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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - "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, January 17th – II Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this church today we come together as a group of very different people with a variety of opinions, experiences and gifts. We unite in the name of Jesus, and in the power of His Spirit. Here we can glimpse again something of the glory of God with us.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Edward Bulcavage, of. Wife, Flossy.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22; **Tue.**, 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28; **Wed.**, 1 Samuel 17:32-33.37.40-51; Mark 3:1-6; **Thu.**, 1 Samuel 18:6-9. 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12; **Fri.**, 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19; **Sat.**, 2 Samuel 1:1-4.11-12.19.23-27; Mark 3:20-21

January 18 – 25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

MONDAY, January 18th - St. Peter's Chair at Antioch

10:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

TUESDAY, January 19th - Weekday

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Paul Elsavage...(All Souls).

WEDNESDAY, January 20th - Weekday

6:30PM – Prayer Service for Christian Unity at Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church in Frackville (Balliet St.)

THURSDAY, January 21st - Weekday

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Helen Guzik...(All Souls).

FRIDAY, January 22nd - Weekday

8:30AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Jan and Marianna Zaborowski...(All Souls).

NEXT SUNDAY, January 24th – III Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Edward Bulcavage, of. by Wife, Flossy.

▲ ANS Election Meeting.

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 (John 2:11)

V. Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory.

R. And His disciples began to believe in Him.

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: Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah speaks of the extraordinary joy that the Lord takes in his erring, exiled and failing people. It is a divine joy expressed in the language of love, marriage and intimacy.

GRADUAL (Hebrews 2:4; Psalms 22:26)

V. God added His testimony by signs, wonders, various acts of power, and distribution of the gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His will.

R. I will offer praise in the great assembly; my vows I will fulfill before those who fear Him.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

St. Paul reminds us that in all our differences, and through all our different ways of expressing the Gospel, we see the work of the one Spirit, active in our midst.

ALLELUIA (John 8:12)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

The sign worked at the wedding in Cana is named by John as Jesus' first sign, and one that showed the glory of who He was. It is here, in the family intimacy of the wedding, and the exchange between mother and son that

the great gift of God's presence is revealed.

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.

In all that you do say in the coming week you know the joyful presence of the Lord who delights in His people.

COMING EVENTS

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

- Jan. 20 Christian Unity Prayer Service – Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church at 6:30PM
- Feb. 7 Annual Parish Meeting
- Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 20 Community Meal at the Zion Lutheran Church (12-2:00PM)
- Feb. 24 Lenten Community Service (our place) at 7:00PM

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, January 10 – 14.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Walter Madej**, his family and parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus in New York Mills, NY.

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 20 – Sherri Larson.



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 – Eugenia Tyrrell – Joseph Demnitski. 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).



DEATH NOTICE – **Mr. Joseph Anthony Petrusky** passed away on Monday, January 11, 2016 at age 85. Mr. Joseph was an **an Acting Vice-Chairman** of the Parish Committee **in our parish** and the **Long Time Chairman of the Holy Ghost Parish in Shenandoah, PA**. We lost such a great member of our community, devoted man to his family, to the Church and to the Country. May He Rest in Peace. His funeral took place on **Friday, January 15. Eternal rest...**




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: **Jan. 24:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 31:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Feb. 7:** Sp. Stanley & Loretta Kovalewski; **Feb. 14:** Sp. Mary Ann David; **Feb. 21:** Sp. Lauren Feudale; **Feb. 28:** Sp. Paul Elsavage. **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 2016 per Adult Member: \$124.00 Per Year
The dues should be paid \$124.00 total in one payment until **December 31, 2016**.

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.

BLESSING OF HOMES – for this year is completed. Thank you to our Parishioners who invited the pastor, for your warm welcome and generous offerings. May God Bless You.

 **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.**

WOMAN, WHAT IS THAT TO ME?

At the Cana wedding reception Jesus seems to speak rudely to his mother. He calls her "woman" when she suggests that bridal couple need help. Actually the translation is poor. Jesus calls his mother, "My Lady" which is a title for a noblewoman and hence a courtesy. Jesus may not be refusing to come to their assistance. His remark, "My hour has not come" may also be translated as a question, "Has my hour come?" In other words he is asking Mary's advice about the time for his ministry to begin. This public sign of power will propel him along the course that will lead to his death and resurrection.

THE HAND WASHING RITUAL

Before eating, Jewish people must ritually wash their hands, as follows: They first must fill a spout-less vessel with water. Then they pour the water over the round smooth rim, onto their hands. The most common practice is to pour first over the right hand three times, then the left three times, using up all the water. Finally they dry their hands and recite a blessing. If they leave the table for any reason during the meal, this process must be repeated. There is no wonder that so many stone jars of water were handy, when Jesus changed the water into wine.