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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"

Czwarta Niedziela Zwyczajna

January 31, 2016

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 – Contemporary liturgy in English.

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

Jesus is not afraid to upset His listeners in the cause of what is true and right. Our own courage to do the same only comes to us through His grace and support.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 2 Samuel 15:13-14.30. 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20; **Tue.**, Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40; **Wed.**, 2 Samuel 24:2.9-17; Mark 6:1-6;

Thu., 1 Kings 2:1-4.10-12; Mark 6:7-13; **Fri.**, Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29; **Sat.**, 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

TUESDAY, February 2nd – Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord

6:00PM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Marianna Zaborowska**, of. by Mrs. Janina Plichta & family.

WEDNESDAY, February 3rd – *Weekday*

6:00AM – Holy Mass for Health.

THURSDAY, February 4th – *Weekday*

11:00AM – Holy Mass – intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

FRIDAY, February 5th – **First Friday of the month**

4:00PM - Holy Mass, intention: for **Victoria** on her Birthday.

5-6:00PM – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 7th - V Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Stanley and Loretta Kovalewski, of. by Mrs. Theresa Petrusky.

- ✠ Confession.
- ✠ Collection for missions.
- ✠ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ✠ **Annual Parish Meeting** after the 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.

ENTRANCE RITE (Psalms 106:47)

V. Save us, Lord, our God; gather us from among the nations.

R. That we may give thanks to Your Holy Name and glory in praising You.

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: Jeremiah 1:4-5.17-19

The Lord gives us the strength to carry out our calling to follow Him.

Responsorial Psalm: I will sing of Your salvation.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

The greatest of God's gifts is love.

ALLELUIA (Luke 4:18)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord sent Me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus enrages His audience by telling them His mission is not restricted to them.

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.

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GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

- ^ **Celebrant:** We turn to God in prayer, hoping that we may continue to grow in our understanding and practice of God's ways.
- We pray for the Church. May we grow in our love of Christ and our understanding of how to do His will. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - We pray for the world, especially for the victims of violence and oppression. May they find the courage and perseverance to keep living in faithfulness and love. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - We pray for all who are led into selfish or superficial options. May they find a deeper understanding of what is right and good and the courage needed to carry out that good in their lives. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - We pray for all who are sick and suffering members of our families and communities. May they be supported by the love and friendship of those who surround them. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - We pray for all who have died – especially for **Edward Bulcavage**– may they be received with joy into the kingdom of their Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ^ **Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, help us to make Your ways our ways. We ask this through the guidance of Your Holy Spirit and the love of Your Son, Jesus Christ. **R. Amen.**

May we be guided in our understanding by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the teachings of our Lord.

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**.

LAST WEEK STATISTIC: January 24 – 2.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Robert Nemkovich Jr.**, his family and parishioners of Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River, MA [blessedtrinitychurch.org] and Holy Cross Parish in Central Falls, RI [holycrosschurchpncc.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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 5 – Victoria Plichta.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – John Kruk – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – 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: **Feb. 7:** Sp. Stanley & Loretta Kovalewski; **Feb. 14:** Sp. Mary Anne David; **Feb. 21:** Sp. Lauren Feudale; **Feb. 28:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **March 6** – Cancer; **March 13:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **March 20:** 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 time until **December 31, 2016**.



CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child's religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at

9:45AM (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age must come to private Confession. **If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come and be well prepared for private confession at least once a month.** If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

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**.

RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

PNCC FUTURE DIRECTION – 2016 - ACTION PLAN FOR YEAR OF REVERENCE.

▲ **January** – Reverence of Prayer

Prayer is the lifting up of our minds and hearts to God. It is our talking with God and listening to God.

We pray: 1) to adore God, expressing our love and loyalty to Him; 2) to thank Him for His gifts to us; 3) to beg His pardon for our sins and shortcomings; 4) to ask His blessings and graces for ourselves and others.

We pray for God's help and guidance that we may live and work according to His holy will and attain salvation.

Prayer is necessary to salvation because we need God's help to achieve the purpose of life. We should pray with sincerity, faith, humility and perseverance.

We know that God hears our prayers because Jesus Christ promised: „If you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it to you.” God generously grants us what is needed for our happiness and salvation and lovingly refuses what He knows is not for our greater good.

We can pray through thought, word and deed. When we strive to be worthy of God's love and live according to His will - this is a living prayer.

We should pray for others: 1) to ask God's blessing on those we love; 2) we pray that He strengthens those in need; 3) we pray for our enemies that God grant them love and understanding; 4) we pray for the departed souls that God grant them salvation.

The perfect prayer is „Our Father...” because it was given to us by our Lord Himself. „Trespass” means injuries to others.

When we ask God to forgive the sins we commit we must be ready to show the same love and forgiveness toward those who have hurt us. God permits us to be tempted. We ask God to help us overcome temptation, knowing that good comes only through obedience to Him.