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Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord - “C”
Uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego

January 6, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, January 6th – Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord

The eyes of faith, God's glory is revealed in the birth of the Christ child. Like the magi, we gather to offer our adoration and praise to our ever-present God.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. William & Josephine Zamonas... (All Souls).

^ Blessing of chalk.

⤴ Collection for missions.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

MONDAY after EPIPHANY or January 7: 1 John 3:22 – 4:6; Matthew 4:12-17.23-25; **TUESDAY after EPIPHANY or January 8:** 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44; **WEDNESDAY after EPIPHANY or January 9:** 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52; **THURSDAY after EPIPHANY or January 10:** 1 John 4:19 – 5:4; Luke 4:14-22; **FRIDAY after EPIPHANY or January 11:** 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16; **SATURDAY after EPIPHANY or January 12:** 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

MONDAY, January 7th – *Within the Octave of Epiphany*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

TUESDAY, January 8th - *Within the Octave of Epiphany*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, January 9th - *Within the Octave of Epiphany*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for sp. **Rev. Zygfryd Maul** (35th anniversary), of. by Fr. Robert.

FRIDAY, January 11th - *Within the Octave of Epiphany*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for sp. **Rev. Maksymilian Lawnicki** (52nd anniversary), of. by Fr. Robert.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 13th – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord – Christmas Season Ends.

11:00AM – Holy Mass intention: for sp. Cichocki and Mallick families (All Souls).

⤴ 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.

Blessing of Chalk

Let Ur 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 (Malachi 3:1b; Matthew 2:2)

V. The Messenger of the Covenant in Whom you desire. Yes, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

R. We saw His star at its rising, and have come to do Him homage.

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN – **Lo, The Monarchs** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 50

1. Lo, the monarchs of the East now Wend their way to Bethlehem, There to find the promised Savior, There with gifts to greet Him. In a manger poor and lowly Lies the precious Savior, Born to rule the hearts of mankind In eternal splendor.
2. Kings and wise men note the malice At the child directed, Dreadful tidings and great sadness, Herod's

plot affected. But the fearless monarchs hurry Forward on to Bethl'em; As the star leads to the Savior,
Giving hope unto them.

I Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

The prophet looks to the day when God's glory is revealed. All nations will come bearing gifts to worship the God of Israel.

GRADUAL (1 Chronicles 29:11)

V. Yours, o Lord, are grandeur and power and glory. For all in heaven and on earth is Yours;
R. Yours, o Lord, is the sovereignty; You are exalted as head over all.

II Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

Now that God's glory has been revealed, the promise of salvation is offered to all peoples.

ALLELUIA (1 Chronicles 29:12a)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

V. Riches and honor are from You, and You have dominion over all. In Your hand are power and might.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men come, bearing gifts of great meaning, to worship the infant king of the Jews.

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.

OFFERTORY (Psalm 72:10-11)

V. May the kings of Tarshish and the islands bring tribute, the kings of Arabia and Seba offer gifts. May all kings bow before Him, all nations serve Him.

COMMUNION VERSE (Psalm 45:8-9a)

V. You love justice and hate wrongdoing; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellow kings. With myrrh, aloes, and cassia your robes are fragrant.

COMING EVENTS

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Feb. 11th, 2013 Pastor's meeting – Middleport, PA (1:00PM)
Apr. 27th Seniorate Council Meeting – Edwardsville, PA (1:00PM)
May 30th Corpus Christi Service – Frackville, PA (7:00PM)
Oct. 13th 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing Parishes in Hazleton and McAdoo, PA.

SHENANDOAH

Jan. 13th Annual Parish Meeting
Feb. 13th Ash Wednesday – 6:00PM

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

Feb. 3rd Annual Parish Meeting after 11:00AM Holy Mass

Feb. 13th Ash Wednesday – 7:30PM
May 18th First Holy Communion Day (Saturday)
May 30th Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

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.

THANK YOU for our church operational fund donations: **Mr. & Mrs. James Panco, Mr. Frank Gill, Mr. Jan Cegielski, Mrs. Eugenia Tyrrell, Mr. Lance Nelson, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Savitsky, Mrs. Mary Stukas, Mr. Julian Bednarek, Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes, Mr. John Golba, Mrs. Diane Jellen, Mr. Edward Ryszka Jr., Mrs. Cecelia Zomczyk, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky, Ms. Helen Menzyk, Mrs. Claire Mallick, Ms. Susan Bobbin.** When you make a check for donations, please make it out to: **Holy Ghost PNCC.**

THANK YOU to **Joe Karvois** and **Dylan Whitecavage** for their help at the altar last year.

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.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Andrzej Bako**, his family and parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Madison, IL.

THE PARISH MEMBERSHIP – to keep our parish membership list up to date – please pay your dues during the fiscal year, a deadline is December 31, 2013. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda. **Providence Palace Drums, PA** - Violet Cegielski. **Trinity Mission (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.

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 DUES 2013. 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 2013 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.

GOSPEL SUMMARY

The “big reveal” is a technique frequently used in movies and commerce.

The Epiphany can be understood as God's “big reveal”: in Christ, God's glory is seen.

The followers of Christ are called, like magi, to bring our gifts in homage.

It is by seeking peace with justice, and showing Christ's compassion to the vulnerable, that God's glory is revealed in us.

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+13+**. 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.