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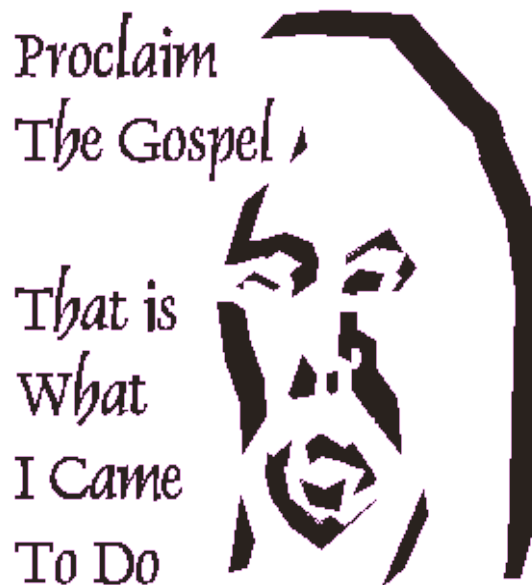
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Prime Bishop of the PNCC – **Most Rev. Dr. Anthony A. Mikovsky**

Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese – **Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki**

Plymouth Seniorate Administrative Senior – **Very Rev. Thaddeus Dymkowski**

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"

Piąta Niedziela Zwyczajna

February 8, 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 8th – V Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we gather for the Eucharist, we gather to celebrate the reality of God's love for us, the nearness of God's kingdom. Let us give thanks for the salvation that the Lord offers.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56; **Tue.**, Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13; **Wed.**, Genesis 2:4b-9.15-17;
Thu., Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30; **Fri.**, Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37; **Sat.**, Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

MONDAY, February 9th – *Weekday*

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

TUESDAY, February 10th – *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Deceased (instead of Wednesday)

THURSDAY, February 12th – *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass

FRIDAY, February 13th – *Weekday*

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

SATURDAY, February 14th

10:00-10:50AM – Confirmation Class

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

NEXT SUNDAY, February 15th – *VI Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Lauren Feudale**, of. by Grandparents: Theresa & Joseph Petrusky.

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 (Deuteronomy 32:39, Psalm 6:3-4a)

V. Learn then that I, I alone, am God, and there is no God besides Me. It is I Who bring both death and life, I Who inflict wounds and heal them and from My hand there is no rescue.

R. Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak; heal me, Lord, for my bones are trembling. In utter terror is my soul.

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: Job 7:1-4.6-7

Job finds nothing to relieve his suffering or alleviate his sadness.

GRADUAL (Psalm 39:13-14)

V. Listen to my prayer, Lord, hear my cry; do not be deaf to my weeping! I sojourn with You like a passing stranger, a guest, like all my ancestors.

R. Turn Your gaze from me, that I may find peace before I depart to be no more.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23

St. Paul makes himself all things to all people – to be able better to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 30:3)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. O Lord, my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

The kingdom of God enters our world through the healing ministry of Jesus.

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, who brings hope and healing into our lives, renew your joy in His service.

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

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, February 1 – 23.

THE ANNUAL MEETING – on February 1 was cancelled by the Bishop. The next date will be announced later. Please, keep to be in contact with your pastor.

PARISH NEWSLETTER and LADIES POLKA magazines are available in the vestibule.

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 Senior Augustin Sicard**, his family and parishioners of St. Martin & St. Rose Parish in San Antonio, TX [smsrpnc.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 BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 10 – Florence Bulcavage; February 11 – Jesse Keim.

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.

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. 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.

WHAT I CAME TO DO

Jesus is exhausted. His power to cure illness made him a free doctor. At the time physicians were primitive and usually ineffective. The sick were thought to be "possessed" by evil spirits, rather than germs. The devil has successfully side-tracked Christ's true ministry. This explains his somewhat strange response when Peter announces that "...everyone is looking for you." Jesus proclaims that it is time to move on to other areas. In effect, he is abandoning his home base in Capernaum. Our Lord reveals the real focus of his career. He is a teacher with the most important lessons that will ever be shared. He does not want to be a healer, but an educator. He came to teach the way to eternal life in God.

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 leaks and stairs are sometimes full of ice.

There's always an opportunity to make a difference. (Michael Dell)