

St. John the Baptist Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

414 West Oak Street, Frackville, PA 17931

Rectory: 570-874-1960

Pastor - Rev. Robert Plichta, M.Th., M. in Canon Law

E-mail: stjohnthebaptist42@gmail.com

Website: www.stjohnpncc.org

Facebook: St. John the Baptist PNCC



Second Sunday of Advent - "C"

Druga Niedziela Adwentu

December 6, 2015

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 – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, December 6th – II Sunday of Advent

Eagerness to receive the Good News is a strong theme in today's liturgy. We gather to hear the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ and to celebrate its reality for our lives in our Eucharist.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Paul Elsavege**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky.

- ⋈ Confession.
- ⋈ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⋈ Collection for mission.

2:00PM – Frackville Elks Memorial Service.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26; **Tue.**, Genesis 3:9-15.20; Ephesians 1:3-6.11-12; Luke 1:26-38; **Wed.**,

Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30; **Thu.**, Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15; **Fri.**, Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19; **Sat.**, Sirach 48:1-4.9-11; Matthew 17:9a.10-13

MONDAY, December 7th - *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Felix** and **Josephine Gursky**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Chester Gursky.

6:00PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

TUESDAY, December 8th - Solemnity – Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – holy day of obligation.

9:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for All **Parishioners**.

WEDNESDAY, December 9th - *Advent Weekday*

6:30AM – Rorate Mass, intention: for all **Deceased**.

THURSDAY, December 10th - *Advent Weekday*

8:30AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Bp Casimir Grotnik**. of. by Fr. Robert & family.

FRIDAY, December 11th - *Advent Weekday*

8:30AM - Holy Mass, intention: for deceased members of Iwaszkiewicz and Powanda families (All Souls).

NEXT SUNDAY, December 13th – III Sunday of Advent

Advent Penitential Service

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Paul Elsavege, of. by Mr. & Mrs. George Wycheck.

▲ Decorating the church for Christmas after the Holy 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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Christ's Coming in the Hearts of Men

Prayer:

P. Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just One.

R. Let the earth be opened and bud forth the Savior.

P. Lord Jesus, eternal Wisdom -

R. In Your merciful love, You came down to earth to expel the darkness with the brightness of Your Divine Life.

P. You removed the wall which sin had raised between God and us.

R. You opened the gates behind which the devil made prisoners of humanity.

P. Through You we regained access to God.

R. You have reconciled us with the heavenly Father.

P. But many have not yet seen Your Light.

R. Ans many are the hearts that have not yet known Your Heavenly Peace.

P. Our own hearts too, o Lord, are often dark and sinful.

R. We cry to Your, in this Holy Season of Advent:/Come anew and save us.

P. Let Your power be known, o Lord.

R. Come, and let Your Face shine upon us.

Let us pray: Merciful God and Savior, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to save what was lost. You made Him shine through the darkness of their world as the true daybreak. We pray to You, with the sweet radiance of Your grace, illumine our dark hearts and the hearts of all those sit in the shadow of paganism, and guide our feet in the way of peace, unto Your glorious kingdom. Through the same Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Malachi 3:1)

V. Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before Me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord Whom you seek.

R. And the messenger of the covenant Whom you desire, yes, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

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: Baruch 5:1-9

The Lord reaches out to His people, who are challenged to welcome the Lord with joy and remove every barrier to His presence in their lives.

GRADUAL (John 1:6-8)

V. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

R. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

II Reading: Philippians 1:3-6.8-11

When Paul calls the people of Philippi to mind and prays for them, he does so with joy. He urges them to increase in love for each other.

ALLELUIA (Psalms 85:8)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

St. John the Baptist is firmly rooted in human history and geography as he is about to begin his ministry.

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.

May the Lord be near to you at all times and may you be ever aware of His closeness to you.

COMING EVENTS

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

Dec. 12 Christmas Party (1:00PM)

Dec. 13 Decorating the church for Christmas (after the Mass)

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Mass – 10:00PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to:

- to **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 **Joe** for his help at the altar last Sunday.
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, November 29 – **15**.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Stanley Skrzypek**, his wife and parishioners of SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Passaic, NJ.

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.

THE CHRISTMAS WAFERS are available in the vestibule. Free will offerings are donated to our organist, **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff**. Thank you.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 8 – Jolene Johnston.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – John Kruk – John Etcho - 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. 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.**

Total dues for 2015 per Adult Member: \$124.00 Per Year
The dues should be paid \$124.00 total in one time until **December 31, 2015.**

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.**