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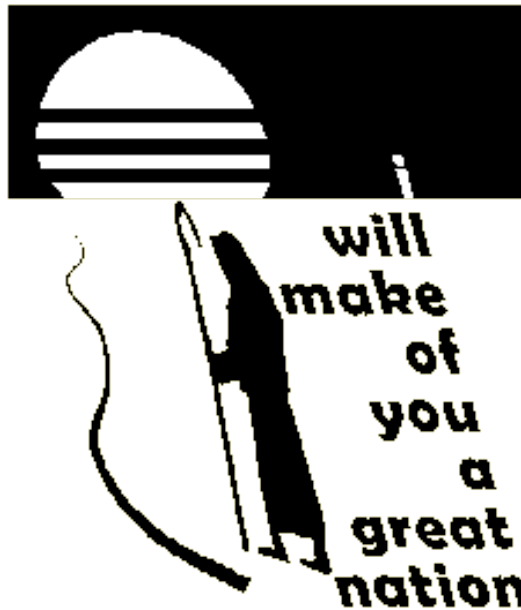
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Second Sunday of Lent - "A"

Druga Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 16, 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 – 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, March 16th – Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of His disciples. As He enters the mysterious passage of His passion and death, He knows His disciples will struggle to understand and remain true to Him. This glimpse of His glory helps us, as well as them, to raise our minds and hearts to Him, whatever the trials of our daily lives.

10:00AM – Holy Mass intention: for all **Parishioners**.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38; **Tue.**, Isaiah 1:10.16-20; Matthew 23:1-12; **Wed.**, 2 Samuel 7:4-5a.12-

14a.16; Romans 4:13.16-18.22; Matthew 1:16.18-21.24a or Luke 2:41-51a8; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31; **Fri.**, Genesis 37:3-4.12-13a.17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43.45-46; **Sat.**, Micah 7:14-15.18-20; Luke 15:1-3.11-32

Easter Eggs Project will continue this week

MONDAY, March 17th - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Edward** and **Helena Zaborowski**, of. by Fr. Robert & Family.

WEDNESDAY, March 19th – Solemnity – **St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**

Joseph is considered the second greatest saint, next to the Blessed Virgin Mary, because of his humility and the closeness he had to Jesus as his foster father. Scripture tells us that Joseph was just, pure, gentle, prudent, and unfailingly obedient to the divine will. We wish to imitate him by renewing our desire to be faithful. We know, that the only meaning of our life is to be faithful to the Lord till the last day, as Joseph was.

9:00AM – Holy Mass

7:00PM – Lenten Ecumenical Service in our church.

FRIDAY, March 21st – *Lenten Weekday*

6:00PM – Stations of the Cross.

SATURDAY, March 22nd - *Lenten Weekday*

10:00AM – 11:00AM – Confirmation Class at the choir.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 23rd – III Sunday of Lent

9:45AM – Lenten Penitential Service

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Jan Zaborowski.

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 (Philippians 3:9)

V. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the righteousness of my own based on the law.

R. But that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on 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: Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord calls Abraham to receive His blessings.

GRADUAL (Galatians 3:6-7.9)

V. Thus Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness. Realize then that it is those who have faith who are children of Abraham.

R. Consequently, those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham who had faith.

II Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

God calls all of us to be holy in Christ Jesus.

TRACT (James 2:14.17.24.26b)

V. What good is it my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

R. See how person is justified by works and not by faith alone. So also faith without works is dead.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus calls His disciples to share in His glory.

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.

May you be touched by the gift of the Lord's glorious presence in your lives.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

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

CENTRAL DIOCESE

April 5th Diocesan Council meeting – Scranton, PA

May 17th Diocesan ANS Convention in Frackville, PA.

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

April 26th Seniorate Council meeting in Hazleton, PA (1:00PM)

June 19th Corpus Christi service in McAdoo, PA (7:00PM)

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

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

March 23rd Lenten Penitential Service (9:45AM)

April 22nd Pastors 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** 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 our **Parishioners** and Friends for your help making Easter Eggs last week! Our Parish is looking for some help to continue the “*Easter Egg Sale Project*”; so if you would like to donate your time, work, dedication to the parish and come to deep eggs in the chocolate – we'll really appreciate it! Thank you.

THANK YOU very much to **Mr. Michael Russell** for re-programming our heating system.

RECTORY & CHURCH NEWS – The storm door at the front porch of the rectory were destroyed by the wind last Thursday. Our Parish is looking for someone who may donate the microwave (which you don't need in your home) for the kitchen in the hall. Thank you.

FRACKVILLE MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday, **March 19** – St. John the Baptist PNCC (7:00PM)

Wednesday, **March 26** – Zion Lutheran Church (7:00PM)

Wednesday, **April 2** – St. Ann's RCC (7:00PM)

Wednesday, **April 9** – St. Peter's UCC (7:00PM)

Good Friday, **April 18** – Trinity Evangelical (2:00PM)

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 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**.

BIBLE STUDY and (or) CATECHISM CLASSES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN – Father Robert is looking for people who will be interested in this matter. Any suggestions, including a day and time will be appreciated. **Responses:** As Soon As Possible.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Andrew Koterba**, his family and parishioners of St. Francis Parish in East Meadow, LI, NY.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 16 – Rev. Robert Plichta; March 17 – Joelle Amaira Karvois.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: March 18 – Joseph and Theresa Petrusky.



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. – Cheryl Stanitis. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff – Dolores Halaburda - **Frackville Nursing Home:** Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108); NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda. **Providence Palace Drums, PA** - Violet Cegielski. **Ridgeview (Shen. Hts.)** - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221).



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: March 23: Sp. Jan Zaborowski; **March 30:** Sp. Joseph Studlick. *Please, do not order the Mass intentions 3 months in advance.*



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 **9:45AM** (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.



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