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Polish National Catholic Church**

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Third 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 24th – III Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel comes from St. Luke who, after an introduction, records the initial teaching of Jesus.

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

^ ANS Election Meeting.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; **Mark 16:15-18**; **Tue.**, 2 Samuel 6:12b-15.17-19; Mark 3:31-35; **Wed.**, 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20; **Thu.**, 2 Samuel 7:18-19.24-29; Mark 4:21-25; **Fri.**, 2 Samuel 11:1-4a.5-10a.13-17; Mark 4:26-34; **Sat.**, 2 Samuel 12:1-7a.10-17; Mark 4:35-41

MONDAY, January 25th - **Conversion of St. Paul**

8:30AM - Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

TUESDAY, January 26th - Weekday

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. William and Josephine Zamonas...(All Souls).

WEDNESDAY, January 27th - Weekday

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. John David Sr. ...(All Souls).

THURSDAY, January 28th - Weekday

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Sophia Stetts**, of. by Ms. Carol Blackwell.

FRIDAY, January 29th - Weekday

6:00PM - Holy Mass, intention: for **Alicja Zaborowska** (God's blessing), of. by Janina Plichta & family.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 31st – IV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Music Scholarship Sunday

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

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 (Psalms 147: 1-3)

V. How good to celebrate our God in song; how sweet to give fitting praise. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, gathers the dispersed of Israel.

R. Heals the brokenhearted, binds up their wounds.

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: Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10

Ezra the priest reads and explains the Law to the people, assuring them that „the joy of the Lord is your stronghold”.

GRADUAL (Psalms 30:11)

V. Hear, o Lord, have mercy on me; O Lord, be my helper.

R. With my whole being I sing endless praise to You. O Lord, my God, forever will I give You thanks.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Just as the body is one, though it has many members, so too is Christ. Each member has need of the others with their particular gifts.

ALLELUIA (Psalms 146:2)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Praise the Lord, my soul; I shall praise the Lord all my life, sing praise to my God while I live.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

St. Luke introduces his Gospel and then records Jesus' initial teaching at Nazareth, a summary of His entire ministry.

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.

Today Jesus has spoken to you through His word and fed you with His body and blood; may He continue to inspire you in

the week ahead.

COMING EVENTS

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

- 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**.

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners who helped to remove Christmas decorations: **Mrs. Janina Plichta** (she did 80% of work) and to **Mr. Lance Nelson, Mr. James Abicunas** and **Father Robert** for finishing this work on past Monday!

- ▲ The parish is looking (2 months) for someone who will be able to repair one of heaters in the church. Please – contact the rectory.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, January 17 – 26.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Bishop Paul Sobiechowski**, his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manchester, NH [easterndiocesepncc.org]; FB: Holy Trinity Cathedral.

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: Jan. 24 – Geraldine Panco; Jan. 25 – Dolores Halaburda; Jan. 26- Jan Cegielski; Jan. 30 – Jiselle Petrusky.



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).



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. 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.**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in 1908 as the **Octave of Christian Unity**, and focused on prayer for church unity. The dates of the week were proposed by Father Paul Wattson, cofounder of the Graymoor Franciscan Friars. He conceived of the week beginning on the Feast of the Confession of Peter, the Protestant variant of the ancient Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, on January 18, and concluding with the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul on January 25. Pope Pius X officially blessed the concept, and Benedict XV "encouraged its observance throughout the entire Roman Catholic Church." For a while, the observance was renamed the "Chair of Unity Octave" by Wattson, in order to emphasize the relationship between Christian unity and the Petrine See (*i.e.*, the papacy).

Protestant leaders in the mid-1920s also proposed an annual octave of prayer for unity amongst Christians, leading up to Pentecost Sunday (the traditional commemoration of the establishment of the Church).

In 1941, the Faith and Order Conference changed the date for observing the week of unity prayer to that observed by Catholics. In 1948, with the founding of the World Council of Churches, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity became increasingly recognised by different churches throughout the world.

In 1958, the French Catholic group Unité Chrétienne and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches (a body which includes, among others, most of the world's Orthodox churches as well as many Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Reformed, United and Independent churches) begin co-operative preparation of materials for the Week of Prayer. The year 1968 saw the first official use of materials prepared jointly by the Faith and Order Commission and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, representing the entire Catholic Church. Collaboration and cooperation between these two organizations has increased steadily since, resulting recently in joint publications in the same format.

