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Second Sunday of Advent - "C"

Druga Niedziela Adwentu

December 9, 2012

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, December 9th – II Sunday of Advent

Prepare a way for the Lord who comes to us. This is the Advent cry. Let us, then, rejoice in the Lord, and make our hearts worthy to receive Him.

8:30AM – Advent Penitential Service

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26; **Tue.**, Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14; **Wed.**, Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30; **Thu.**, Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15; **Fri.**, Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19; **Sat.**, Sirach 48:1-4.9-11; Matthew 17:9a.10-13

MONDAY, December 10th – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Bishop Casimir Grotnik**, of. by Fr. Robert.

TUESDAY, December 11th – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Lucille Greenman...(All Souls).

WEDNESDAY, December 12th – *Advent Weekday*

6:30AM – Rorate Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

9:00AM – Rorate Mass in Shenandoah.

6:30PM – the CD Presentation - 2009 Mission Workshop held in Schenactedy, NY, at our hall.

FRIDAY, December 14th – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Florie Wilinsky...(All Souls)

5:00PM – 6:00PM – First Holy Communion Catechism Class

NEXT SUNDAY, December 16th – *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Melissa Chiao, of. by Mrs. Sharon Chiao & family.

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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Christ's Coming in the Hearts of Men

Prayer:

P. Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just One.

R. Let the earth be opened and bud forth the Savior.

P. Lord Jesus, eternal Wisdom -

R. In Your merciful love, You came down to earth to expel the darkness with the brightness of Your Divine Life.

P. You removed the wall which sin had raised between God and us.

R. You opened the gates behind which the devil made prisoners of humanity.

P. Through You we regained access to God.

R. You have reconciled us with the heavenly Father.

P. But many have not yet seen Your Light.

R. Ans many are the hearts that have not yet known Your Heavenly Peace.

P. Our own hearts too, o Lord, are often dark and sinful.

R. We cry to Your, in this Holy Season of Advent:/Come anew and save us.

P. Let Your power be known, o Lord.

R. Come, and let Your Face shine upon us.

Let us pray: Merciful God and Savior, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to save what was lost. You made Him shine through the darkness of this world as the true daybreak. We pray to You, with the sweet radiance of Your

grace, illumine our dark hearts and the hearts of all those sit in the shadow of paganism, and guide our feet in the way of peace, unto Your glorious kingdom. Through the same Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (John 1:6-8)

V. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

R. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

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: Baruch 5:1-9

The Jews in exile were in sorrow and distress, but the Lord restores them to Jerusalem and to joy.

GRADUAL (Psalm 50:3; 85:10)

V. Our God comes and will not be silent! Devouring fire precedes, storming fiercely round about.

R. Near indeed is salvation for the loyal; prosperity will fill our land.

II Reading: Philippians 1:4-6.8-11

St. Paul rejoices in the Christian witness of this community and urges them to grow in the wisdom of Christ.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 62:2)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. See, upon the mountains there advances the bearer of good news, announcing peace!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

The preaching of John the Baptist is a call to make a clear highway in our lives, to receive the Lord.

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 – Advent Longing – PNCC Hymnal, p. 18

1. In this time of Advent longing, We await our Savior's coming. Filled with hope and expectation Of the coming peace, salvation.
2. Send forth dew from heav'n on high, For the Savior's birth is nigh. May the dew enrich the earth, Yield the Righteous One in birth.
3. In this time of Advent longing, We await the Savior's coming. Let us cleanse both heart and mind, For the birth of Christ divine.

COMMUNION HYMN – Hallowed Be Forever – PNCC Hymnal, p. 155

1. Hallowed be forever, Living Host Divine, In which Christ our Savior hidden is sublime. **Refrain:** Hail

- Thou Jesus, Son of Mary, Thou art God eternal, Won'drous mystery.
- Hallowed be forever, Thou Angelic Bread, Sacrament Most Holy, by which we are fed. **Refrain:**
 - Hallowed be forever, Shepherd Crucified, For us Thou didst suffer, for us Thou hast died. **Refrain:**
 - Hallowed be forever, ris'n in victory, In this Bread Most Holy we would worship Thee. **Refrain:**

RECESSIONAL HYMN – The King of Glory - Binder

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices; open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

- Who is the King of glory? How shall we call Him? He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages.
- In all of Galilee, in city or village, He goes among His people curing their illness.

The Lord stood among His people by the waters of the Jordan. May you know His nearness to you this day, through this Holy Eucharist.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE

- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass – 10:00PM
 Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass – 11:00AM

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 is cancelled.

THE CHRISTMAS WAFERS – are available in the vestibule. A free will offering goes to our organist – Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff.

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 Henry Smolinski**, his family and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish in Manchester, CT.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 14 – Angela Elsavege.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – James Chistakoff – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavege – 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. 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.

WHAT TO DO FOR YOUR PASTOR?

Build his spiritual power by praying for him. When you pray for your pastor, you pray for church, your community, and your family.

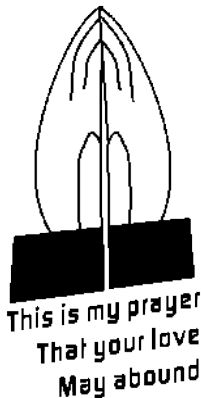
Build his reputation by speaking well of him. All pastors are human; they have weak and strong points. His influence will depend on which of them you stress.

Build his morale by encouraging him. Every pastor needs to be encouraged at times. Encouragement costs so little, yet it means so much!

Build his leadership by cooperating with him. For every great leader, there must be some great followers.

Build his pulpit power by coming to hear him. Full pews challenge a pastor to prepare and deliver great sermons. Empty pews can discourage him.

By far the greatest thing you can do for your pastor is to follow the Christ whom he preaches and exemplifies.



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Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage