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First Sunday of Advent - Cycle "C"

November 29, 2009

“We find comfort among those who agree with us – growth among those who don’t.” – FRANK A. CLARK

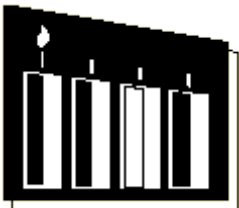
Events for the Week

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

Today, November 29th – I Sunday of Advent

Today we begin our Advent preparations. May this celebration of Mass touch our hearts and minds so that we may enter the Advent journey filled with God’s grace.

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



William Lorah, of. by Andruscavage/Komara family.

- The second weekly collection – second, third, fourth or fifth Sunday in the month - (after the Holy Mass) is for operation of the Holy Ghost parish – **THANK YOU!**

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22; **Tue.**, Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24; **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



MONDAY, 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.

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

TUESDAY, December 1st – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, December 2nd – *Advent Weekday*

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”.

9:00AM – Rorate Mass in **Shenandoah**.

6:00PM – Rorate Mass (in Polish) at Frackville.

THURSDAY, December 3rd – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, December 4th – **First Friday of the month**

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and – after Mass – litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; intention: God’s blessing for Bishop, priests and deacons of the Central Diocese.

SATURDAY, December 5th - *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – First Holy Communion Catechism Class in **Shenandoah**.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 6th – **Second Sunday of Advent**

10:45AM – Advent Penitential Service.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Robert Hoppes, Charles Hoppes (All Souls).

- Collection for Missions.

CHRISTMAS PARTY in the Holy Ghost church hall (around 12:15PM).

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

(Psalms 92:2-3)

V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Your name, Most High

R. To proclaim Your love in the morning and your faithfulness in the night.

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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

We hear a prophecy that the Lord will fulfill His promise to Israel and Judah by providing a Savior through David's line.

THE GRADUAL

(Psalms 89:36-37)

V. By My holiness I swore once for all: I will never be false to David.

R. His dynasty will continue forever, his throne, like the sun before Me.

II Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

St. Paul reminds the Christian community in Thessalonica to live the Christian life of love for all people.

THE ALLELUIA

(1 Thessalonians 3:12a,13b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. May the Lord strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His holy ones.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28.34-36

Jesus warns of troubled times ahead, with signs in the sky and great agony. His followers must be alert and ready to face these happenings but can be confident of their liberation.

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 we go out today full of the Lord's grace so that we will make our Advent journey in His presence.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

Dec. 5th First Holy Communion Catechism Class – 9:00AM.

Dec. 6th Advent Penitential Service – 10:45AM.

Christmas Party – around 12:15PM.

Dec. 20th Decorating the church for Christmas.

FRACKVILLE

Dec. 6th Advent Penitential Service – 8:30AM

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 greeter, the people working on fundraisers, the decorators, repair and maintenance people and members of the choir.

THANK YOU very much to **Mr. Jacob Komara** and **Joe Karvois** for help during the liturgy, **last** Sunday (November 22).

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.

MASS LITURGY CHANGES – beginning today until Easter we will stop shaking hands during the Holy Mass – *the sign of peace* - due flu season.

CHURCH'S ENVELOPES – please, continue using the church envelopes given, adjust the actual date. Thank you.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Margaret Kruszynski – Helen Menzyk - Connie Sincavage - Maurice Curcio – James Panco – Catherine Marasco - Edward Ryszka Jr.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Dec. 6:** sp. Robert Hoppes, Charles Hoppes, Maria, Ignacy Stypik, Joseph Stypik, Charles Stypik (All Souls); **Dec. 13:** sp. Matthew Menzyk, Catherine Menzyk (All Souls); **Dec. 20:** sp. Phyllis Gurecki; **Dec. 25:** sp. Ann Kowalonek (Grande); **Dec. 27:** sp. Leon, Peter, Mary Andrews...(All Souls).



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.

“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.



CHRISTMAS PARTY - will be held in our Holy Ghost church hall on Sunday, **December 6, 2009** following 11:00AM Holy Mass. If someone is interested to participate please sign your name on the sheet at the vestibule. If someone is planned to participate, please bring one inexpensive gift. The **deadline is November 29.**



MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS: Again this year we will have the opportunity to remember our loved ones in a very special way at Christmas time with Memorial 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 REQUESTS IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 2009.

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!



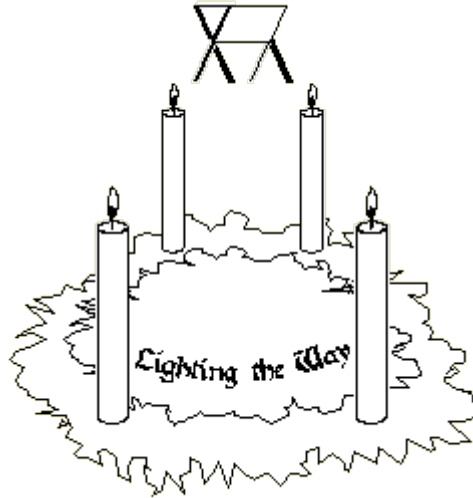
WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship!

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.

Prayer During the Advent Season

Lord Jesus, bless this Advent.
Bless our families and friends.
Bless the poor, the lonely, the forgotten
With your presence and your peace.
As we begin to wait,

may we no longer wait to begin!
Speak to us Lord, as we ponder your holy word.
We ask all these things in your name.
Amen.



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 is placed on the tongue, not in the hand.