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Second Sunday of Advent – Cycle “C”

December 6, 2009

“If it weren’t for the last minute, a lot of things wouldn’t get done.” – MICHAEL S. TAYLOR

Events for the Week

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

Today, December 6th – II Sunday of Advent

The key to all our success stories is to be found in the preparations we make for them. Today we are invited to prepare a way for the Lord.

10:45AM – Advent Penitential Service.

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



- **Collection for Missions.**
- **CHRISTMAS PARTY** in the hall (around 12:15PM)
- 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., Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26; **Tue.**, Genesis 3:9-15.20; Ephesians 1:3-6.11-12; Luke 1:26-38; **Wed.**, Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30; **Thu.**, Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15; **Fri.**, Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19; **Sat.**, Sirach 48:1-4.9-11; Matthew 17:9a.10-13

MONDAY, December 7th – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: sp. **Fr. Franciszek Jarzembowski**, of. by Fr. Robert.

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in Frackville.

TUESDAY, December 8th – Solemnity – Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – *holy day of obligation*

This feast has been celebrated in the East and also in many places in the West since the eighth 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 **Shenandoah**; intention: for sp. Lucille Gill, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gill Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Krupa (All Souls)

10:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, December 9th – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – *Rorate* Mass in **Shenandoah**, intention: for sp. Bishop Casimir Grotnik (4th anniversary), of. by Fr. Robert.

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

7:00PM – Choir practice before Christmas in Frackville.

SATURDAY, December 12th – *Advent Weekday*

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

NEXT SUNDAY, December 13th – *Third Sunday of Advent*

11:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. Matthew Menzyk, Catherine Menzyk (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.

ENTRANCE

(Malachi 3:1)

V. Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before Me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord Whom you seek.

R. And the messenger of the covenant Whom you desire, yes, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

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: Baruch 5:1-9

Baruch echoes the message of Isaiah that God will enable us to walk safely on level ground.

THE GRADUAL

(John 1:6-8)

V. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

R. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

II Reading: Philippians 1:3-6.8-11

St. Paul wants to prepare for the Day of Christ. His prayer for us is that we will always recognize what is best.

THE ALLELUIA

(Psalms 85:8)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Show us, o Lord, Your love, and grant us Your salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

St. John the Baptist is the one who fulfils the prophecy about preparing a way for the Lord and shows us what needs to be done.

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. 12th First Holy Communion Catechism Class – 9:00AM.

Dec. 20th Decorating the church for Christmas.

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 29).

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.

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.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 7 – Jacob Komara; December 8 – Jolene Johnston.



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. 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); **Jan. 3, 2010:** sp. Andruscavage, Komara, Wasser, Wychulis families (All Souls).



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.

“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

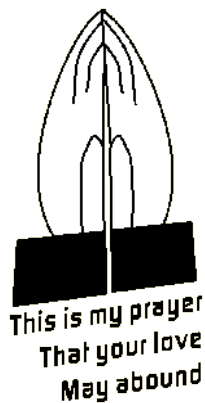
you, or a member of your family are sick and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home, please notify the rectory.



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!

MEMBERS DUES 2009. 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 (18 years old+) 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 2009 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, Bleenie Sales (we had a great time last year, come out help out, join in the fun...), Chinese Auction, 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 **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

<p>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.</p>
