

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

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First Sunday of Advent - "A"

Pierwsza Niedziela Adwentu

December 1, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, December 1st – I Sunday of Advent

A new season and a new liturgical year begin today, and immediately our focus is on coming of Christ – but not in the past, which we commemorate at Christmas; rather, in the present, and in the future.

8:45AM – Holy Mass intention: God's blessing for Zoey and parents.

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

^ Coffee & Cake after the Mass.

2:00PM – Frackville Elks Memorial Service. All participants are invited for refreshments in Elks after the 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.** Isaiah 30:19-21.23-26; Matthew 9:35 – 10:1.5a.6-8

MONDAY, December 2nd - *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. John and Stella Studlick...(All Souls).

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

TUESDAY, December 3rd - *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Walter and Valeria Golba...(All Souls).

WEDNESDAY, December 4th - *Advent Weekday*

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

THURSDAY, December 5th - *Advent Weekday*

11:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Bishop, Priest and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

FRIDAY, December 6th - *Advent Weekday* – **First Friday of the Month**

5:00PM – Holy Mass to **the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, intention: God's blessing for family.

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

SATURDAY, December 7th – *Advent Weekday*

8:30-9:30AM – Confirmation Class in Shenandoah.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 8th – II Sunday of Advent

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

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 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 25:1-3)

V. I wait for You, o Lord; I lift up my soul to my God. In You I trust; do not let me be disgraced; do not let my enemies gloat over me.

R. No one is disgraced who waits for You, but only those who lightly break faith.

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: Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah's transforming vision of a lasting peace, crafted from former causes of destruction.

GRADUAL (1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:6)

V. Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong.

R. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

II Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Salvation is not just about the future. It is near; it is already at hand.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 47:9)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. God rules over the nations; God sits upon His holy throne.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake, preparing for the coming of the Son of Man.

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.

May you always stand ready for the coming of the Lord.

COMING EVENTS

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

First Sunday of each month – coffee & cake after the Mass

Dec. 15th Advent Penitential Service (8:30AM)

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass 10:00PM

Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass 11:00AM

Feb. 2, 2014 Annual Parish Meeting

March 3, 2014 Pastors Seniorate Meeting (1:00PM)

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**.

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 **Father Boguslaw Janiec**, his family and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish in Hazleton and SS Peter and Paul Parish in McAdoo, PA.

FRACKVILLE LIBRARY – is sponsoring a Fresh Holiday Greens Sale. Decorate your home for the holidays while supporting the Frackville Public Library. Fresh wreaths, swags, cemetery decorations and more are available and reasonably priced. Orders can be placed by visiting or calling the Frackville Library 570-874-3382. Order deadline is Nov. 20, 2013. Delivery date is Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013.

2014 HOMES' BLESSING – will begin on January 6. If you would like your home to be blessed, please sign your name on the list located in the back of the church. The deadline to sign is **December 8, 2013**.

2014 CALENDAR is publishing for members of the PNCC. This calendar contains information concerning PNCC holy days. For individual orders the calendar cost is \$3.00 plus \$1.92 shipping and handling. An additional \$25.00 per order is required for ad setup for a sponsor and specific parish information regarding Sunday services, telephone numbers, names of pastor, etc. If someone is interested to purchase this calendar, please sign your name on the list on the vestibule.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Bishop John Mack – Father Senior Wiesław Pietruszka - James Chistakoff – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. – Victoria Plichta. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff – Dolores Halaburda - ***Frackville Nursing Home:*** Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108); 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.



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.


ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

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.

WARNING – If someone would like to come to the rectory in the winter time, please use the front porch door. This is a second year since back porch corner gutter is not fixed, and stairs are full of ice.

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2013**. Therefore, please, be responsible for your own church and fulfill your obligation to the Parish before that date. **THANK YOU**. A member, who fulfills the financial obligation to the Parish, by paying our yearly dues (\$79.00), is a financial good standing member of the Church. This means that he/she is a voting member of the Parish, can be elected to the Parish Committee, can be elected as a delegate for

Synods and Seniorate Council, can be married in the church, and when time comes could be buried at the Parish Cemetery.

 **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.

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