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**First Sunday of Advent - "C"**

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**December 2, 2012**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

**Holy Mass – 8:45AM – Traditional liturgy in English.**

**Today, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – I Sunday of Advent**

Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, and end of sin, a turning away from evil.

**8:45AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Bertha Zimmerman**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Onisick and family.

**Baptism: Gracie Mae Bidgood**

⋈ No Asperges and Benediction today.

⋈ Collection for missions.

**2:00PM** – Frackville Elks Memorial Service.

### **WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Isaiah 2:1-5; or Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11; **Tue.**, Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24; **Wed.**, Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37; **Thu.**, Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21.24-27; **Fri.**, Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31; **Sat.**  
**Genesis 3:9-15.20; Ephesians 1:3-6.11-12; Luke 1:26-38**

#### **MONDAY, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – *Advent Weekday*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for deceased members of Touchinsky and Brazausky families (All Souls).

**6:30PM** – Parish Committee meeting.

#### **WEDNESDAY, December 5<sup>th</sup>** - *Advent Weekday*

**6:30AM** – Rorate Mass

**9:00AM** – Rorate Mass in Shenandoah.

#### **THURSDAY, December 6<sup>th</sup>** - *Advent Weekday*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese

#### **FRIDAY, December 7<sup>th</sup>** - *First Friday of the Month*

**5:00PM – 7:00PM** – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**7:00PM** – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

#### **SATURDAY, December 8<sup>th</sup>** - Solemnity – Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*This feast has been celebrated in the East and also in many places in the West since the eighth century. Mary's freedom from all sin is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son. Chosen as a Mother of the Savior, Mary received the benefits of salvation from the moment of her conception.*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Second Sunday of Advent

**8:30AM** – Advent Penitential Service

**8:45AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Mary Ann Etcho, of. by Mr. John Etcho.

### **Today's liturgy**

#### **THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

##### **Prayer:**

P. Listen to the voice of one crying in the desert: Make ready the way of the Lord.

##### **R. Make straight His paths!**

P. Eternal, only-begotten Son of God, in this Holy Season of Advent, prepare our hearts to celebrate Your birth.

**R. Cleanse our hearts through sincere penance \* and grant us the spirit of silence which we need to celebrate Your mysteries.**

P. O Lord, You give Yourself to all men of good will.

##### **R. Our hearts truly long for You.**

P. Come and free us from the slavery of sin.

##### **R. Come and bring us new life.**

P. Make our hearts Your worthy dwelling place.

##### **R. Deliver us from being lukewarm or indifferent in Your Service.**

P. That we may meet You with confidence.

##### **R. When You will come in glory to judge the living and the dead.**

P. Lord, teach us Your ways.

**R. Lord, show us Your paths.**

**Let us Pray.** O God, You gladden us year after year with the promise of our redemption; grant we ask You, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we who now prepare for the coming of the Redeemer may also behold Him without fear when He comes as our judge, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who with You lives and reigns, world without end.

**R. Amen.**

*The priest then blesses the Candle, saying:*

The Blessing of Almighty God, The Father + the Son + and Holy Spirit + descend upon these candles which serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world; and remain with us forevermore.

R. Amen.

**ENTRANCE RITE (Psalms 92:2-3)**

V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Your name, Most High

**R. To proclaim Your love in the morning and your faithfulness in the night.**

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 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel – PNCC Hymnal, p. 32**

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here. Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, o Israel!
2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things far and night; To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, o Israel!

**I Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**GRADUAL (Psalms 89:36-37)**

V. By My holiness I swore once for all: I will never be false to David.

**R. His dynasty will continue forever, his throne, like the sun before Me.**

**II Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

**ALLELUIA (1 Thessalonians 3:12a,13b)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. May the Lord strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His holy ones.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28.34-36**

**HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Come Thou Creator Spirit blest. And in our souls take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Amen.

**OFFERTORY 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.

3. Our fathers heard the tale of old; The prophet's words had long foretold That God would come to man might be Rescued from death eternally.

**COMMUNION HYMN** – **Jesus, My Lord And Savior** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 159

1. Jesus, my Lord and Savior, here would I worship Thee. All that I have I give Thee for Thou didst die for me. Here in this Bread of heaven, here in this Host Divine. Thanksgiving, praise and honor be ev'ry moment Thine. All my vain pride I humble, all my poor soul I give unto my Lord and Savior that with Him I may live.
2. Hosanna in the highest! Angelic choirs do sing, Glorious praise unceasing to Christ our Lord and King. Setting for us a standard as we our songs employ, Bringing us closer to Him, filling us with His joy. He knows the tears of suffering through His own earthly life. With trembling heart we praise Him, telling Him of our strife.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** – **Hail, O Blessed Mary** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 19

1. Hail, o blessed Mary heaven's beauteous lilly; For our God has favored you, Mother of all mercy. Through the birth of your dear Son, Who would bring redemption.
2. Mary, you were favored, graced beyond the angels, Maid above all maidens, holiest of all women. Pray for us, O blessed one, Mother of God's own true Son.

**COMING EVENTS**

**FRACKVILLE**

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Advent Penitential Service (8:30AM)  
Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party (4:00PM)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Special Thanks go out to:**

- **Members** of the Parish for preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** for musical preparations, and to the Choir members;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector,
- to the **Sunday greeters**, the people working on fundraisers,
- to **Victoria Plichta** for her help at the altar.

**PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY** - ..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.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** – will be held in our hall on **Sunday, December 16, 2012 at 4:00PM**. Anyone who would like to participate, please sign your name and ... what kind of food you will bring on the list in the back of the church. Please, purchase some gifts for your own children only. Deadline is **December 9**. Thank you.

**BLESSING OF HOMES 2013** – Father Robert asks our Parishioners and Friends who need a blessing for their home, please sign your name on the list in the vestibule. Deadline is Sunday, **December 9**, 2012.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Senior Joseph Krusienski**, his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity Prish in Plantsville, CT and St. Casimir Parish in Wallingford, CT.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – James Chistakoff – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta - Ted Butcavage. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff – Dolores Halaburda - ***Frackville Nursing Home:*** Dorothy Halaburda (205) – Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108) – Stanley Bulcavage (313); NY – Cecelia Pyzowski.



**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.

**UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:** **Dec. 9:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **Dec. 16:** sp. Melissa Chiao; **Dec. 23:** Mr & Mrs. Joseph Wolk (God's blessing); **4 Sundays** in Jan. 2013 – sp. Edward Bulcavage. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.*



**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 **8:30AM** (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.

 **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.

**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.

**DUES 2012 REMINDER.** 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 2002 General Synod.

Each adult member (18 years old+) 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 St. John the Baptist 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: \$79.00 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, St. Johns Fund, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Egg Project Fund, Easter Donations, Flower Fund, Bleenie Sales (we had a great time last year, come out help out, join in the fun...), and Christmas Donations.

***BULLETIN SPONSOR:***  
**Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage**