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Holy Name of Jesus – Cycle “A”

Najświętszego Imienia Jezus

January 2, 2011

“The New Year offers the old world a new chance”.

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 11:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English

Today, January 2nd – Holy Name of Jesus

This feast has been celebrated since the end of the 15th Century. The veneration of the Holy Name of Jesus was extended on December 20, 1721, during the Innocent XIII.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Geraldine Andrews**, of. by Ta... T....

- Collection for mission.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

January 3: 1 John 2:29 – 3:6; John 1:29-34; **January 4:** 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42; **January 5:** 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51; **January 6:** 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-38 or Luke 3:23.31-34.36.38; **FRIDAY after EPIPHANY:** 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

SATURDAY after EPIPHANY: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

MONDAY, January 3rd - *Christmas Weekday*

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in Frackville.

TUESDAY, January 4th - *Christmas Weekday*

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, January 6th - Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord *blessing of incense and chalk*

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

11:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville

FRIDAY, January 7th - *Within the Octave of Epiphany*

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 9th – *Baptism of our Lord.*

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Geraldine Andrews, of. by Ms. Bernadette

- **Annual Parish Meeting.**

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – **Pokropisz mnie** Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Philippians 2:10-11; Isaiah 12:4)

V. At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R. Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim His Name; among the nations make known His deeds, proclaim how exalted is His Name.

V. 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.

I Reading: Exodus 3:13-15

GRADUAL (Psalm 106:47; Isaiah 63:16)

V. Save us, Lord, our God; gather us from among the nations that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in praising You.

R. For You are our Father. Were Abraham not know us, nor Israel to acknowledge us, You, Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer You are named forever.

II Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

ALLELUIA (Psalm 145:21)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
V. My mouth will speak Your praises, Lord; all flesh will bless Your holy name forever.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

May God grant us a spirit of wisdom and enlighten the eyes of our minds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners and Friends for their donations, time and hard work this week to better our parish and Church. The Sunday greeters, the people working on fundraisers, the decorators, repair and maintenance people and members of the choir.

PLEASE CALL FR. ROBERT - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; ..if your phone number or address change; ..if you have a prayer concern.

HELP NEEDED – If anyone is interested to help at the altar during our services, and serve as the Lector, please contact the pastor.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Alfredo Garcia**, his family, and parishioners of **Our Lady of Fatima** PNCC in Dallas, TX.

MASS LITURGY CHANGES – until Easter we will stop shaking hands during the Holy Mass, due flu season.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: Sp. **Geraldine Andrews:** Jan 9, 2011; **Jan. 16, 2011:** sp. Susan Bednarek, Helena Bednarek, Julian Bednarek Sr.; **Jan. 23, 11:** sp. Franciszek, Elżbieta Sroka; **Jan. 30, 11:** for sp. John and Dolores Sroka; **Feb. 6, 2011:** sp. Jan Sroka; **Feb. 13, 2011:** sp. Catherine Marasco.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Ida Socker. *Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)* - Margaret Kruszynski - Edward Ryszka Jr.



HOSPITAL VISIT. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification. Please remember that with privacy laws, the Parish is often not informed when someone enters. Please call the rectory so Fr. Robert can come for prayer.

“Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord...” (James 5:14). If you, or a member of your family are sick and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home, please notify the rectory.

SHOPPING at “REDNER” REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners and Friends that if you go shopping at *Redner’s* please use your “Redner’s card” for purchase. When you will do it the Parish can get a credit – Thank you!



WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship!

THE MANOR AT WAYMART – a personal care facility, is located in beautiful waymart, PA near the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center. We invite you to contact us at **570-488-6829** or manoratwaymart@echoes.net for rates, room availability, or to arrange a tour of our facility.



CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child's religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **10:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age should come to **private** Confession. If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come for private confession at least once a month. If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

Receiving the Holy Eucharist – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

CHURCH OPERATION FUND – as of today the following have donated: Mr. & Mrs. James Panco, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Savitsky, Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes, Mr. John Golba, Mrs. Ida Socker, Mrs. Mary Stukas, Mr. Frank Gill, Mr. Stanley Sawecki, Mrs. Claire Mallick, Mrs. Helen Menzyk, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky, Mrs. Loretta Kovalewski. Monetary donations during the church year include: Mrs. Violet Cegielski, Mr. Jan Cegielski, Mr. Frank Gill, Mrs. Diane Jellen. Thank you!

PARISH COMMITTEE – Our PNCC is a democratic Church, where the members have a privilege to serve in the parish. It is a privilege and responsibility to help the church grow, and to be a member of the parish committee. If anyone is interested to help the Committee, please contact Fr. Robert or Mr. Joseph Petrusky.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS – are donated in memory of: Anette Zomchick, Jon Zomchick, Anthony Zomchick, Stella Idason, Stanley Kovalewski/Zamonas family, Anne Grande, Bobbin family, Susan Bednarek, Helena Bednarek, Lucille Gill, and Mr. Jan Cegielski, Mr. John Golba. Thank you. Thank you.

SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of OUR LORD – Epiphany means “manifestation” and speaks of the “light of the world” manifesting itself to the Gentiles represented by the Magi who came to adore the Christ Child. This feast is celebrated by both Eastern and Western Christianity and goes back to the third century. On this feast the traditional blessing of incense and chalk is held. (from “Rites and Ritual” – a liturgical handbook for the PNCC).

In the *PNCC* as well as other catholic churches on January 6, the priest blesses incense (one of the gifts of the Wise Men), and chalk, which is used for the marking of the door-frame of parishioners homes with the initials of the Three Kings and the year: **+20+K+M+B+11+**. Beginning with this day, and ending on February 2 (*Presentation of the Lord*), the parish priest will make Epiphany pastoral visits to as many parishioners as possible. There he will bless the home and its inhabitants.

A properly-prepared home displays a white linen cloth, upon which is placed a crucifix, a blessed candle, holy water and chalk; the sweet scent of blessed incense fills the air.

“This Solemnity is celebrated in **white** vestments. A traditional blessing of candles in remembrance of Simeon's declaration occurs *prior* to the Mass. This blessing is done in **violet** vestments.” (from: Rites and Rituals for the PNCC)

EPIPHANY – ‘KOLEDA – BLESSING OF HOMES – Visit of the priest at your home for a blessing and prayer is not only a gesture of keeping alive our ethnic and spiritual heritage but also an expression of faith and

a manifestation of the family's unity with the Church and with our parish in particular. During the year, in every household there are moments of crisis, pain and sorrow. The best healing comes through prayer, blessing and an act of faith through Jesus Christ. Please don't neglect this very special opportunity during this special time of the year.

MEMBERS DUES 2011. Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the 'family plan' method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the last General Synod.

Each adult member will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at the Holy Ghost Parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

Total dues for 2011 per Adult Member: \$100.00 Per Year

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations:

Sunday Collection, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Donations, Bleenie Sales (we had a great time last year, come out help out, join in the fun...), Chinese Auction, and Christmas Donations.

PARISH INFORMATION. **Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

The parish bulletin - is made on **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.