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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Druga Niedziela Zwyczajna

January 19, 2014

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow.

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, January 19th – II Sunday in Ordinary Time

As Jesus begins His public life, the links with the Christmas season we have just celebrated are clear. He is, in the words of Isaiah, the light of the nations who will bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22; **Tue.**, 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28; **Wed.**, 1 Samuel 17:32-33.37.40-51; Mark 3:1-6; **Thu.**, 1 Samuel 18:6-9. 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12; **Fri.**, 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19;
Sat., Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18

MONDAY, January 20th - Weekday

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

TUESDAY, January 21st - Weekday

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Christian Unity.

THURSDAY, January 23rd – Weekday

9:00AM – Holy Mass for Sp. **Edward Bulcavage**, of. by. Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage.

7:00PM – Prayer Service for Christian Unity – **First United Methodist Church** (S. Balliet Street)

SATURDAY, January 25th – Conversion of St. Paul – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

9:00AM – Holy Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, January 26th – III Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 (Isaiah 42:1)

V. Here is My Servant Whom I uphold, My chosen One with Whom I am pleased.

R. Upon Whom I have put My Spirit; He shall bring forth justice to the nations.

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 49:3.5-6

The chosen one of God is the light of the nations who will bring salvation to the ends of the earth.

GRADUAL (Isaiah 49:8-9a)

V. Thus says the Lord: in a time of favor I answer you, on the day of salvation I help you, to restore the land and allot the desolate heritages.

R. Saying to the prisoners: Come out! To those in darkness: Show yourselves!

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

St. Paul's greeting to his community is of grace and peace in the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 61:1a)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

The chosen one of God will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

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 our hearts be enlivened by God's living touch.

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. 2nd **Annual Parish Meeting**

March 3rd Pastors Seniorate Meeting (1:00PM)

March 19th Lenten Ecumenical Service (7:00PM)

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** and **Mr. Jacob Komara** for being a lectors;
- to **Veronica Plichta** for her help at the altar.
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

THANK YOU very much to **Mr. Morgan** for snow removal from our parking.

THANK YOU very much to: Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes, Mrs. Betty Brazausky, Ms. Elizabeth Greenman, Ms. Angela Elsavage, Mrs. Janina Plichta, Mr. Charles Chiao Jr., Mr. John Golba, Mr. Paul Elsavage, Mr. Frederick Boychak and Mr. James Abicunas for your help and remove of Christmas decorations from our home of prayer during the week and last Friday.

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.

2014 HOME BLESSINGS is completed. Father Robert says **THANK YOU** for the very nice WELCOME, great atmosphere and for all donations! If I miss someone and you would like your home to be blessed, please call the rectory during this week to schedule a day.

On Sunday, February 2, the Holy Mass will be celebrated at **11:00AM** due our Annual Parish Meeting. We encourage our ENTIRE CONGREGATION to be present at this meeting.

FRACKVILLE FOOD BANK – is open on the **3rd Thursday** of every month from 9:00AM to 10:00AM. Anyone with proof of a Frackville address is welcome for 2 boxes of food: one nonperishable & one fresh. We are looking for a few volunteers from our Frackville churches to help out with the distribution. You would need to come at 8:00AM and we are finished just after 10:00AM. Helpers check people in & aid customers in carrying boxes out to their cars. If you have any questions, please call **Pastor Sue** at **570-874-0792**.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Edward Czudak**, his family and parishioners Heart of Jesus Parish in Bayonne, NJ.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 20 – Sherri Larson; January 21 – Lucas Tokarczyk; January 25 – Dolores Halaburda



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. At **Nursing Homes**: Helen Chistakoff – Dolores Halaburda - **Frackville Nursing Home**: Louise Gursky (307) – Rose Kolos (108) - 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. 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.

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