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

Czwarta Niedziela Zwyczajna

**February 1, 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, February 1<sup>st</sup>** – IV Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospels speak of a battle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan, but Jesus has defeated Satan through His cross and resurrection.

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

- ✠ Confession.
- ✠ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ✠ Collection for Missions.

**Annual Parish Meeting** after the Mass in the hall.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40; **Tue.**, Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43; **Wed.**, Hebrews 12:4-7.11-15; Mark 6:1-6; **Thu.**, Hebrews 12:18-19.21-24; Mark 6:7-13; **Fri.**, Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29; **Sat.**, Hebrews 13:15-17.20-21; Mark 6:30-34

**MONDAY, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord – Blessing of Candles

*This feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as “The Encounter”. In the sixth century it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in France with solemn blessings and processions of candles. It is popularly known as “Candlemass”. The Presentation of the Lord formally concludes the celebration of the Nativity; with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.*

**6:00PM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Marianna i Jan Zaborowscy**, of. by Janina Plichta & family.

**TUESDAY, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** – *Weekday*

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

**WEDNESDAY, February 4<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

**8:30AM – Holy Mass** for Health.

**THURSDAY, February 5<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

**8:30AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Bishop, Priests & Deacons of the Central Diocese.

**FRIDAY, February 6<sup>th</sup>** – **First Friday of the month**

**8:30AM – Holy Mass** of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, intention: God's blessing for the family.

**5:00 – 6:00PM** – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**NEXT SUNDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup>** – **V Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **James Dean**, of. by Wife Marjorie.

#### 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 48:17, Jeremiah 7:23b)**

V. Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I, the Lord, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go."

**R. Listen to My voice, then I will be your God, and you shall be My people. Walk in the ways that I command you, so that you may prosper.**

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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

*The Lord will raise up a great prophet; we are to listen to His words.*

**GRADUAL (Psalm 25:4-5a; 71:17)**

V. Make known to me Your ways, Lord; teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God, my Savior.

**R. God, You have taught me from my youth; to this day I proclaim Your wondrous deeds.**

**II Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

*St. Paul expects Christ's return soon and so urges his congregation to give their undivided attention to the Lord.*

**ALLELUIA (Luke 4:32)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. They were astonished at His teaching, because He spoke with authority.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28**

*Jesus exercises a demon in the synagogue as part of His campaign to overcome the kingdom of Satan.*

**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, the source of all peace and goodness, strengthen you in His grace.**

**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 the **Sunday greeters**.

**LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC** – Sunday, January 25 – 13.

**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 Charles Henderson**, his family and parishioners of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in San Antonio, TX [annunciationpncc.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: February 5 – Victoria Plichta.

Senior



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Bishop Bernard Nowicki - Father 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.

**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:** **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; **June 7:** Sp. Josephine Studlick.

**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.

**High expectations are the key to everything.** (Sam Walton)