M + B + 25**

The **20** and **25** signify the current year. The + signs represent crosses, symbolizing Christ's presence and protection. **C, M, B** stand for both the Magi's names and the Latin blessing.

## CHRISTMAS HOME BLESSINGS

Contact Father Mariusz (cell 412-330-

✠ **C** ✠ **M** ✠ **B** ✠

8286, office 412-678-0566) or email [pastor@hfpncc.org](mailto:pastor@hfpncc.org) if you would like your home blessed during the 2024/25 Christmas Season where time and date arrangements can be made.

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, January 5, 2025 – Solemnity – Holy Family / Epiphany of our Lord**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass the Blessing of Families and with the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk**

† Josephine Tarli, Angelo Tarli – requested by Diane, Archie, Bob and Cindy

**Monday, January 6, 2025 – Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass the Blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk**

OPEN

**Tuesday, January 7, 2025 – Within the Octave of the Epiphany**

**Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – Within the Octave of the Epiphany**

**Thursday, January 9, 2025 – Within the Octave of the Epiphany**

**Friday, January 10, 2025 – Within the Octave of the Epiphany**

**Saturday, January 11, 2025 – Within the Octave of the Epiphany**

**Sunday, January 12, 2025 – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass with the renewal of our baptismal promises and the Installation of the 2025 Parish Committee**

† Warren Albeck – requested by Henrietta Albeck

**1/19/24 Su 10:00 AM 2 Ordinary Sunday**

† Nellie Lawrence – requested by Henrietta Kleckner

**1/26/24 Su 10:00 AM 3 Ordinary Sunday**

† Mildred & Phillip Kotulsky – requested by Barbara Kostovny

**2/2/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Presentation of our Lord**

† Patricia Hayduk – requested by Dolores & Frank Szatkowski

