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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"**  
Trzecia Niedziela Zwykła

**January 26, 2014**

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

### **EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, January 26<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday in Ordinary** – Music Scholarship Sunday

In the Gospel Jesus says to His disciples, "Follow Me." Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Lord speaking to us today

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

⤴ Collection for Music Scholarship.

⤴ Pierogie sale after the Mass.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, 2 Samuel 5:1-7.10; Mark 3:22-30; **Tue.**, 2 Samuel 6:12b-15.17-19; Mark 3:31-35; **Wed.**, 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20; **Thu.**, 2 Samuel 7:18-19.24-29; Mark 4:21-25; **Fri.**, 2 Samuel 11:1-4a.5-10a.13-17; Mark 4:26-34; **Sat.**, 2 Samuel 12:1-7a.10-17; Mark 4:35-41

**MONDAY, January 27<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

**9:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Dorothy Drada**.

**TUESDAY, January 28<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

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

**WEDNESDAY, January 29<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

**6:00PM – Holy Mass**, intention: for **Alicja Zaborowska** (God's blessing).

**THURSDAY, January 30<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

**9:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Helen Guzik**, of. by Mr. Carl Guzik.

**NEXT SUNDAY, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – **IV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**11:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Edward Bulcavage, of. by Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage.

- ⤴ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⤴ Collection for missions.
- ⤴ Annual Parish Meeting.

### **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 27:1)**

V. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

**R. The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?**

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 8:23-9:3**

*The prophet speaks of a light to enlighten the people.*

**The Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

### **II Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17**

*St. Paul speaks to his readers to be united in mind and heart – acting otherwise would rob the cross of Christ of its power.*

### **ALLELUIA (Matthew 4:23)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

*Jesus says to His first disciples, "Follow Me", and immediately they follow Him.*

## HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

## THE PROFESSION OF FAITH [page 71]

### GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

With utter confidence let us bring our prayers to our loving Lord.

- Let us pray for our Prime Bishop Anthony: that he may be courageous in his role of service in the Church. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for our Bishop Bernard, our priests and deacons: that they may be good examples of faith and hope to the people they minister to. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for those discerning a vocation: that they may open their minds and hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for the dead – especially Sp. **Edward Bulcavage** - that they may enjoy the fullness of life in God's kingdom. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For us assembled here: may each of us recognize the prophet within ourselves that urges us to show kindness, generosity and compassion. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Loving Father, we ask You to hear and answer the prayers that we present to You in faith and in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ, who is our Lord for ever and ever. **R: Amen.**

May the love and peace of almighty God be upon you this day.

## COMING EVENTS

### GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 29<sup>th</sup>–Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 - 24<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>nd</sup>**      **Annual Parish Meeting**

March 3<sup>rd</sup>      Pastors Seniorate Meeting (1:00PM)

March 9<sup>th</sup>      The Oath of the Parish Committee Officers (before the Mass)

March 19<sup>th</sup>      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** for being a lector;
- to the **Sunday greeters**, the people working on fundraisers.

**THANK YOU** very much to **Mr. John** and his wife **Mrs. Joanne Plaxa** for donating plates to the rectory's kitchen.

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

**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

Parish in Reading, PA.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Bishop John Mack – Father Senior Wiesław Pietruszka - James Chistakoff – 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.

**DEATH NOTICE** – Mrs. **Sophia Stetts (87)** passed away last Sunday, Jan. 19 in her home. She was a daughter of the late John and Stella Stec Studlick. Mrs. Sophia was a life-time member of our congregation and past President of the Blessed Sacrament Society. Her funeral Mass and service was held in our church on Thursday, Jan. 23, and she was buried at our cemetery. ***Eternal rest grant unto her, o Lord ...***



**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.

**UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS:** **Feb. 2:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Feb. 9:** Sp. Sophia Stetts; **Feb. 16:** Bp Francis Hodur; **Feb. 23:** Sp. Josephine Studlick; **March 2:** Sp. Sophia Stetts.

**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**.

**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.

**FRACKVILLE FOOD BANK** – is open on the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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**.

**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.



**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.

*BULLETIN SPONSOR:*  
*Mr. Kenneth Payne*