

**St. John the Baptist Parish**

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"**  
**Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord**

**February 2, 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 – 11:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.**

**Today, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord - IV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord: Jesus, the Messiah is presented to His people in the person of Simeon and Anna.

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

- ⋈ Blessing of Candles.
- ⋈ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

- ^ Collection for missions.
- ^ Annual Parish Meeting – after the Mass in the hall.

### WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, 2 Samuel 15:13-14.30. 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20; **Tue.**, 2 Samuel 18:9-10.14b.24-25a.30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43; **Wed.**, 2 Samuel 24:2.9-17; Mark 6:1-6; **Thu.**, 1 Kings 2:1-4.10-12; Mark 6:7-13; **Fri.**, Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29; **Sat.**, 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

#### MONDAY, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Weekday

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

#### TUESDAY, February 4<sup>th</sup> - Weekday

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Jerzy Plichta, of. by Fr. Robert.

#### THURSDAY, February 6<sup>th</sup> - Weekday

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

#### FRIDAY, February 7<sup>th</sup> – First Friday of the month

5:45PM – Holy Mass to the Sacret Heart of Jesus, intention: God's blessing and health for **Victoria Plichta**.  
After the Mass adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 7:00PM

#### NEXT SUNDAY, February 9<sup>th</sup> – V Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Sophia Stetts, of. by the Blessed Sacrament Society.

### 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.

### *Blessing of the Candles*

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

**Let us pray:** O holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, Creator of all things, Who on this day did fulfill the prayer of righteous Simeon: we ask You, that You would vouchsafe through the merits of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of all Your Saints, to bless + and sanctify + this light, and to hear our prayers, as You did hear the earnest prayer of Simeon. Vouchsafe, that these candlelights may be to us the symbol of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our True Light; grant that their flame might enkindle in us a burning love for You and an ardent desire to be united with You. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

**Let us pray:** O Lord Jesus Christ, true Light that lights every man, vouchsafe to inflame our hearts with the invisible fire of the Holy Spirit, and grant that being purified with the same fire, we may be able to understand the message of Your enlightening Word, and that heeding it, we may attain to the eternal light of heaven. Who with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, world without end.

R. Amen.

### **ENTRANCE RITE (Luke 1:46-48; Psalm 29:11)**

V. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

R. For He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness; behold from now on will all ages call me blessed. May the Lord give might to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace.

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: Malachi 3:1-4**

*The 5<sup>th</sup> century BC prophet Malachi foresees a time when the Lord will "enter His temple".*

## **GRADUAL (Psalm 48:10-11)**

V. O God, within Your temple we ponder Your steadfast love.

**R. Like Your name, o God, Your praise reaches the ends of the earth. Your right hand is fully victorious.**

## **II Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18**

*The genuine humanity of Jesus is underlined: He became completely like His brothers and sisters, complying with the rituals of His people.*

## **ALLELUIA (Isaiah 49:6b)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

V. I will make you a light to the nations, that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40**

*The story of how Mary and Joseph fulfilled the Law, but also how Jesus made His first appearance in the Temple and was recognizing as Savior of all, Jew and Gentile alike.*

### **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 Father deepen your faith. May the Son fill you with unfailing trust. May the Holy Spirit bring you a burning love and all God's people.**

### **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)

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

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** 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.

**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.

**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**.

**IN MEMORY OF SOPHIA STETTS** - \$890.00. Thank you.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Mariusz Zochowski**, and parishioners of Howell, Dunnallen and Perth Amboy, NJ.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 5 – Victoria Plichta; February 8 – Sue Pascavage.



**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.

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

**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.

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**Mr. Kenneth Payne**