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Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2022

Welcome

We welcome any visitors this morning to our parish and if you are looking for a parish home, we invite you to become a member of our parish family. Father Bruce will be more than happy to explain our Catholic Faith and answer your questions. We are a sacramental Catholic Church recognized as being part of the undivided One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church throughout the world. One question I am always asked, do I have to be Polish? No, we are a Catholic Body of Christ, and all are welcomed. Come join us.

Christmas Schedule

Monday, December 26, 2022 **Feast of St. Stephen**

Holy Mass 10:00 A.M.

Mass commemorating the First Christian Martyr

Tuesday, December 27, 2022 **St. John's Day**

Blessing & Distribution of Wine

Holy Mass 10:00 A.M.

+John & +Mary Zaucha, +Kenneth & +Thomas Zaucha;

+Nicholas Fioravanti Int. Antoinette Fioravanti

Sunday, January 1, 2023 **New Year Day**

Solemnity of the Circumcision of the Lord

Holy Mass 10:00 A.M.

Friday, January 6, 2023 **Feast of the Epiphany**

Blessing of Incense & Chalk

Holy Mass 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, January 8, 2023 **Humble Shepherds**

Special envelope for Savonarola Seminary

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.

Installation of 2023 Parish Council

Holy Mass 11:00 A.M.

We thank our Frederic Chopin Choir and Annunciation Bell Choir under the direction of Mrs. Carol Davelli and Mrs. Wendy Blotzer; our Acolytes and Sacristans under the direction of Mr. David Kost; the parish staff, SAMBS women and all the volunteers who decorated the parish worship site as well as the YMSR members who put up the outdoor manger scene; Mrs. Marlene Jobs for making the poinsettias memorials; Mr. Ted Gibala, the Parish Board Chairman, Parish Council Members & Marian Sleczkowski who assisted Fr. Bruce in many aspects of the preparation during this Christmas celebration.

The Holy Family 2023 Calendars were donated by the Jaycox-Jaworski Funeral and Willig Funeral Homes, please take one.

Epiphany Home Blessings

Contact Father Bruce @412.276-5562 or email bsleczkowski@aol.com if you would like your home blessed during the 2023 Epiphany Season where time and date arrangements can be made.

Always check out our website www.hfpncc.org for schedules and events and our Facebook Page: Holy Family National Catholic Church

WHERE GOD IS BORN, HOPE IS BORN

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.” (Mt. 1:23)

Christ is born for us, let us rejoice in the day of our salvation! Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this day, which is Christ himself. Jesus is the radiant “day” which has dawned on the horizon of humanity. A day of mercy, in which God our Father has revealed his great tenderness to the entire world. A day of light, which dispels the darkness of fear and anxiety. A day of peace, which makes for encounter, dialogue and, above all, reconciliation.

On this day, Jesus, the Savior, is born of the Virgin Mary. We see the sign which God has given us: “a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” Like the shepherds of Bethlehem,

may we too set out to see this sign, this event which is renewed yearly in the Church.

Christmas is an event which is renewed in every family, parish and community which receives the love of God made incarnate in Jesus Christ. With the shepherds, let us bow down and worship God's goodness made flesh!

Where God is born, hope is born. He brings hope.

Where God is born, peace is born; and where peace is born, there is no longer room for hatred and for war.

Where God is born, hope is born; and where hope is born, persons regain their dignity.

Yet even today, great numbers of men and woman are deprived of their human dignity and, like the child Jesus, suffer cold, poverty and rejection. May our closeness today be felt by those who are most vulnerable.

Where God is born, mercy flourishes. Today, then, let us come together to rejoice in the day of our salvation. As we contemplate the Crib, let us gaze on the open arms of Jesus—the merciful embrace of God. We hear the voice of the Child who whispers to us: "Peace."

Some 2013 New Year Resolutions

While it's a good idea to take a look at your spiritual walk throughout the year, January 1st is often a time of renewal for the Disciples of Christ. A New Year, a New Start. So, instead of setting regular resolutions like losing weight, getting better grades, etc., why not try to set goals to improve your relationship with God? Here are ways we can do just that:

Improve Your Prayer Life: Start off giving five minutes to God. Then maybe try adding another five minutes. Soon you'll find that you'll start going to God more often and for more things. Don't worry about what to talk to Him about, just talk. You'll be amazed by the results.

Read Your Bible in a Year: Getting into the habit of reading the Word is also a common New Year's resolution for many Christians. There are plenty of Bible reading plans out there that guide you through reading your Bible in a year. It just takes discipline to open up the book every night. God calls on us throughout the Bible to do good works. There are so many people

who just need a bit of assistance, and helping others is a great way to set a Christian example.

Get Involved in Church: Most churches have various liturgical ministries and parish organizations to build the Church. Becoming involved will help you grow in your walk of faith and do God's work.

Become a Better Steward: One of the most challenging issues for Christian is the idea of stewardship, which is the process of tithing. Most Christians don't make a lot of money, so it becomes harder to give. Typical activities like shopping and eating out make it difficult to have money left over. However, God calls on all Christians to be good stewards. In fact, money is mentioned far more often in the Bible than other topics.

Plant Some Seeds of Faith: Make it your goal this year to talk to a certain number of people about your faith. You'd be amazed how many people will end up believers from a discussion you have about what God has done in your life.

Get to Know Your Family Better: One of the most difficult relationships in a Christian's life is with family. Do things with them. Share bits of your life with them. Even a small amount of quality time with your family will go a long way in helping your relationship.

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