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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"
Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2014

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow.

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 9:30AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, February 2nd – Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord - IV Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord: Jesus, the Messiah is presented to His people in the person of Simeon and Anna.

9:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for: Sp. **Stanley and Loretta Kovalewski**, of. by Joseph & Theresa Petrusky.

^ Collection for missions.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 2 Samuel 15:13-14.30. 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20; **Tue.**, 2 Samuel 18:9-10.14b.24-25a.30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43; **Wed.**, 2 Samuel 24:2.9-17; Mark 6:1-6; **Thu.**, 1 Kings 2:1-4.10-12; Mark 6:7-13; **Fri.**, Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29; **Sat.**, 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

MONDAY, February 3rd - *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

TUESDAY, February 4th - *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, February 6th – *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

FRIDAY, February 7th – **First Friday of the month**

5:45PM – Holy Mass in Frackville to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, intention: God's blessing and health for **Victoria Plichta**.

After the Mass adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until **7:00PM**

- ✧ **The Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki – Bishop Ordinary** of the Central Diocese of the PNCC plans to come and deconsecrate our church some time this week. The suggested day is **Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 11:00AM** (we are not sure yet). If it will take place, our Parishioners are invited to come and worship God on **Feb. 9 at 9:00AM in Frackville (St. John the Baptist PNCC)**. More information will be provided later.

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 the Candles

P. The Lord be with you.

R. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: O holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, Creator of all things, Who on this day did fulfill the prayer of righteous Simeon: we ask You, that You would vouchsafe through the merits of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of all Your Saints, to bless + and sanctify + this light, and to hear our prayers, as You did hear the earnest prayer of Simeon. Vouchsafe, that these candlelights may be to us the symbol of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our True Light; grant that their flame might enkindle in us a burning love for You and an ardent desire to be united with You. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. **Amen.**

Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, true Light that lights every man, vouchsafe to inflame our hearts with the invisible fire of the Holy Spirit, and grant that being purified with the same fire, we may be able to understand the message of Your enlightening Word, and that heeding it, we may attain to the eternal light of heaven. Who with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, world without end.

R. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE RITE (Luke 1:46-48; Psalm 29:11)

V. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

R. **For He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness; behold from now on will all ages call me blessed. May the Lord give might to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace.**

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: Malachi 3:1-4

The 5th century BC prophet Malachi foresees a time when the Lord will "enter His temple".

GRADUAL (Psalm 48:10-11)

V. O God, within Your temple we ponder Your steadfast love.

R. Like Your name, o God, Your praise reaches the ends of the earth. Your right hand is fully victorious.

II Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

The genuine humanity of Jesus is underlined: He became completely like His brothers and sisters, complying with the rituals of His people.

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 49:6b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. I will make you a light to the nations, that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

The story of how Mary and Joseph fulfilled the Law, but also how Jesus made His first appearance in the Temple and was recognizing as Savior of all, Jew and Gentile alike.

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 Father deepen your faith. May the Son fill you with unflinching trust. May the Holy Spirit bring you a burning love and all God's people.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

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

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

March 3rd Pastors Seniorate Meeting (1:00PM)

March 19th Lenten Ecumenical 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.

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 Mariusz Zochowski**, and parishioners of Howell, Dunnallen and Perth Amboy, NJ.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for: Bishop John Mack – Very Rev. Wiesław Pietruszka - Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda. **Providence 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.

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 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**.