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Fourth Sunday of Advent - "C"

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December 20, 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 20th – IV Sunday of Advent

Our salvation is near, He comes to meet us. Are we ready to greet Him, to leap with joy at the sound of His coming?

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Dec. 21: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45; **Dec. 22:** 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56; **Dec. 23:** Malachi 3:1-4.23-24; Luke 1:57-66; **Dec. 24:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5.8b-12.14a.16; Luke 1:67-79 (Mass in the morning)

MONDAY, December 21st - Feast – St. Thomas, Apostle

6:00PM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Angelina** and **Lawrence Maicioli**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Chester Gursky.

WEDNESDAY, December 23rd - Advent Weekday

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

THURSDAY, December 24th - Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord

10:00PM – Mass of the Shepherds (Pasterka), and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament; intention: for all Parishioners.

FRIDAY, December 25th - Solemnity – Nativity of our Lord

10:00AM - Holy Mass

SATURDAY, December 26th - Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr

10:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Louise Gursky, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Chester Gursky.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 27th – Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Paul Elsavage, of. by Mrs. Helen Hopko.

♣ Collection for the Seminary.

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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Prayer of Intercession

Prayer:

P. Prince of Peace and Lord, Jesus Christ, Father of the world to come, You will return with power and glory on the clouds of heaven. Now You dwell among us in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, not as our judge, but as our Brother who wishes to share with us the riches of His inheritance. Hear we ask You, the petitions of Your people!

R. Have mercy, o Lord, have mercy.

P. Prepare our hearts for a fervent celebration of Your Nativity.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Lead all those who doubt and disbelieve to acknowledge Your Divine Glory.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Help the poor, console the afflicted, and deliver the oppressed.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Banish from our midst all quarrels and wars, lies, treachery and injustice; and make us all one in You.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Grant that, amidst the joys and sorrows of this life, we may always long for Your coming.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Have mercy on us in the day of judgment, and lead us all to the glory of eternal life.

R. We ask You, hear us.

Let us pray: For You are He who is to come in the splendor of the heavenly armies. You gather Your people at the Eucharistic Table, as You will one day gather them from all times and all nations to the wedding feast in Your Kingdom, where You live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in all eternity.

R. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Micah 5:1)

V. But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, so small to be among the clans of Judah,

R. From you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times.

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: Micah 5:1-4

A child will be born out of Bethlehem Ephrathah, who will establish a kingdom of peace to the ends of the earth.

GRADUAL (Micah 5:3)

V. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the Lord, in the majestic name of the Lord, his God.

R. And they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth.

II Reading: Hebrews 10:5-20

Christ abolishes the ritual sacrifices of the law by offering His own body.

ALLELUIA (James 5:8)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. You too must be patient. Make your heart firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

Mary sets out as quickly as possible to visit her cousin Elizabeth. When she greets Elizabeth the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy.

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 you find joy in the presence of God and bring God's love to those who seek His face.

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 **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 ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, December 13 – **22**.

THANK YOU very much to everyone who attended our great Christmas Party held past Saturday!

THANK YOU to everyone who remained in the church to decorate our house of worship for Christmas last Sunday ! Each hand counts!

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Marian Piciecha**, his family and parishioners of All Saints Parish in Rome, NY [allsaintsny.org], and Holy Cross Parish in Syracuse, NY [holycrossncc.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: December 20 – Eugenia Tyrrell.



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 – Eugenia

Tyrrell. 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. 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.**