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Solemnity – Holy Family - “A”

Uroczystość Świętej Rodziny

January 5, 2014

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, January 5th – Solemnity – Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph express the image of the Holy Family that we celebrate today. Before us are set the relationships of love to inspire the children of God.

11:00AM – Holy Mass intention: for Sp. **Edward Bulcavage**, of. by Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage.

⤴ Collection for missions.

⤴ Blessing of chalk.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

MONDAY: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a.5-6; Matthew 2:1-12; **TUESDAY after EPIPHANY:** 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44; **WEDNESDAY after EPIPHANY:** 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52; **THURSDAY after EPIPHANY:** 1 John 4:19 – 5:4; Luke 4:14-22; **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 6th - Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan, and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi representatives of the neighboring pagans religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

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

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, January 10th – *Within the Octave of the Epiphany*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

SATURDAY, January 11th

10:00 – 11:00AM – Confirmation Class.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 12th – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

^ 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.

The blessing of chalk

Let us pray:

O God, Who, in the person of Jesus Christ did reveal Yourself to the Wise Men, who sought after You, and Who, through the same Jesus Christ, did summon all nations unto a knowledge of You, implant in our hearts and minds a blessed yearning to possess truth; and grant, that our homes, now to be marked with the names of these Wise Men, may become a habitation worthy of You and a sanctuary of Christian virtues. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Luke 2:15b-16)

V. 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 a manger.

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: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6.12-14

Love for our parents is a source of many blessings.

GRADUAL (Psalm 27:4a; 84:5)

V. One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life.

R. Happy are those who dwell in Your house! They never cease to praise You.

II Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

The children of God put on the clothes of virtue every day.

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 45:15)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Truly with You God is hidden, the God of Israel, the Savior!

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-15.19-23

Te angel's message to Joseph – protect your family.

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 the peace and joy that filled the Holy Family be yours this day.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 29th–Oct. 3rd, 2014 - 24th General Synod of the PNCC (Erie, PA)

SHENANDOAH

Jan. 12th Annual Parish meeting after the Mass.

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

Feb. 2, 2014 Annual Parish Meeting

March 3, 2014 Pastors Seniorate Meeting (1:00PM)

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 your relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; ..if your telephone number or **address change**; ..if you have a prayer concern.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Edward Ratajack**, his family and parishioners of St. Stephen's Parish in Reading, PA [mysite.verizon.net/bizxbkdd/ststephenspncc/].



Providence
Jr. (221).

WELCOME NOTICE – We would like to introduce you our new Parishioners: **Mr. Lance Nelson** and **Ms. Theresa Leonarczyk** who joined our Parish family. We wish them all the best and God's blessing!




PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for: Bishop John Mack – Very Rev. Wiesław Pietruszka - Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda – Victoria Plichta. **Palace Drums, PA** - Violet Cegielski. **Ridgeview (Shen. Hts.)** - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221).




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.

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!

 **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.

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.

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.

Members of the PNCC have two major duties:

1) Spiritual duties – a) partaking of the Sacraments (active participation in them will help strengthen members to live a Christian life; b) loving God (members should accept and obey Christ’s teachings, maintain a personal relationship with God, pray to Him often and give Him glory by living a good life; c) sharing faith (members should actively take part in Church worship and listen sincerely to God’s word; d) obeying the 10 Commandments (by obeying them, Church members help strengthen the kingdom of God on earth.

2) Material duties – a) to society: members should: practice Christ’s ideals in their everyday lives, be tolerant of others’ faith, recognize everyone’s right to equality and opportunity, be loyal to their country, work for the good of all human society, rear children in the name of God and set a Christian example for them; b) to the Church: members should: follow the principles of the PNCC, give their time and talents to further church and parish goals, contribute financially to the support of the Church. *Members should participate actively in church affairs, vote on parish matters, serve on committees, etc.*

MEMBERS DUES 2014. 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 2014 per Adult Member: \$95.00 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, 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 **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

HE SHALL BE CALLED A NAZARENE

The original language of the Bible was rich in word play. Several of the authors used what we would call puns. These had a practical as well as artistic purpose. Since few people could read, it was necessary to hold large sections of the scriptures in memory. Playing upon words aided this accomplishment. Sadly, most translations fail to convey the puns. Today's gospel is a good example.

In Hebrew the word "netser" means "branch". It can refer to a plant branch or to the "branch" of a family tree. The most important family in Israel was that of David. Isaiah 11:1 talks about a "shoot (or branch) sprouting from the stump of Jesse (David's father). Matthew seems to be connecting the name of the town, Nazareth with the netser of the royal family.