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Second Sunday of Lent - "B"

Druga Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 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, March 1st – II Sunday of Lent

Are we prepared to encounter the glorious risen Christ? It is not easy for us to look upon the splendour of the resurrection. To do so we are called to embrace the cross.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Those Whose Life Was Touched By Cancer.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38; **Tue.**, Isaiah 1:10.16-20; Matthew 23:1-12; **Wed.**, Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31; **Fri.**, Genesis 37:3-4.12-13a.17b-28a; Matthew

21:33-43.45-46; **Sat.**, Micah 7:14-15.18-20; Luke 15:1-3.11-32

MONDAY, March 2nd – *Lenten Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Helena Zaborowska**, of. by Fr. Robert & family.

WEDNESDAY, March 4th - *Lenten Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass for Health

7:00PM – Lenten Community Ecumenical Service

THURSDAY, March 5th - *Lenten Weekday*

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

FRIDAY, March 6th - *Lenten Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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

6:00PM – Stations of the Cross.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 8th – **Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC - III Sunday of Lent** (*Daylight Saving Time begins*)

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Anna Folta**.

▲ Collection – National Church Center.

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 5:24; Psalm 104:1b-2a)

V. The Lord our God has indeed let us see his glory and majesty. We have heard his voice from the midst of the fire, and have found out today that a man can still live after God has spoken with him.

R. Lord, my God, you are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak!

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 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

God pours blessings upon those who trust.

GRADUAL (1 John 3:2; Corinthians 3:18)

V. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

R. All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit.

II Reading: Romans 8:31-34

God holds nothing back in love for us.

TRACT (2 Peter 1:3-4)

V. His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of him, who called us by his own glory and power.

R. Through these, Christ has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world of evil desire.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-20

Jesus appears in glory to Peter, James and John. The disciples do not know what is happening, but Jesus tells them to tell nobody about this until after the resurrection.

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 presence of the risen Lord fill your minds, so that you may fill the world with the glory of His presence.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

May 2 Diocesan Council Meeting

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

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

March 22 Lenten Penitential Service before the Mass

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** for her help at the altar.
- to **Sunday greeters**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, Feb. 22 – 8; Feb. 27 (Bitter Lamentations) – 9.

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.

MEMORIAL FUND – in memory of Anna Folta - \$130.00 from NASA/Mars Atmosphere; in memory of Josephine Studlick - \$100.00 by Mr. Joseph Studlick. Thank you.

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 Francis Kadryna**, his family and parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Niagara Falls, NY and Parish of Our Lady in Brant, NY.


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: March 1 – Marcia Hessert; March 2 – Natalie MacDonald; March 3 – Anne Andruscavage; March 4 – Jennifer Stetts.

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: **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.

There is no stigma attached to recognizing a bad decision in time to install a better one. (Lawrence J. Peter)