

Holy Ghost Parish
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Second Sunday of Advent

Druga Niedziela Adwentu

December 9, 2012

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, December 9th – II Sunday of Advent

Prepare a way for the Lord who comes to us. This is the Advent cry. Let us, then, rejoice in the Lord, and make our hearts worthy to receive Him.

10:45AM – Advent Penitential Service

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

▲ Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26; **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 10th – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for sp. **Bishop Casimir Grotnik**, of. by Fr. Robert.

TUESDAY, December 11th - *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, December 12th - *Advent Weekday*

6:30AM – Rorate Mass in Frackville.

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

6:30PM – the CD Presentation - 2009 Mission Workshop held in Schenactedy, NY, at the church hall in Frackville.

FRIDAY, December 14th - *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 16th – Third Sunday of Advent

11:00AM – Holy Mass intention: for

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN – From Heav'n A Voice – PNCC Hymnal, p. 15

1. From heav'n a voice comes down to earth; A star foretells the Savior's birth. It shines through darkness sin and grief, And brings to mankind's souls relief.
2. From Jesse's stem a flower springs, Which to the world salvations brings. God sent to us His Son, our Lord, Before the ages long adored.

I Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

The Jews in exile were in sorrow and distress, but the Lord restores them to Jerusalem and to joy.

GRADUAL (Psalm 50:3; 85:10)

V. Our God comes and will not be silent! Devouring fire precedes, storming fiercely round about.

R. Near indeed is salvation for the loyal; prosperity will fill our land.

II Reading: Philippians 1:4-6.8-11

St. Paul rejoices in the Christian witness of this community and urges them to grow in the wisdom of Christ.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 62:2)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. See, upon the mountains there advances the bearer of good news, announcing peace!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

The preaching of John the Baptist is a call to make a clear highway in our lives, to receive the Lord.

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 (Zephaniah 3:14.15b)

V. Shout for joy, o daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, o Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, o daughter Jerusalem! The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst, you need have no further misfortune to fear.

COMMUNION VERSE (Revelation 3:11)

V. The one who gives this testimony says: "Yes, I am coming soon". Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

RECESSIONAL HYMN – The King of Glory - Binder

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices; open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

1. Who is the King of glory? How shall we call Him? He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages.
2. In all of Galilee, in city or village, He goes among His people curing their illness.

The Lord stood among His people by the waters of the Jordan. May you know His nearness to you this

day, through this Holy Eucharist.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass – 8:00PM
Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass – 9:30AM

FRACKVILLE

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass – 10:00PM
Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass – 11:00AM

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 Zomeczyk, 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 – in Frackville is cancelled.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Henry Smolinski**, his family and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish in Manchester, 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.



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**.