

**Holy Ghost Parish**  
**Polish National Catholic Church**  
**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Organizing (1922 - 2012)**

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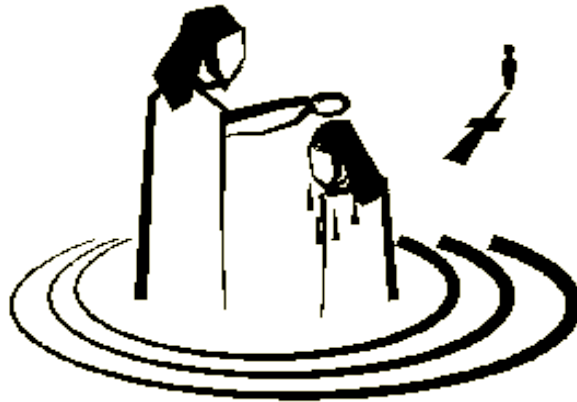
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**I Baptize With Water  
But One Mightier  
Is Coming**

**Third Sunday of Advent - "C"**

Trzecia Niedziela Adwentu

**December 16, 2012**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, December 16<sup>th</sup> – III Sunday of Advent**

The coming of our Savior is a source of great joy to us. We look forward to celebrating His presence among us with great gladness.

**11:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for **Aliyah Grace Solnoki**, her parents (God's Blessing).

✠ **Baptism: Aliyah Grace Solnoki.**

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**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; **December 22:** 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-

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**MONDAY, December 17<sup>th</sup>** – *Advent Weekday*

**11:00AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

**TUESDAY, December 18<sup>th</sup>** - *Advent Weekday*

**11:00AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

**WEDNESDAY, December 19<sup>th</sup>** - *Advent Weekday*

**6:30AM** – Rorate Mass in Frackville.

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

**FRIDAY, December 21<sup>st</sup>** - Feast – St. Thomas, Apostle

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for those who are in Purgatory.

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Fourth Sunday of Advent

**11:00AM** – Holy Mass intention: for Eugenia Tyrrell and Lance Nelson (God's blessing and good health).

▲ 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 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** (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**

*The Lord takes away all fear and brings us great joy.*

**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**

*Our prayers will bring the peace of God to guard our hearts.*

**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**

*St. John the Baptist announces the coming of the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

**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 (Luke 6:31)**

V. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

**COMMUNION VERSE (Isaiah 12:6)**

V. Shout with exultation, o city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

*May God take away all your fears through the joy of His presence.*

**COMING EVENTS**

**SHENANDOAH**

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Mass – 8:00PM

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass – 9:30AM

**FRACKVILLE**

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Mass – 10:00PM

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Zomczyk, 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.

**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.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Michal Gitner**, his family and parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish in Stratford, 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.



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



**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.

### **GOSPEL SUMMARY**

The knocks we receive in life can teach us the true meaning of joy more than all our careful plans.

We are encourage to rejoice always, especially in our awareness of the nearness of our Lord.

We are called to free ourselves from concentrating too much on the past or the future. The Lord meets us and frees us in the unique moments that make up the present in our lives.

### **WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN?**

A Christian is slow to lose patience and quick to be gracious.

A Christian looks for a way to be constructive, even when provoked.

A Christian refrains from trying to impress other with his own importance.

A Christian practices good manners, **not verbal abuses**, what happens many times.

A Christian is not “touchy”, even when insulted.

A Christian thinks the best, not the worst, of others. He is wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove in dealing with others.

A Christian does not gloat over the wickedness of other people.

Above all, a Christian exhibits **the love of Christ** in his heart and life.