

# COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12/24 (Tuesday—Christmas Vigil) Solemn Holy Mass at 6pm. **Mulled Wine, cheese & crackers** follow the Mass. *Mass Intention: For ++ JOYCE SULZINSKI & MICHAEL CARROLL.*
- 12/25 (Wednesday—Christmas Day) Solemn Holy Mass at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) with **delicious poppy seed rolls** follows the Mass. *Mass Intention: For all St. John’s Church families.*
- 12/29 (Solemnity of Humble Shepherds) Solemn Holy Mass at 10am. **Catechism class for children.** Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass. *Mass Intention: For + SOFRONIO (RON) BABULA.*
- 01/12 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held after the Mass in the Church Hall. At the meeting: Pastoral report of Fr. Adam, Report of the Parish Committee & election of the Parish Committee for 2025. **All Parishioners are strongly encouraged to participate in this very important meeting.** *In case of bad weather, the meeting will be postponed to the following Sunday, Jan 19.*

May joy and peace be yours during  
this happy season of Christmas...

Merry Christmas



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# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

## SHEPHERDS' MASS (PASTERKA)

MASS INTENTION - 6pm

For ++ JOYCE SULZINSKI & MICHAEL CARROLL

(req. by Jocelyn)

### INTROIT

C: 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.**

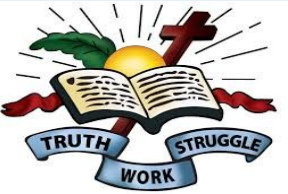
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**



## HOLY MASS

. 6 pm



## 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

A reading from the Book of the Prophet  
Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone.  
You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing,  
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,  
as people make merry when dividing spoils.  
For the yoke that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder,  
and the rod of their taskmaster  
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.  
For every boot that tramped in battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood,

IS 9:1-6

will be burned as fuel for flames.  
For a child is born to us, a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,  
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.  
His dominion is vast  
and forever peaceful,  
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,  
which he confirms and sustains  
by judgment and justice,  
both now and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*"Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord."*

PS 96

READING 2

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

Beloved:  
The grace of God has appeared, saving all  
and training us to reject godless ways and  
worldly desires  
and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly  
in this age,  
as we await the blessed hope,  
the appearance of the glory of our great

God and savior Jesus Christ,  
who gave himself for us to deliver us from  
all lawlessness  
and to cleanse for himself a people as his  
own, eager to do what is good.

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

TI 2:11-14

GOSPEL

LK 2:1-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

*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."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

