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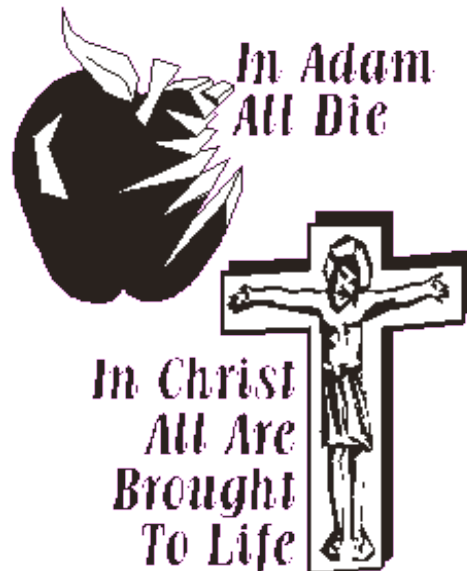
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**Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"
Solemnity – Christ the King**

November 23, 2014

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow in number of holy and dedicated people.

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, November 23rd – Solemnity – Christ the King – XXXIV (last) Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we celebrate Christ as our King. We will learn about the values of love and compassion in God's kingdom and how Jesus judges His followers.

10:00AM – Holy Mass with the reading of the Memorial List, intention: for Sp. **Bernard Jr.** and **Dorothy Halaburda**, of. by Daughter Sandra Elsave & family.

- ^ The private Confession for those who are in need is available at any time before the services, during the week also.
- ^ Pierogies are available.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Revelation 14:1-3.4b-5; Luke 21:1-4; **Tue.**, Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11; **Wed.**, Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19; **Thu.**, Revelation 18:1-2.21-23;19:1-3.9a; Luke 21:20-28; **Fri.**, Revelation 20:1-4.11-21:2;

Luke 21:29-33; **Sat.**, Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36

MONDAY, November 24th – *Weekday*

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

WEDNESDAY, November 26th - *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass for all Sp. Jan, Marianna Zaborowscy... (All Souls).

FRIDAY, November 28th - *Weekday*

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: Sp. James Dean (All Souls).

NEXT SUNDAY, November 30th – I Sunday of Advent

10:00AM – Holy Mass with the reading of the Memorial List, intention: for Sp. Mary Ann Etcho, of. by Husband John Etcho.

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 (Revelation 5:12; 19:16)

V. “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive the power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing!”

R. He has a name written on His cloak and on His thigh, “King of kings and Lord of lords.”

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: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Today's reading follows the prophet's stinging against the leaders of Israel who had failed in their responsibility for God's people. These leaders were focused on their own political agenda and personal gain; the Lord, in contrast, is a good shepherd.

GRADUAL (Luke 1:32-33)

V. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of David His father.

R. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

St. Paul presents a powerful picture of Christ as Lord. Christ is presented as the ruler to whom every other power and authority must eventually give way.

ALLELUIA (Daniel 7:14b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, His kingship shall not be destroyed.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

A description of the last judgment where God's people are judged according to how well they followed Christ in demonstrating compassion and love in their lives.

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.

Following the example of Christ our King, may you be filled with the spirit of loving service for all God's people.

COMING EVENTS

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

Dec. 7th Frackville Elks Memorial Service (2:00PM)

Dec. 14th **Advent Penitential Service** (before the Mass – **12:45PM**) & Christmas Party (after the **1:00PM** Mass).

Dec. 24th Mass of Shepherds (10:00PM)

Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass (10:00AM)

May 17th, 15 First Holy Communion Day

June 14th, 15 Confirmation (3:00PM)

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 **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to **Joe Karvois** and **Veronica Plichta** for their help at the altar;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

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.

ORDINATION – **Deacon James Konicki** will be ordained to the Priesthood on **Saturday, December 6, 2014** at **10:00AM** in St. Stanislaus Cathedral at Scranton, PA by the Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky, Prime Bishop of the PNCC. Please keep the Candidate in our prayers. May God bless his successful ministry within our Holy Church.

GENERAL CHURCH DUES – has been increased to \$100.00; therefore beginning January 2015, our church dues will be **\$124.00** per adult member.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father John Kutek**, his family and parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Minneapolis, MN and St. Josaphat Parish in Duluth, MN.



CHRISTMAS PARTY – will be held in our church hall on **Sunday, December 14** after **1:00PM Mass**. The Parishioners invite you to participate, therefore please sign your name on the sheet at the vestibule. When you come, please bring **one inexpensive gift (up to \$10.00)**. Parents and guardians are responsible to provide gifts for their children. The deadline to sign your names is December 7.

2015 HOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR is publishing for members of the PNCC. This calendar contains information concerning PNCC holy days. For individual orders the calendar cost is **\$3.50**. If someone is interested to purchase this calendar, please sign your name on the list on the vestibule. The deadline for all orders is **December 7, 2014**.

2015 HOME BLESSING - list is placed next to the bulletin. If you **really** need your home to be blessed, please sign up your name, or call the rectory. The pastor will visit parishioners who signed their names or call the rectory only. The deadline is **November 30, 2014**.

CONFIRMATION – Our Diocesan Bishop – the Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki will impart the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 3:00PM**. We have two students-candidates; if any adult members didn't receive Confirmation yet – please contact Fr. Robert ASAP. The deadline is: **March 31, 2015**.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: November 28 – Joanne Plaxa; November 29 – Michelle Boychak.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Wiesław Pietruszka - James Chistakoff – Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Patricia Abicunas. At **Nursing Homes**: Helen Chistakoff – **Frackville Nursing Home**: Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108); **NY** – Cecelia Pyzowski. **H & R Center Tremont**: Dolores Halaburda. **Fritzingertown 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: Nov. 30: Sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **Dec. 7:** Sp. Michael & Mary Patcella; **Dec. 14:** Sp. James Dean; **Dec. 21:** Sp. James Dean; **Jan. 4, 2015:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 11:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 18:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 25:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage. **March 1:** for those who were touched with cancer.

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. **Remember** that penance during the Confession **MUST BE FULFILLED**, if not – the Sacrament is not **VALID**.

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. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend!**

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.

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!