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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"

Druga Niedziela Zwyczajna

January 18, 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 18th – II Sunday in Ordinary Time – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? First of all it means a willingness to listen to Him, to accept that He is calling us to be with Him and to act on His behalf. Secondly it means responding to that call, going out of our way to see what He wants of us.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22; **Tue.**, Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28; **Wed.**, Hebrews 7:1-3.15-17; Mark 3:1-6; **Thu.**, Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12; **Fri.**, Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19; **Sat.**, Hebrews 9:2-3.11-14; Mark 3:20-21

MONDAY, January 19th – **St. Peter's Chair in Antioch**

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

WEDNESDAY, January 21st – *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass for Christian Unity.

7:00PM – Prayer Service for Christian Unity – New Hope Wesleyan Church (at Spencer Street).

FRIDAY, January 23rd - *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Edward Bulcavage**, of. by Wife Florence.

SATURDAY, January 24th – *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Andrew Podgurski**, of. by Mr. Edward Murtha

NEXT SUNDAY, January 25th – **II Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Music Scholarship Sunday

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 (Isaiah 43:1b, 4a; Jeremiah 15:16)

V. Thus says the Lord: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; You are Mine. Because you are precious in My eyes and glorious, and because I love you.

R. When I found Your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart, because I bore Your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

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: 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

The Lord calls Samuel to be His faithful servant.

GRADUAL (Exodus 33:12b; Job 13:22)

V. You are My infinite friend, and also You have found favor with Me.

R. Then call me, and I will respond; or let me speak first and, answer me.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20

Our bodies are members making up the body of Christ.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 40:9)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. To do Your will, O my God, is my delight, and Your law is within my heart.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 1:35-42

Jesus calls His first disciples.

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 Spirit of God's love inspire and direct you.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Feb. 24 Diocesan Council Teleconference (7:00PM)

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

Feb. 1 Annual Parish Meeting

Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday

March 4 Frackville Ministerium Lenten Ecumenical Service (7:00PM)

March 29 Palm Sunday

Apr. 5 Easter Sunday

May 16 First Holy Communion Day (Saturday – 11:00AM)

June 14 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 and Veronica** for their help at the altar;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, January 11 – 21.

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 – beginning January 2015, our church dues is **\$124.00** per adult member.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Mark Niznik**, his family and parishioners of St. Paul Parish in Bellview, FL.

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: January 20 – Sherri Larson; January 21 – Lucas Tokarczyk; January 24 – Geraldine Panco.

Senior  PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Bishop Bernard Nowicki - Father Thaddeus Dymkowski - James Chistakoff – Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Carolyn Boychak – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Patricia Abicunas – Joseph Petrusky. 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.


2015/2016 - Upcoming First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes – Parents and guardians must bring their children to the church for Sunday Mass – at least 1 year before the class begins. It does apply to

children who presently don't come to the church at all or once/twice a year. Holy Communion is to receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, not cookies or a bar of chocolate – so children **must** be familiar with church services.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Jan. 25:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Feb. 1:** Sp. Loretta and Stanley Kovalewski; **Feb. 8:** Sp. James Dean; **Feb. 15:** Sp. Lauren Feudale; **Feb. 22:** Sp. James Dean; **March 1:** for those who were touched with cancer; **March 8:** Sp. Anna Folta; **March 15:** Sp. Anna Folta; **March 22:** Sp. James Dean; **March 29:** Janina Plichta on her Birthday; **Apr. 12:** Sp. Anna Folta; **Apr. 19:** Sp. Albert & Helen Smith; **Apr. 26:** Sp. James Dean; **May 3:** Sp. Anna Folta.

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.

WARNING – If someone would like to come to the rectory in the winter time, please use **the front porch door** (if there is no icy weather). The water is leaking and stairs are sometimes full of ice.

When you aim for perfection, you find out it is a moving target. (George Fisher)