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First Sunday in Advent – Cycle “A”

Pierwsza Niedziela Adwentu

November 28, 2010

“Daily devotions help you meet the problems of life one day at a time.”

Events for the Week

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

Today, November 28th – I Sunday in Advent

Are you awake? Today is the first Sunday of Advent and we are asked to “stay awake”, to prepare for

the coming of Christ into the world and for deeper engagement with God in our lives.

11:00AM – Holy Mass with the reading of the **Memorial List**, intention: for sp. **Geraldine Andrews**, of. Ms. Marion Andrews.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 2:1-5; or Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11; **Tue.**, Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22; **Wed.**, Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37; **Thu.**, Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21.24-27; **Fri.**, Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31; **Sat.** Isaiah 30:19-21.23-26; Matthew 9:35 – 10:1.5a.6-8



TUESDAY, November 30th – Feast – **St. Andrew, Apostle**

Born at Bethsaida, he was a disciple of John the Baptist before he became a follower of Christ, to whom he also brought his brother, Peter. According to tradition, he preached the Gospel in Greece and in year 60 was crucified in Patras on an X-shaped cross. He is a patron saint of Russia and Scotland.

Patron Saint of: fishermen

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, December 1st - *Advent Weekday*

9:30AM – Rorate Mass in Shenandoah.

THURSDAY, December 2nd - *Advent Weekday*

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, December 3rd - *Advent Weekday*

5:00PM – Rorate Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 5th – II Sunday of Advent

11:00AM – Holy Mass with the reading of the **Memorial List**, intention: for sp. Geraldine Andrews, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rejent.

- Collection for Mission.

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 (Psalms 25:1-3)

V. I wait for You, o Lord; I lift up my soul to my God. In You I trust; do not let me be disgraced; do not let my enemies gloat over me.

R. No one is disgraced who waits for You, but only those who lightly break faith.

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: Isaiah 2:1-5

In Isaiah's vision the nations of the world have an alm and a destiny. Towards peace with each other and peace with God. They will eventually beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles.

GRADUAL (1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:6)

V. Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong.
R. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

II Reading: Romans 13:11-14

This is a call to be ready and to live decently, for salvation is near.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 47:9)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. God rules over the nations; God sits upon His holy throne.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus warns us to stay awake and prepare because we never know when we will be called to meet Him.

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.

God of all, help us to use this Advent to make Your love for us the foundation of our lives. Make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in live.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

Dec. 12th Advent Penitential Service – **10:45AM**

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass – 8:00PM

Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass – 9:30AM

FRACKVILLE

Dec. 12th Advent Penitential Service – 8:30AM

Dec. 12th Christmas Party (4:00PM)

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

HOME IN FIRE – **William** and **Kellie Solnoki**, and their **newborn daughter** lost everything on Thursday morning (Nov. 18, 2010). Their home was totally burned. If someone would like to donate something – all kind of help is appreciated: diapers (pampers No 1, children clothes (3-6 months...); for adults: ladies 8-10, men: “L” - top, 34-32 bottom. Thank you!

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for the **Father Rafal Dadello**, his family, and parishioners of the Holy Spirit PNCC in Little Falls, NY.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – will be held in church hall at Frackville, on Sunday, **December 12, 2010 at 4:00PM.** If someone is interested to participate, please sign your name on the sheet at the vestibule. When you come, please bring three inexpensive gifts. The deadline is **December 5.**

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

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Sp. Geraldine Andrews:** Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Dec. 19, Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 2011, 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.



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.



Sacrament of Anointing

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.

LITURGY IN THE CHURCH – The liturgical calendar of the Church starts of **Advent.** This is a logical place to begin since Advent anticipates the coming of Savior's birth. Advent is always four Sundays long, which represents the traditional accounting of the 4000 years between Adam and the birth of Jesus. Advent is a penitential period during which believers prepare themselves spiritually and morally to celebrate the Nativity. (*Understanding the Liturgical Calendar, by Fr. Randolph Calvo*).

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.

WHAT MY PRESENCE AT CHURCH DID

It caused people to have confidence in me.

It made people realize that I regard my spiritual welfare and that of others, matters of great importance.

It had a good effect on the services.

It made my friends feel more welcome.

It encouraged other church members and helped the pastor in his work. It caused others to come to Christ.

It made my life stronger for another week.

It removed stumbling blocks from the sinner's path.

It pleased God.

It caused others to say, "He practices what he preaches."

CHURCH OPERATION FUND – as of the end of October 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. Thank you!

ADVENT – The Ecclesiastical Year begins on the first Sunday of Advent and ends on the Saturday following the last Sunday after Pentecost. Advent is composed of four weeks, during which with the patriarchs and prophets, we prepare to celebrate the first coming of our Lord in a Bethlehem stable. During Advent the approved liturgical colors are **blue, rose or violet**, unless otherwise indicated by the feast of the day. If violet vestments are used rose is recommended color for the Third Sunday in Advent. This is in keeping with the theme of joy. The "Gloria" is omitted from the Mass liturgy.

It is a Polish custom from antiquity that a special votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated in the parish Church once a week (usually on a Wednesday). It is called "Rorate" Mass, from the first words of the Latin Introit "rorate caeli". This unique Polish custom, first celebrated at the Wawel Cathedral in Krakow in 1545 dictates that seven candles are lighted and placed on the St. Mary's Altar. The seventh candle is much taller than the rest and is decorated with a green branch tied with a white ribbon. This symbolizes the Old Testament prophecy fulfilled; the Messiah stemming from the "Root of Jesse".

It is also customary, in some parishes, to prepare an Advent Wreath consisting of four candles in a circular wreath with a larger candle (the Christ candle) in the center. The Advent Wreath serves as a reminder of the four thousand years of expectation for the coming of the Savior, Jesus Christ, born on Christmas Day. **Solemn Marriage ceremonies are forbidden without the explicit permission of the Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese.** (from "Rites and Ritual" – a liturgical handbook for the PNCC).

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. Thank you.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS: Again this year we will have the opportunity to decorate our church for Christmas time with Poinsettias. These donations will enhance the beauty of our church altars for the glory of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Cost per plant is **\$15.00**. DEADLINE FOR ORDER IS SUNDAY, **DECEMBER 12th**, 2010.