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Third Sunday in Advent – Cycle “A”

Trzecia Niedziela Adwentu

December 12, 2010

“Lost time is never found.”

Events for the Week

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

Today, December 12th – III Sunday in Advent

As we wait with expectant hope for the coming of the Lord at Christmas, we are told that His arrival will bring healing and hope to all people.

10:45AM – Advent Penitential Service and Sacrament of Penance

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Geraldine Andrews**, of. Ms. Isabel Benedict.

- **Baptism: Meah Rose Solnoki**, a daughter of William and Kellie Solnoki.
- Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

4:00PM – CHRISTMAS PARTY in Frackville.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Numbers 24:2-7.15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27; **Tue.**, Zephaniah 3:1-2.9-13; Matthew 21:28-32; **Wed.**, Isaiah 45:6c-8.18.21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23; **Thu.**, December 17: Genesis 49:2.8-10; Matthew 1:1-17; **Fri.**, December 18: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25; **Sat.**, December 19: Judges 13:2-7.24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

MONDAY, December 13th – *Advent Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for sp. Bp Casimir Grotnik, of. by Fr. Robert.

TUESDAY, December 14th - *Advent Weekday*

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, December 15th – *Advent Weekday*

9:30AM – Rorate Mass in Shenandoah.

THURSDAY, December 16th - *Advent Weekday*

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, December 17th - *Advent Weekday*

5:00PM – Rorate Mass in Frackville, intention: for God's blessing for Fr. Robert & family.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 19th – *IV Sunday of Advent*

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Geraldine Andrews, of. by Joe & Karen Wienches.

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 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Christ's Coming in Glory

Prayer:

P. Beloved, let us live in this world with temperence, justice and piety.

R. Let us wait for the blessed hope and glorious coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

P. Heaven and earth will pass away.

R. But Your Words, o Lord, will not pass away.

P. What You foretold shall be accomplished: You will come to judge the living and the dead.

R. You will reward everyone according to their deeds.

P. Keep us from being engulfed in worldly desires.

R. For at an unexpected hour, the Son of Man will come.

P. Grant us, o Lord, to be always on the watch.

R. That we may meet You with burning lamps on Your return.

P. Lord, remember not our transgressions.

R. For with You, o Lord, is kindness and plantiful redemption.

P. Let Your power be known, o Lord.

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

Let us pray: Almighty, Eternal Father, stir our hearts and grant us to be steadfast in fervent prayer, in holy love

and child-like confidence, so that one day we may joyfully meet Your Son, and our Lord, Jesus Christ, when He shall come on the clouds to heaven to judge the world. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Isaiah 26:19b; 29:19)

V. Awake and sing, you who lie in the dust. For your dew is a dew of light, and the land of shades gives birth.

R. The lowly will ever find joy in the Lord, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

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 35:1-6.10

Isaiah brings encouragement to a weary people and announces the coming of God, who will bring freedom from oppression, and healing to those in need.

GRADUAL (Psalms 146:5-7)

V. Happy are those whose help Jacob's God; whose hope is in the Lord, their God, the maker of heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them.

R. Who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free.

II Reading: James 5:7-10

James encourages the followers of Jesus to have patience and not to lose heart with one another or about the coming of the Lord.

ALLELUIA (Malachi 3:23)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Lo, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the day of the Lord comes.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus expresses His admiration for John, while His own actions reveal that He is the awaited one.

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 the light of faith burn in iyr hearts today and every day; and as you go from here may almighty God bless you.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

Dec. 12th Advent Penitential Service – 10:45AM

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass – 8:00PM

Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass – 9:30AM

FRACKVILLE

Dec. 12th Advent Penitential Service – 8:30AM

Dec. 12th 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.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS – are available in the vestibule. Thank you for all donations.

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.

HELP NEEDED – If anyone is interested to help at the altar during our services, and serve as the Lector, please contact the pastor.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Charles Henderson**, **Father Mark Raya**, and parishioners of the Annunciation of the BVM in San Antonio, TX.

MASS LITURGY CHANGES – beginning today until Easter we will stop shaking hands during the Holy Mass, due flu season.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Sp. Geraldine Andrews:** Dec. 19, Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 2011, Jan 9, 2011; **Jan. 16, 2011:** sp. Susan Bednarek, Helena Bednarek, Julian Bednarek Sr.; **Jan. 23, 11:** sp. Franciszek, Elżbieta Sroka; **Jan. 30, 11:** for sp. John and Dolores Sroka; **Feb. 6, 2011:** sp. Jan Sroka; **Feb. 13, 2011:** sp. Catherine Marasco.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 16 – Helen Menzyk; December 18 - Veronica Plichta.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Ida Socker. *Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)* - Margaret Kruszynski - Edward Ryszka Jr.



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. 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.

“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.

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!

THE MANOR AT WAYMART – a personal care facility, is located in beautiful waymart, PA near the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center. We invite you to contact us at **570-488-6829** or manoratwaymart@echoes.net for rates, room availability, or to arrange a tour of our facility.



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.

CHURCH OPERATION FUND – as of the end of October the following have donated: Mr. & Mrs. James Panco, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Savitsky, Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes, Mr. John Golba, Mrs. Ida Socker, Mrs. Mary Stukas, Mr. Frank Gill, Mr. Stanley Sawecki, Mrs. Claire Mallick, Mrs. Helen Menzyk, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky. Thank you!

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.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS: Again this year we will have the opportunity to decorate our church for Christmas time with 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 ORDER IS SUNDAY, **DECEMBER 12th**, 2010.



MEMBERS DUES 2010. 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 2010 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**.

THE PARISH CATECHISM – *What is sin?* Sin is a violation of the law of God. *How many kinds of sin are there?* There are two kinds of sins, mortal sins and venial sins. *What is a mortal sin?* Mortal sin is a big sin – a

deadly sin – a serious violation of the law of God. *Give examples of mortal sins into which people easily fall today?* Missing Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation. Any sins against chastity – that is, any use of the sex passion outside of marriage. Drunkennes.

SOME STRANGE PEOPLE I KNOW

People who talk about prayer but never pray.

People who say tithing is right but never tithe.

People who want to belong to the church but never attend.

People who say the Bible is God's Word to man but never read it.

People who criticize others for things they do themselves.

People who stay away from church for trivial reasons and then sing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

People who continue in sin all their lives but expect to go to heaven.



THE GOSPEL SUMMARY

1. St. John the Baptist struggles with his impending death and wonders if Jesus really is the Messiah.
2. Jesus assures John that all that has been prophesied has come to pass and that he is the Anointed One.
3. It is not surprising that in times of difficulty we can lose our direction, but we are encouraged to place our faith in God who will not abandon us.