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Second Sunday of Advent - "A"

Druga Niedziela Adwentu

December 8, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, December 8th – II Sunday of Advent

In this joyful Advent we are reminded that we are a people of hope and trust in God's promises. Let us gather to celebrate, mindful of this hope. May our lives be more and more open to that trust in God's love which can teach us to be gifts of God's love to others.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Sophie, Albert Bobbin... (All Souls).

^ Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Genesis 3:9-15.20; Ephesians 1:3-6.11-12; Luke 1:26-38; **Tue.**, Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14;
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 9th - 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 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 Frackville.

TUESDAY, December 10th - *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, December 11th - *Advent Weekday*

6:30AM – *Rorate* Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, December 12th - *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, December 13th - *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 15th – III Sunday of Advent

10:45AM – Advent Penitential Service

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Helena Kurek-Bednarek... (All Souls).

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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Christ's Coming in the Hearts of Men

Prayer:

P. Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just One.

R. Let the earth be opened and bud forth the Savior.

P. Lord Jesus, eternal Wisdom -

R. In Your merciful love, You came down to earth to expel the darkness with the brightness of Your Divine Life.

P. You removed the wall which sin had raised between God and us.

R. You opened the gates behind which the devil made prisoners of humanity.

P. Through You we regained access to God.

R. You have reconciled us with the heavenly Father.

P. But many have not yet seen Your Light.

R. Ans many are the hearts that have not yet known Your Heavenly Peace.

P. Our own hearts too, o Lord, are often dark and sinful.

R. We cry to Your, in this Holy Season of Advent:/Come anew and save us.

P. Let Your power be known, o Lord.

R. Come, and let Your Face shine upon us.

Let us pray: Merciful God and Savior, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to save what was lost. You made Him shine through the darkness of this world as the true daybreak. We pray to You, with the sweet radiance of Your grace, illumine our dark hearts and the hearts of all those sit in the shadow of paganism, and guide our feet in the way of peace, unto Your glorious kingdom. Through the same Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (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.

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 11:1-10

Even when everything around seems full of upheaval and threat, the Lord's justice and love for His people promises hope, and a future of peace and knowledge of His friendship.

GRADUAL (Jeremiah 23:5-6)

V. Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; As king He shall reign and govern wisely, He shall do what is just and right in the land.

R. In His days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give Him: "The Lord our justice".

II Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Hope in God's great love for us is the foundation of a deep security, which frees us to offer true friendship to all people, regardless of how different they seem from us.

ALLELUIA (Sirach 2:18)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Let us fall into the hands of the Lord and not into the hands of men, for equal to His majesty is the mercy that He shows.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

The coming of Jesus is a moment of promise but a moment, too, of a difficult message for those like the Pharisees. The promise of God's love in Jesus calls for repentance, a change of life built on an honest humility about who we really are.

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 our Father calls us to activities of hope in and for His world. As you go out from this celebration, may you live lives of growth and fruitfulness, and so prepare ways for Christ to come into the world afresh.

COMING EVENTS

SNENANDOAH

Dec. 15th Advent Penitential Service (10:45AM)
Dec. 22nd Decorating the church for Christmas
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass 8:00PM
Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass 9:30AM

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

Dec. 15th Advent Penitential Service (8:30AM)
Dec. 20th Decorating the church for Christmas (6:00PM)
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass 10:00PM
Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass 11:00AM
Feb. 2, 2014 Annual Parish Meeting

March 3, 2014 Pastors Seniorate Meeting (1:00PM)

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 Richard Wosiak**, his family and parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish in Middleport, PA.

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, 2013. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: Dec. 29: Sp. Ann Kowalonek.Grande.



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

Helen Menzyk
Drums, PA -

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

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**.

MEMBERS DUES 2013. 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 2013 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.