

# COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/29 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Mass intention: "For IRENE OBZUT (req. by the family)"

- The list for the **Epiphany Home Blessings (January 6-10, 2020)** is already available in the back of the church. Feel free to choose your day and the hour for the pastoral visit of the priest and home blessing.
- We would like to remind you about the possibility to **offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention!** Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam. Please, consider this opportunity especially during the Christmas season.



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# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

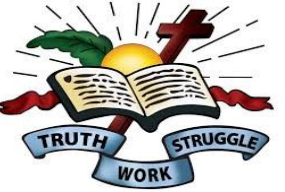
### MASS INTENTION - 10am

*For the family of GIROUARD; the family of DIANE & ED MAKLES; the family of FR. MIKE APARO; the family of MR. & MRS. TIMOTHY BOYER; the family of ROBERTA DEKKER; the family of CHESTER, STELLA & +ROY GRABOWSKI; the families of PODKULSKI & MOLOCKO; the family of THOMAS & STELLA PODKULSKI; the family of FRANK & ROSE RUBACHA; the family of WIERZBICKI; the family of BIELENDAN ANN & MITCHELL; the family of ROSEANNE SASIELA.*



## HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



## MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

IS 62:11-12

A reading from the Book of the Prophet  
Isaiah.

See, the LORD proclaims  
to the ends of the earth:  
say to daughter Zion,  
your savior comes!  
Here is his reward with him,  
his recompense before him.  
They shall be called the holy people,  
the redeemed of the LORD,  
and you shall be called "Frequented,"  
a city that is not forsaken.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 97

„A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.”

READING 2

TI 3:4-7

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul  
to Titus.

Beloved:  
When the kindness and generous love  
of God our savior appeared,  
not because of any righteous deeds we had  
done  
but because of his mercy,  
He saved us through the bath of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,  
whom he richly poured out on us  
through Jesus Christ our savior,  
so that we might be justified by his grace  
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL

LK 2:15-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

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.  
*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Words cannot fully capture what the Word becoming Flesh means for us. GOD is truly Emmanuel (“GOD with us”) in and through Jesus. Jesus is “GOD saving.” He is the “Anointed One” (Messiah, Christ). We truly have become daughters and sons of GOD because GOD the Son has come to share our humanity with us and allow us to be gifted with divine life.

**My prayers and best wishes  
for a blessed Christmas for you, your loved ones, and all the world.  
May we continue to celebrate that the Love of GOD has taken flesh  
and “pitched His tent” among us.**

The readings for the Mass at dawn begin with Isaiah telling the people to rejoice for the Savior comes. St. Paul, again writing to Titus, reminds us that we have been saved because the kindness/love of GOD has allowed the Savior to be born. The Gospel for this liturgy continues the infancy account according to Luke. The shepherds go to see the baby in the manger and believe. Mary reflects on the events that have happened.