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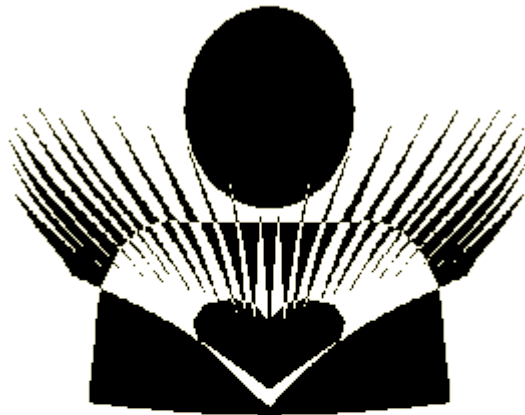
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*The Water I Shall Give
Will Become A Spring
Of Living Water
Welling Up To
Eternal Life*

Third Sunday of Lent - "A"
Trzecia Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 23, 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 23rd – Third Sunday of Lent

A life without love can seem like a desert. Jesus changed the lonely existence of a Samaritan woman into a fruitful and beautiful life for others when He poured His love into her heart.

9:45AM – Lenten Penitential Service.

10:00AM – Holy Mass intention: for Sp. **Jan Zaborowski**, of. by Janina Plichta & family.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 2 Kings 5:1-5ab; Luke 4:24-30; **Tue.**, Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38; **Wed.**, Deuteronomy 4:1.5-9; Matthew 5:17-19; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23; **Fri.**, Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34; **Sat.**, Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Easter Eggs Project will continue this week.

TUESDAY, March 25th – Solemnity – Annunciation of the BVM

The Annunciation was the moment when St. Gabriel told Mary she would be the Mother of the Son of God. Mary, also a daughter of God, gave her “Fiat” (Be it done), by which she conceived the Savior by the working of the Holy Spirit. Christians can always find meaning in this dialogue in which our Lady appears to us so humble yet so great. Through her consent to God’s plans, she took part in the whole redemptive work of her Son, Jesus. We venerate her as the Mother of Christ and our Mother.

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all who are expecting babies this year.

WEDNESDAY, March 26th - *Lenten Weekday*

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

6:00PM – Bitter Lamentations (2)

7:00PM – Frackville Ministerium Lenten Service at Zion Lutheran Church

FRIDAY, March 28th – *Lenten Weekday*

6:00PM – Stations of the Cross.

SATURDAY, March 29th - *Lenten Weekday*

10:00AM – Holy Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, March 30th – *IV Sunday of Lent*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Joseph Studlick, of. by Mrs. Barbara Davis.

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 (Psalms 42:2-3; Psalm 63:2)

V. As a deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for You, o God. My being thirsts for God, the living God. When can I go and see the face of God?

R. O God, You are my God – for You I long! For You my body yearns; for You my soul thirsts like a land parched, lifeless, and without water.

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: Exodus 17:3-7

After their escape from slavery in Egypt into barrenness of the desert, the Israelites begged Moses to give them water.

GRADUAL (Psalms 78:15-18)

V. He splits rocks in the desert, gave water to drink, abounding as the deep. He made streams flow from crags, drew out rivers of water.

R. But they went on sinning against Him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert. They tested God in their hearts, demanding the food they craved.

II Reading: Romans 5:1-2.5-8

Our thirsty souls need the life-giving water that is love. Through Jesus, the Spirit of love gives us the life for which we all long.

TRACT (John 7:37-38)

V. On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, “Let anyone who thirsts come to Me and drink.

R. Whoever believes in Me, as scripture says: ‘Rivers of living water will flow from within him.’”

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

The Samaritan woman represents all of us who thirst for the spring of water “welling up to eternal life”, which Jesus makes available to us in himself.

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 Lord accompany you through the desert so that the challenges of your daily life may be filled with the life-giving waters of His love.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

May 2 - 4th 14th Mission & Evangelism Workshop – Woonsocket, RI
Sep. 29th–Oct. 3rd, 2014 - 24th General Synod of the PNCC (Erie, PA)

CENTRAL DIOCESE

April 26th Diocesan Council meeting – Scranton, PA
May 17th Diocesan ANS Convention in Frackville, PA.

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

????? 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)

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 **Joseph Karvois** and **Veronica Plichta** for their 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.

FRACKVILLE MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERVICES

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)

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 Senior Stanley Skrzypek**, his wife and parishioners of SS Peter & Paul Parish in Passaic, NJ.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 27 – Mary Ann Tokarczyk; March 29 – Janina Plichta.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Bishop John Mack – Father Senior Wiesław Pietruszka - James Chistakoff – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavege – 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 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.

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