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First Sunday of Advent - "C"
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O Lord I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and this parish will grow in number of really holy and dedicated people: to God and to the Church.

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Contemporary liturgy in English.

Today, November 29th – I Sunday of Advent

Jesus reminds us that one day He will return in glory to judge the living and the dead.

10:00AM – Holy Mass with the reading of the *Memorial List*, intention: for Sp. **Paul Elsaveg**, of. by Mrs. Mary O'Donnel & family.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22; **Tue.**, Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24; **Wed.**, Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37; **Thu.**, Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21.24-27; **Fri.**, Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31; **Sat.** Isaiah 30:19-21.23-26; Matthew 9:35 – 10:1.5a.6-8

MONDAY, November 30th – Feast – St. Andrew, Apostle

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

TUESDAY, December 1st – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Paul Elsavage**, of. by Bob, Geff, Marcente DiNanette.

WEDNESDAY, December 2nd – *Advent Weekday*

6:30AM - Rorate Mass for Health.

THURSDAY, December 3rd – *Advent Weekday*

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

FRIDAY, December 4th – **First Friday of the Month**

9:00AM - Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

NEXT SUNDAY, December 6th - **II Sunday of Advent**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Paul Elsavage, of. by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Petrusky.

▲ Collection for missions.

▲ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

2:00PM – Frackville Elks Memorial Service.

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.

Advent Wreath Blessing

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

P. Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come to You.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

P. Let us pray: Almighty God and Father, pour forth Your blessing upon us and upon this advent wreath. May the light of these candles reflect the splendor of Christ Who is to come, for He is our Lord, forever and ever.

R. Amen.

P. The peace and the blessing of Almighty God: the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit descend upon this wreath and remain with us forever.

R. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Psalms 92:2-3)

V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Your name, Most High

R. To proclaim Your love in the morning and your faithfulness in the night.

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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Through the prophet Jeremiah, the Lord assures His people that He will bring salvation and restoration to the land.

Responsorial Psalm: **To You, o Lord, I lift up my soul.**

II Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

St. Paul reminds the Thessalonians of the instructions he gave them on the authority of Jesus the Lord. If they continue to follow them, their hearts will be confirmed in holiness.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 85:8)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Show us, Lord, Your love; and grant us Your salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28.34-36

Jesus looks to the time when He will come again, and tells His disciples to be ready.

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.

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GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

✠ **Celebrant:** The Lord turns our hearts and minds towards Him in prayer; let us offer our petitions in humility.

- We pray for the Prime Bishop and our Bishops: may they be established in faithfulness and integrity as they teach and show the way of God. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for the Church, spread throughout the world: may the hearts of all of us be confirmed in holiness, and may they teach and show the way of God. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for those in civil, political and military authority: may they work for a just and peaceful solution to the challenges and crises facing the world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for all who are sick, those afflicted by addiction and all those who care for them: may they be given strength and hope in their suffering and service. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for all who have died – especially for **Paul Elsavage** – may they be received with joy into the kingdom of their Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

✠ **Celebrant:** Almighty Father, You have inspired us to pray with confidence; through Your loving kindness, hear our prayers and grant what we ask, through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

The Lord has shown us His mercy and given us His saving help. May we share these gifts with those we meet.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 6:00PM)

Dec. 6 Frackville Elks Memorial Service (2:00PM)

Dec. 12 Christmas Party (1:00PM)

Dec. 13 Advent Penitential Service - Decorating the church for Christmas (after the Mass)

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Mass – 10:00PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to:

- to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** preparing the altars, and the church for services;

- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** 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 STATISTIC: November 22 – 27.

ST. STANISLAUS CATHEDRAL - On Sunday, **Dec. 6, 2015**, at **3:00 PM**, the St. Stanislaus Cathedral Chorale,

under the direction of Dr. Peter Picerno, will present a Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent. Scripture, hymns, solos, and anthems, will help us to mark the liturgical season of Advent in preparation for Christmas. Ample parking is available surrounding the Cathedral which is located at 529 East Locust Street in Scranton. All are invited to attend regardless of church affiliation.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Andrzej Koterba**, his family and parishioners of St. Francis Parish in East Meadow, LI, NY [stfrancispncc.org].

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 call the rectory first; stairs on both porches could be full of ice all the time.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky are looking for the book of pictures from the Guardian Angel Parish. If anyone has it at home, please bring it to the church ASAP. Thank you.

Decorating the church for Christmas will take place on **Sunday, December 13** immediately after the Holy Mass.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – John Kruk – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Joseph Petrusky. At

Nursing Homes: 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: **Dec. 6:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Dec. 13:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Dec. 20:** Sp. James Dean; **Dec. 27:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Jan. 3, 2016:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 10:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 17:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 24:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 31:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage. **The Sundays Mass intentions are busy until the end of May 2016. Please, do not order Mass intentions for Sunday until Spring of 2016. Daily Masses are available at any time.**



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.

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! If you are new to our parish, please submit your name, address and telephone number to **Father Robert**. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. WELCOME! 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.