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I Baptize With Water
But One Mightier
Is Coming

Third 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 – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, December 13th – III Sunday of Advent

As the days now draw nearer to the celebration of our Savior's birth the scriptures call on us to rejoice that God is always close to us.

Advent Penitential Service

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

^ Decorating the church for Christmas.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Numbers 24:2-7.15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27; **Tue.**, Zephaniah 3:1-2.9-13; Matthew 21:28-32; **Wed.**, Isaiah 45:6c-8.18.21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23; **Dec. 17:** Genesis 49:2.8-10; Matthew 1:1-17; **Dec. 18:** Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25; **Dec. 19:** Judges 13:2-7.24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

MONDAY, December 14th - Advent Weekday

9:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Edward, Alex, Leonard and Benny Gursky** of. by Mr. & Mrs. Chester Gursky.

TUESDAY, December 15th - Advent Weekday

6:00PM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Michael, Sophia Stetts...(All Souls).

WEDNESDAY, December 16th - Advent Weekday

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

THURSDAY, December 17th - Advent Weekday

9:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. James Dean...(All Souls).

FRIDAY, December 18th - Advent Weekday

4:00PM - Holy Mass, intention: for **Veronica Plichta** (God's blessing, of. by parents and sister).

NEXT SUNDAY, December 20th – IV Sunday of Advent

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. James Dean, of. 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.

THE **THIRD** SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Christ's Coming in Glory

Prayer:

P. Beloved, let us live in this world with temperance, justice and piety.

R. Let us wait for the blessed hope and glorious coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

P. Heaven and earth will pass away.

R. But Your Words, o Lord, will not pass away.

P. What You foretold shall be accomplished: You will come to judge the living and the dead.

R. You will reward everyone according to their deeds.

P. Keep us from being engulfed in worldly desires.

R. For at an unexpected hour, the Son of Man will come.

P. Grant us, o Lord, to be always on the watch.

R. That we may meet You with burning lamps on Your return.

P. Lord, remember not our transgressions.

R. For with You, o Lord, is kindness and plentiful redemption.

P. Let Your power be known, o Lord.

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

Let us pray: Almighty, Eternal Father, stir our hearts and grant us to be steadfast in fervent prayer, in holy love and child-like confidence, so that one day we may joyfully meet Your Son, and our Lord, Jesus Christ, when He shall come on the clouds to heaven to judge the world. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Psalms 85:6-7; 90:14)

V. Will You be angry with us forever, drag out Your anger for all generations? Please give us life again, that Your people may rejoice in You.

R. Fill us at daybreak with Your love, that all our days we may sing for joy.

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: Zephaniah 3:14-18

After warning against the coming of judgment, the prophet encourages the people to rejoice because God is among them and salvation is near.

GRADUAL (Zephaniah 3:19b-20)

V. I will save the lame, and assemble the outcasts; I will give them praise and renown in all the earth, when I bring about their restoration.

R. At that time I will bring you home, and at that time I will gather you; for I will give you renown and praise, among all the peoples of the earth, when I bring about your restoration before your very eyes, says the Lord.

II Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

St. Paul is in prison because of his work for the Lord but concentrates only on his love and concern for the Christian in Philippi.

ALLELUIA (Matthew 6:33)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

St. John the Baptist teaches the people how to change their lives in preparation for the coming of Christ.

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.

By our faith and love may we give witness that the Lord is in our midst.

COMING EVENTS

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

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

PARISH NEWS – **Mr. George Tokarczyk** fixed our church's door last Thursday, Dec. 10. Thank you very much! **Gutters** at the rectory's roof, were repaired Tuesday, Dec. 8.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, December 6 – 24.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Gregory Mludzik**, his wife and parishioners of Transfiguration of our Lord Parish in Wallington, NJ [transfigurationpncc.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.

THE CHRISTMAS WAFERS are available in the vestibule. Free will offering are donated to our organist,

Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff. Thank you.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: Dec. 14 – Angela Elsavage; Dec. 16 – Helen Menzyk; Dec. 18 – Veronica Plichta; Dec. 19 – George Tokarczyk.



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. 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.**