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Third Sunday of Advent - "A"

Trzecia Niedziela Adwentu

December 15, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, December 15th – III Sunday of Advent

The expectancy of the coming of God is fulfilled in Jesus, who brings joy through love and compassion to all who are in need.

10:45AM – Advent Penitential Service with the Sacrament of Penance.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Numbers 24:2-7.15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27; **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;
December 20: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38; **December 21:** Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a;
Luke 1:39-45

MONDAY, December 16th - *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

TUESDAY, December 17th - *Advent Weekday*

4:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: **Veronica Plichta** for God's blessing.

WEDNESDAY, December 18th - *Advent Weekday*

6:30AM – *Rorate Mass* in Frackville.

FRIDAY, December 20th - *Advent Weekday*

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

6:00PM – Frackville: Decorating the church for Christmas. If our Parishioners feel to be a part of this congregation, please join us. Thank you!

SATURDAY, December 21st - *Feast – St. Thomas, Apostle*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for Sp. **Jan Zaborowski**, of. by the Family.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 22nd – *IV Sunday of Advent*

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention:

^ 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.

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 plentiful 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

A wasteland in flower, blind people whose eyes are opened – these are among the joyful wonders that will accompany the coming of God.

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

The practical example of a farmer waiting patiently upon the weather without losing heart is given as a model for the Christian life.

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' deeds are signs of the coming of God as foretold by Isaiah in the first reading.

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 God come to each one of us in the silence of our hearts as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's birth.

COMING EVENTS

SNENANDOAH

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. 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 Andrew Bieganowski**, his family and parishioners of Holy Cross Parish

in Baltimore, MD [holycrosspncc.org].

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 16 – Helene Menzyk; December 19 – Rosemary Savitsky.

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.

