

**St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
90th Anniversary of Organizing**

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"

Trzecia Niedziela Zwykła

January 27, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 8:45AM – Contemporary liturgy in English [page 63]

Today, January 27th – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Music Scholarship Sunday

The Lord calls us to be attentive to His words. When we open our minds and hearts to what He has to say to us today, we can begin to know the joy of His promise.

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Edward Bulcavage**, of. by Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage & family.

- Collection for Music Scholarships.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Hebrews 9:15.24-28; Mark 3:22-30; **Tue.**, Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35; **Wed.**, Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20; **Thu.**, Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25; **Fri.**, Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34; **Sat.**, Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

MONDAY, January 28th – *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for **Alicja Zaborowska** (God's blessing), of. by Janina Plichta & family.

WEDNESDAY, January 30th – *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass

FRIDAY, February 1st – *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.

SATURDAY, February 2nd - Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord – *Blessing of candles*

This feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as “The Encounter”. In the sixth century it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in France with solemn blessings and processions of candles. It is popularly known as “Candlemass”. The Presentation of the Lord formally concludes the celebration of the Nativity; with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Marianna Zaborowska**, of. by Janina Plichta & family.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 3rd - IV Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- Collection for missions.

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.

ENTRANCE (Psalms 147: 1-3)

V. How good to celebrate our God in song; how sweet to give fitting praise. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, gathers the dispersed of Israel.

R. Heals the brokenhearted, binds up their wounds.

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: We Are One In The Spirit – Binder

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

I Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10

The prophet Ezra teaches the returning exiles the Law of God. As they listen and understand, their tears are turned to rejoicing.

The Responsorial Psalm: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Joined to Christ in baptism and filled with His Spirit, Christians share in a new way in each other's joys and sorrows, gifts and burdens.

ALLELUIA (Luke 4:18)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and proclaim liberty to captives

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

At the start of Jesus' ministry He proclaims His good news of healing and liberation. In His person He fulfills the words of the prophets.

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.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH [page 71]

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The Father sends His Son to us, to bring us a message of happiness. With hearts filled with confidence in His love, we bring before Him all our needs and concerns.

- Let us pray for Christ's Church, His body: that our shared life together may be witness to all that is good and joyful in the world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for all those who have a leadership role in our community: may their teaching and example be practices of God's grace and promise. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us hold before God all those who, whatever reason, are in prison: may doors be opened to them, and opportunities for new ways of life be given them. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for those who are burdened by hard and unrewarding work, and for those who are unable to work: may all be enabled to live lives of dignity and good labor, refreshed by rest and friendship. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us continue to pray for the unity of Christians: by our shared fellowship and witness may the world hear more clearly the Good News, and respond with joy. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our departed brothers and sisters who have died – sp. Edward Bulcavage: may they come quickly home to our Father's house. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Father, You call all people to fullness of life in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers, and by them draw us closer to You. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN – Dawn is Ringing – PNCC Hymnal, p. 243

1. Dawn is ringing with our singing, As we praise our Mary sweet; Hail this day, and let dismay be turned into a joy complete. See the wonder as we ponder her great gift from God on high; Purest Lady, all who may desire thine aid are not denied.
2. May this heart become a part of ev'ry laud to thy delight. In our need thou hast agreed to

shield the poor and sick from blight. See the wonder as we ponder her great gift from God on high; Purest Lady, all who may desire thine aid are not denied.

COMMUNION HYMN – Come Unto Jesus – PNCC Hymnal, p. 180

1. Come unto Jesus, Come while you may; hear how He calls you, Come now this day. How He does love you, follow His way, Gently He calls you, Come! **Refrain:** Lo, the vision wondrous to behold! He would save us from this sinful world. To heaven's blessed glory untold, O dearest Lord, we come!
2. Come, O my child, now, Come heed His call, Give Him your heart, your love and your all. He shall uplift you, lest you should fall, Gently He calls you, Come! **Refrain:**
3. Come, fallen sinner; come while you may! Christ will accept you! Do not delay! Tears of repentance He wipes away. Trust in Him only! Come! **Refrain:**

RECESSIONAL HYMN – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – PNCC Hymnal, p. 228

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, praising Thee their Sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

May your homes, workplaces, and all the paths you walk, be filled with the gladness of God's love for the world.

COMING EVENTS

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

- Feb. 19th Pastor's meeting – Middleport, PA (1:00PM)
Apr. 27th Seniorate Council Meeting – Edwardsville, PA (1:00PM)
May 30th Corpus Christi Service – Frackville, PA (7:00PM)
Sep. 29th 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA
Oct. ... 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing SS. Peter & Paul PNCC in McAdoo, PA.

FRACKVILLE – Each First Friday on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

- Feb. 13th Ash Wednesday – 7:30PM
March 3rd Annual Parish Meeting after 11:00AM Holy Mass
May 18th First Holy Communion Day (Saturday)
May 30th Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

SHENANDOAH

- Feb. 13th Ash Wednesday – 6:00PM

FRACKVILLE COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES – 7:00PM

- February 20th – St. Ann's RCC

February 27th – First United Methodist Church
March 6th – St. Peter's United Church of Christ
March 13th – Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church
March 20th – St. John the Baptist PNCC

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.

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.


THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Very Rev. Jarosław Nowak**, his family, and parishioners of Holy Crosss Parish in Hamtramck, MI, Resurrection of our Lord Parish in Temperance, MI, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Walton Hills, OH.

SNOW and ICE ALERT – During winter days, please remember that we do not cancel our Worship Services. In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth.

 **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 – Charles Chiao Jr. - Dorothy Halaburda. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff - Dolores Halaburda - **Frackville Nursing Home:** 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: **Feb. 3:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 3 months. 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.

THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST

Paul teaches that there is a spiritual link between all Christians. He illustrates this idea with an analogy to the human body. It is a composite of many different organs. Though each is technically independent they work together for the benefit of the whole person. The source of this unity is the soul. In the same way, the members of the Church are autonomous but harmonize because of the Holy Spirit. Though we do not all play the same or role or have the same talents we can work together for the good of the entire Community. Paul mentions some of the ministries that blend for this good: apostles, prophets, teachers, activists, healers, service, administration and preachers.

BULLETIN SPONSOR:
Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage