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Solemnity – Holy Family - “B”

Uroczystość Świętej Rodziny

January 4, 2015

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, January 4th – Holy Family

The presentation of Jesus in the Temple brought joy to Simeon and Anna and a promise of pain to Mary and Joseph. Family life will always be a mixture of joy and sorrow, but the Holy Family show us the way to be united in all the ups and downs that we experience.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Edward Bulcavage**, of. by Wife Florence.

- ⤴ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⤴ Collection for missions.
- ⤴ Coffee & Cake.
- ⤴ **Pierogies are available.**

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Jan. 5: 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51; **Jan. 6:** Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12; **Jan. 7:** 1

John 5:14-21; John 1-11; **MONDAY after EPIPHANY or Jan. 7:** 1 John 3:22 – 4:6; Matthew 4:12-17.23-25;
TUESDAY after EPIPHANY or Jan. 8: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44; **WEDNESDAY after EPIPHANY or
Jan. 9:** 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52; **THURSDAY after EPIPHANY or Jan. 10:** 1 John 4:19 – 5:4; Luke
4:14-22

MONDAY, January 5th – *Christmas Weekday*

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

TUESDAY, January 6th – Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord – *(Blessing of incense and chalk)*

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan, and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi representatives of the neighboring pagans religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

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

WEDNESDAY, January 7th – *Within the Octave of the Epiphany*

8:30AM – Holy Mass for **Health**.

THURSDAY, January 8th – *Within the Octave of the Epiphany*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Jan Zaborowski**, of. by Janina Plichta & family.

FRIDAY, January 9th – *Within the Octave of the Epiphany*

8:30AM – Holy Mass

SATURDAY, January 10th – *Within the Octave of the Epiphany*

10:00 – 10:50AM – Confirmation Class.

11:00 – 12:00Noon – First Holy Communion Catechism Class.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 11th – Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord (Christmas time ends)

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Edward Bulcavage**, of. by Wife Florence.

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 (Luke 2:15b-16)

V. The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

R. So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in a manger.

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 15:1-6; 21:1-13

God promised Abraham that he would have a son and countless descendants. Although it seemed unlikely, Abraham trusted in God's word.

GRADUAL (Psalm 27:4a; 84:5)

V. One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life.

R. Happy are those who dwell in Your house! They never cease to praise You.

II Reading: Hebrews 11:8.11-12.17-19

From the beginning of the human race, we have examples of people who remained faithful to God in good times and in bad.

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 45:15)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Truly with You God is hidden, the God of Israel, the Savior!

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple to present Him to God. For Simeon and Anna, Jesus was the long-awaited promise of hope. For Mary and Joseph, their moment of celebration was also a discovery of anxiety and pain to come.

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 Jesus, Mary and Joseph accompany you on your journey through life, supporting you, your family and all those whom you know and love.

COMING EVENTS

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

Feb. 1st, 15 Annual Parish Meeting

Feb. 18th, 15 Ash Wednesday

March 29th, 15 Palm Sunday

Apr. 5th, 15 Easter Sunday

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 **Dylan** for his help at the altar;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

CHRISTMAS TIME STATISTIC – Christmas Eve Mass of Shepherds attendance – 37; Christmas Day – 5; Circumcision of the Lord – January 1 – Zero.

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.

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 Jason Soltysiak**, his wife and parishioners of St. Mary Parish in Parma, OH [stmaryspncc.com].

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 ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: January 9 – Frederick and Carolyn Boychak.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – 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 – Joseph Petrusky – Janina Plichta. 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: **Jan. 11:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 18:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 25:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Feb. 1:** Sp. Loretta and Stanley Kovalewski; **Feb. 15:** Sp. Lauren Feudale; **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.

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.

You don't learn to walk following rules. You learn by doing and falling over. (Richard Branson)