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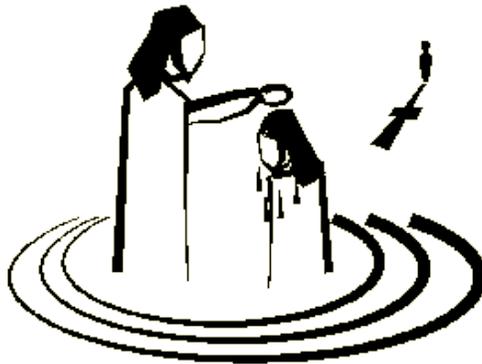
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I Baptize With Water
But One Mightier
Is Coming

Third Sunday of Advent – Cycle “C”

December 13, 2009

“Your expression is the most important thing you can wear.” – SID ASCHER

Events for the Week

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

Today, December 13th – III Sunday of Advent

There is a feeling of expectancy in the air today, as we draw closer to our celebrations of the coming of Christ.



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

- Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.
- 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., 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; **December 17:** Genesis 49:2.8-10; Matthew 1:1-17; **December 18:** Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25; **December 19:** Judges 13:2-7.24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

MONDAY, December 14th – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

TUESDAY, December 15th – *Advent Weekday*

9:30AM – 4:30PM – Fr. Robert works in the chancery (Scranton)

WEDNESDAY, December 16th – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – *Rorate* Mass in Shenandoah.

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

THURSDAY, December 17th – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – **Holy Mass** in Frackville.

FRIDAY, December 18th – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – **Holy Mass** in Frackville.

SATURDAY, December 19th – *Advent Weekday*

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

NEXT SUNDAY, December 20th – *Third Sunday of Advent*

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Phyllis Gurecki, of. by Komara/Andruscavage family.

- Decorating the church for Christmas.

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

(Psalms 85:6-7; 90:14)

V. Will You be angry with us forever, drag out Your anger for all generations? Please give us life again, that Your people may rejoice in You.

R. Fill us at daybreak with Your love, that all our days we may sing for joy.

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: Zephaniah 3:14-18

A day of festival is coming and we have every reason to rejoice.

THE GRADUAL

(Zephaniah 3:19b-20)

V. I will save the lame, and assemble the outcasts; I will give them praise and renown in all the earth, when I bring about their restoration.

R. At that time I will bring you home, and at that time I will gather you; for I will give you renown and praise, among all the peoples of the earth, when I bring about your restoration before your very eyes, says the Lord.

II Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

God's peace is ours and it makes us happy.

THE ALLELUIA

(Matthew 6:33)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

John's baptism is only the beginning. Jesus will bring everything to fulfillment.

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 Lord will fill you with His peace and happiness,

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

Dec. 19th First Holy Communion Catechism Class – 9:00AM.

Dec. 20th Decorating the church for Christmas.

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Holy Mass (Pasterka) – 7:00PM

Dec. 25th Christmas Day Holy Mass – 9:30AM

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 **Joe Karvois** for help during the liturgy, **last** Sunday (December 6).

THANK YOU very much to everyone of you for preparing the **beautiful** Christmas Party last Sunday. Thank you for all donations. May God bless you and everybody who came for the party.

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 16 – Helen Menzyk; December 19 – Rosemary Savitsky.



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. 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); Jan. 10, 2010: sp. Cichocki & Mallick families (All Souls).



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!

HOLY DAYS of OBLIGATION – a) **Sundays** throughout the year; b) **Christmas Day – December 25th**; c) **The Holy Name of Jesus – January 1st**; d) **Ascension of the Lord**; e) **Dormition/Assumption of the BVM – August 15th**; f) **All Saints – November 1st**; g) **Conception of the BVM – December 8th**.

Members of the PNCC have two major duties:

1) Spiritual duties – a) partaking of the Sacraments (active participation in them will help strengthen members to live a Christian life; b) loving God (members should accept and obey Christ’s teachings, maintain a personal relationship with God, pray to Him often and give Him glory by living a good life; c) sharing faith (members should actively take part in Church worship and listen sincerely to God’s word; d) obeying the 10 Commandments (by obeying them, Church members help strengthen the kingdom of God on earth.

2) Material duties – a) to society: members should: practice Christ’s ideals in their everyday lives, be tolerant of others’ faith, recognize everyone’s right to equality and opportunity, be loyal to their country, work for the good of all human society, rear children in the name of God and set a Christian example for them; b) to the Church: members should: follow the principles of the PNCC, give their time and talents to further church and parish goals, contribute financially to the support of the Church. *Members should participate actively in church affairs, vote on parish matters, serve on committees, etc.*

Catholic Prayers: Prayer for Healing

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need, and help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which You have created, now and forever. Amen.

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.