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Solemnity – Holy Family - "A"

Uroczystość Świętej Rodziny

January 5, 2014

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, January 5th – Solemnity – Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph express the image of the Holy Family that we celebrate today. Before us are set the relationships of love to inspire the children of God.

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

- ⋄ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⋄ Collection for missions.
- ⋄ Blessing of chalk.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

MONDAY: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12; **TUESDAY** after EPIPHANY: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44; **WEDNESDAY** after EPIPHANY: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52; **THURSDAY** after EPIPHANY: 1 John 4:19 – 5:4; Luke 4:14-22; **FRIDAY** after EPIPHANY: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16; **SATURDAY** after EPIPHANY: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

MONDAY, January 6th - Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan, and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi representatives of the neighboring pagans religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

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

TUESDAY, January 7th - *Within the Octave of the Epiphany*

9:00AM – Holy Mass

FRIDAY, January 10th – *Within the Octave of the Epiphany*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: God's blessing for the family.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 12th – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Melissa Chiao, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chiao.

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 RITE (Luke 2:15b-16)

V. The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

R. So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in a manger.

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: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6.12-14

Love for our parents is a source of many blessings.

GRADUAL (Psalm 27:4a; 84:5)

V. One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life.

R. Happy are those who dwell in Your house! They never cease to praise You.

II Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

The children of God put on the clothes of virtue every day.

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 45:15)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Truly with You God is hidden, the God of Israel, the Savior!

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-15.19-23

Te angel's message to Joseph – protect your family.

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 the peace and joy that filled the Holy Family be yours this day.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 29th–Oct. 3rd, 2014 - 24th General Synod of the PNCC (Erie, PA)

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

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 Senior Edward Ratajack**, his family and parishioners of St. Stephen's Parish in Reading, PA [mysite.verizon.net/bizxbkdd/ststephenspccc/].



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 2 – Carolyn Boychak.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: January 9 – Frederick and Carolyn Boychak.




PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Bishop John Mack – Father Senior Wieslaw 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. 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.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Jan. 12:** Sp. Melissa Chiao; **Jan. 19:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 26:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Feb. 2:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage.


OUR MINISTRY – the Parish Committee is not a Board of Directors. Its work goes beyond the “material” necessities of a parish. It is a unique group of committed Christians with a conviction – to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. Thus, each member of the Committee has a vocation: to be a steward, a good manager of the gifts of God. The Parish Committee member is one who is called to make commitment, with a conviction to function for the sake of the Gospel. To be this person, we must be good stewards or managers of the mysteries of God and faithful witnesses of the same.

 **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 must come to private Confession. **If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come and be well prepared 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 all the time**.

 **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.

Members of the PNCC have two major duties:

1) Spiritual duties – a) partaking of the Sacraments (active participation in them will help strengthen members to live a Christian life; b) loving God (members should accept and obey Christ’s teachings, maintain a personal relationship with God, pray to Him often and give Him glory by living a good life; c) sharing faith (members should actively take part in Church worship and listen sincerely to God’s word; d) obeying the 10 Commandments (by obeying them, Church members help strengthen the kingdom of God on earth.

2) Material duties – a) to society: members should: practice Christ’s ideals in their everyday lives, be tolerant of others’ faith, recognize everyone’s right to equality and opportunity, be loyal to their country, work for the good of all human society, rear children in the name of God and set a Christian example for them; b) to the Church: members should: follow the principles of the PNCC, give their time and talents to further church and parish goals, contribute financially to the support of the Church. *Members should participate actively in church affairs, vote on parish matters, serve on committees, etc.*

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.

BULLETIN SPONSOR:
Mr. Kenneth Payne