

# St. John the Baptist Parish

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"**

Trzecia Niedziela Zwykła

**January 25, 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 – Contemporary liturgy in English.**

**Today, January 25<sup>th</sup>** – III Sunday in Ordinary Time – Music Scholarship Sunday

In today's Gospel we learn of Jesus' first words and deeds as He begins His public ministry.

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

^ Pierogie are available - \$5.00 per dozen.

### **WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Hebrews 9:15.24-28; Mark 3:22-30; **Tue.**, Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35; **Wed.**, Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20; **Thu.**, Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25; **Fri.**, Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34; **Sat.**, Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19; Mark 4:35-41

**TUESDAY, January 27<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

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

**WEDNESDAY, January 28<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

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

**THURSDAY, January 29<sup>th</sup> – Weekday**

**8:30AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Alicja Zaborowska on her Birthday (God's blessing).

**FRIDAY, January 30<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

**8:30AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for fast recovery for Bishop Nowicki and Father Senior Dymkowski.

**SATURDAY, January 31<sup>st</sup> - Weekday**

**10:00-10:50AM** – Confirmation Class.

**11:00-12:00** – First Holy Communion Catechism Class.

**NEXT SUNDAY, February 1<sup>st</sup> - IV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Stanley and Loretta Kovalewski, of by Joseph & Theresa Petrusky.

▲ Confession.

▲ Collection for missions.

▲ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** after the Mass.

### **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 (Matthew 12:41; Acts 3:19-20a)**

V. At the judgment, the men of Niniveh will arise with this generation and condemn it; because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and there is something greater than Jonah here.

**R. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that sins may be wiped away, and that the Lord may grant you time of refreshment.**

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: Jonah 3:1-5.10**

*At Jonah's preaching the people of Niniveh repent and the Lord withdraws the punishments He had threatened.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Teach me Your ways, o Lord.**

### **II Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

*This world is passing away, time is short; St. Paul tells us to get our priorities right.*

### **ALLELUIA (Mark 1:15)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20**

*The heart of Jesus' preaching – the kingdom of God and the call to repentance and belief – and His first disciples.*

### **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.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**Celebrant:** Assured of the Lord's love for us, we turn to Him in prayer with unbounded confidence.

- Let us pray for the Prime Bishop and all church leaders: that, by the gift of the Spirit, they may proclaim the Good News powerfully to all people. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for vocations: that more men may hear and answer the call to priesthood. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for ourselves: that we may welcome the Good News and allow God to reign in our lives. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for fast recovery for Bishop Bernard and Father Senior Thaddeus. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for our departed – **Edward Bulcavage** – that they may see God in His kingdom. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** God our Father, hear our prayers; help us to respond generously to the voice of Your Son and become His faithful followers. **R. Amen.**

May the will of God the Father be fulfilled in your lives. May the calling of the Son be met with a generous response from you. May the love of the Holy Spirit impel you to love God and your sisters and brothers.

**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 – **after the Holy Mass.**

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 **Veronica, Joe and Dylan** for their help at the altar last Sunday;
- to the **Sunday greeters.**

**THANK YOU** very much to our Parishioners who contributed money for Janina and Father Robert citizenship!

**HOME BLESSING** this year is now completed. Thank you for nice welcome and all your good heart donation!

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

**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.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Bishop John Mack, Father Gary Spencer**, their families and parishioners of Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral in Lancaster, NY [[www.hmrcnc.org](http://www.hmrcnc.org)].

**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: Jan. 25 – Dolores Halaburda; Jan. 26 – Jan Cegielski; Jan. 30 – Jiselle MacDonald.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Bishop Bernard Nowicki - Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski - 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:** – ***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:** **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. Michael & Sophia Stetts; **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.

**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.

**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!**

**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.

**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.

A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus, but a holder of consensus. (Martin Luther King Jr.)