

Holy Ghost Parish
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First Sunday of Advent - "C"

Pierwsza Niedziela Adwentu

December 2, 2012

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, December 2nd – I Sunday of Advent

Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, and end of sin, a turning away from evil.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Ignacy, Maria Stypik**...(All Souls).

^ Collection for missions.

2:00PM – Frackville Elks Memorial Service in Frackville.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 2:1-5; or Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11; **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.**
Genesis 3:9-15.20; Ephesians 1:3-6.11-12; Luke 1:26-38

MONDAY, December 3rd – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, December 5th - *Advent Weekday*

6:30AM – Rorate Mass in Frackville.

9:00AM – Rorate Mass in **Shenandoah**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

THURSDAY, December 6th - *Advent Weekday*

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

FRIDAY, December 7th - *First Friday of the Month*

5:00PM – 7:00PM – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

7:00PM – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Frackville.

SATURDAY, December 8th - Solemnity – Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast has been celebrated in the East and also in many places in the West since the eight century. Mary's freedom from all sin is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son. Chosen as a Mother of the Savior, Mary received the benefits of salvation from the moment of her conception.

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 9th – Second Sunday of Advent

10:45AM – Advent Penitential Service

11:00AM – Holy Mass intention: for sp. Susan Bednarek...(All Souls)

^ Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

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 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Prayer:

P. Listen to the voice of one crying in the desert: Make ready the way of the Lord.

R. Make straight His paths!

P. Eternal, only-begotten Son of God, in this Holy Season of Advent, prepare our hearts to celebrate Your birth.

R. Cleanse our hearts through sincere penance * and grant us the spirit of silence which we need to celebrate Your mysteries.

P. O Lord, You give Yourself to all men of good will.

R. Our hearts truly long for You.

P. Come and free us from the slavery of sin.

R. Come and bring us new life.

P. Make our hearts Your worthy dwelling place.

R. Deliver us from being lukewarm or indifferent in Your Service.

P. That we may meet You with confidence.

R. When You will come in glory to judge the living and the dead.

P. Lord, teach us Your ways.

R. Lord, show us Your paths.

Let us Pray. O God, You gladden us year after year with the promise of our redemption; grant we ask You, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we who now prepare for the coming of the Redeemer may also behold Him without fear when He comes as our judge, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who with You lives and reigns, world without end.

R. Amen.

The priest then blesses the Candle, saying:

The Blessing of Almighty God, The Father + the Son + and Holy Spirit + descend upon these candles which serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world; and remain with us forevermore.

R. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (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.

ENTRANCE HYMN – O Come, O Come Emmanuel – PNCC Hymnal, p. 32

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here. Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, o Israel!
2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things far and night; To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, o Israel!

I Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

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

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

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 VERSE (Psalms 130:3-4)

V. If You, Lord, mark our sins, Lord, who can stand? But with You is forgiveness, and so You are revered.

COMMUNION VERSE (Mark 13:33)

V. Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE

Dec. 16th 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.

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** for his help at the altar.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS – will take place on Sunday, December 23 after the Holy Mass. Please remain in the church on that day to help us. Thank you for your support and understanding.

THE NEW BABY GIRL IN THE PARISH – **Aliyah Grace Solnoki** – a daughter of William and Kellie Solnoki was born on October 31, 2012 at 12:03PM; She was 7 lbs 15 oz and 20 inches. Congratulations! Baptism: December 16, 2012.

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.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – will be held in Frackville's hall on **Sunday, December 16, 2012 at 4:00PM.** Anyone who would like to participate, please sign your name and ... what kind of food you will bring on the list in the back of the church. Please, purchase some gifts for your own children only. Deadline is **December 9.** Thank you.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Joseph Krusienski,** his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity Prish in Plantsville, CT and St. Casimir Parish in Wallingford, CT.

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, 2012. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 8 – Jolene Johnston.



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 2012. 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 2012 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**.