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Fourth Sunday of Advent - "C"

Czwarta Niedziela Adwentu

December 23, 2012

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, December 23rd – IV Sunday of Advent

Christ comes into the simple, rustic world of Mary and Elizabeth. But He comes from the mists of eternity.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

December 24: 2 Samuel 7:1-5.8b-12.14a.16; Luke 1:67-79 (Mass in the morning); SEASON of CHRISTMAS:

December 26: Acts 6:8-10. 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22; **December 27:** 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a.2-8;

December 28: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18; **December 29:** 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

MONDAY, December 24th – Christmas Eve Day

8:00PM – Holy Mass of the Shepherds, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament; intention: for all Parishioners & Friends.

TUESDAY, December 25th - Nativity of Our Lord

9:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky, and their family (God's blessing).

WEDNESDAY, December 26th - Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr

10:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, December 27th - Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

6:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, December 28th - Holy Innocents

10:00AM – Holy Mass, in Frackville.

SATURDAY, December 29th - Solemnity – Holy Family

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

11:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 30th – Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

11:00AM – Holy Mass intention: for Deceased members of Halaburda and Nelson families (All Souls).

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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Prayer of Intercession

Prayer:

P. Prince of Peace and Lord, Jesus Christ, Father of the world to come, You will return with power and glory on the clouds of heaven. Now You dwell among us in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, not as our judge, but as our Brother who wishes to share with us the riches of His inheritance. Hear we ask You, the petitions of Your people!

R. Have mercy, o Lord, have mercy.

P. Prepare our hearts for a fervent celebration of Your Nativity.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Lead all those who doubt and disbelieve to acknowledge Your Divine Glory.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Help the poor, console the afflicted, and deliver the oppressed.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Banish from our midst all quarrels and wars, lies, treachery and injustice; and make us all one in You.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Grant that, amidst the joys and sorrows of this life, we may always long for Your coming.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Have mercy on us in the day of judgement, and lead us all to the glory of eternal life.

R. We ask You, hear us.

Let us pray: For You are He who is to come in the splendor of the heavenly armies. You gather Your people at the Eucharistic Table, as You will one day gather them from all times and all nations to the wedding feast in Your Kingdom, where You live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in all eternity.

R. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Micah 5:1)

V. But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah,

R. From you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times.

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: Micah 5:1-4

The Old Testament prophet foresees the coming of the Messiah.

GRADUAL (Micah 5:3)

V. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the Lord, in the majestic name of the Lord, his God.

R. And they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth.

II Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

God no longer wants the sacrifices of the Old Testament. The loving obedience of Jesus is more powerful than all of them.

ALLELUIA (James 5:8)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. You too must be patient. Make your heart firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

Mary, carrying Jesus in her womb, goes lovingly to help her pregnant cousin Elizabeth.

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 (Numbers 24:17a)

V. I see Him, though not now; I behold Him, though not near: A star shall advance from Jacob, and a staff shall rise from Israel.

COMMUNION VERSE (Isaiah 7:14)

V. Therefore the Lord Himself will give you this sign: the Virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

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

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 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 **Dylan Whitecavage** for his help at the altar last Sunday.

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 **Bishop Stanley Bilinski Jr.**, his family and parishioners of All Saints Cathedral in Chicago, IL, and St. Mary Parish in Parma, OH; for **Father Francis Rowinski** and his family.

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 23 – Lee Sincavage; December 26 – Kristin Whitecavage.





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

We think of the universe as very big; but it is composed of the very small.

Mary and Elizabeth were insignificant in the world's eyes; but God acted in their lives.

God, the Creator of the universe, also cares about the little things of this world.

Taking human form in Christ, God transforms events in our world.

