

**St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church**

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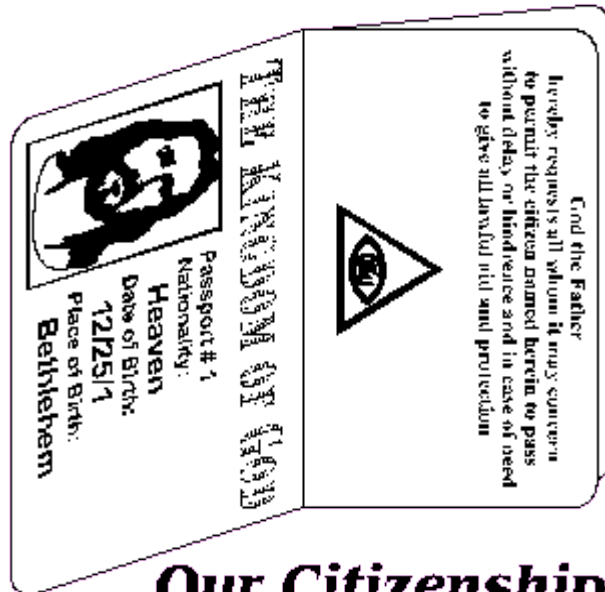
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**Our Citizenship
Is In Heaven**

Second Sunday of Lent - "C"

Druga Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 21, 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 – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, February 21st – II Sunday of Lent

The mysteries of life surround us. If we live by faith, love, the greatest of all mysteries, is the bright cloud that keeps us safe, for without faith, life is a darkness.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Lauren Feudale**, of. by Theresa Petrusky.

^ First day of Lenten Retreat.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38; **Tue.**, Isaiah 1:10.16-20; Matthew 23:1-12; **Wed.**, Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31; **Fri.**, Genesis 37:3-4.12-13a.17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43.45-46; **Sat.**, Micah 7:14-15.18-20; Luke 15:1-3.11-32

MONDAY, February 22nd - *Lenten Weekday*

8:30AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Antalosky's family...(All Souls)

TUESDAY, February 23rd - *Lenten Weekday*

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

WEDNESDAY, February 24th – **St. Matthias, Apostle**

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

7:00PM – Frackville Community Lenter Service (our church).

FRIDAY, February 26th - *Lenten Weekday*

6:00PM – Stations of the Cross.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 28th – **III Sunday of Lent**

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

▲ Second day of Lenten Spiritual Retreat (short conference before the Mass and Bitter Lamentations after the Mass including).

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 91:1-2)

V. You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

R. Say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust”.

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: Genesis 15:5-12.17-18

Human beings make covenants out of mistrust. God makes a covenant out of love.

GRADUAL (Psalm 25:8-9)

V. Good and upright is the Lord; Who shows sinners the way.

R. Who guides the humble rightly, and teaches the humble the way.

II Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

We are measured by the standards of heaven, our true home, not the standards of the earth.

TRACT (Psalms 27:8-9)

V. “Come,” says my heart, “seek God’s face;” Your face, Lord, do I seek!

R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

We are perfected not just by our own love but by the love of others. Christ is perfect because He is the perfectly beloved.

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.

My you take the light of the Lord's presence out into the world.

COMING EVENTS

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

March 6 Mass for those whose life was touched by a cancer

March 13 The oath of the Parish Committee and Officers of the Blessed Sacrament Society (before the Mass)

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 **Mr. Kenneth Payne** for snow removal from our parking. And thank you to **Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck** for taking care of it.

OUR 2016 PARISH COMMITTEE

Chairperson – Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck

Vice-Chairman – Mr. John Plaxa

Recording Secretary – Mrs. Sandra Elsavege

Treasurer – Mr. James Abicunas

Financial Secretary – Ms. Angela Elsavege

Directors: Mrs. Elaine Antalosky, Mrs. Eugenia Tyrrell, Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage, Mrs. Judith Touchinsky, Mrs. Betty Brazausky, Mrs. Jean Keim, Mr. George Tokarczyk, Mr. George Wycheck.

Congratulations and May God Bless You All!

- ^ **THANK YOU** to **Mr. Lance Nelson** and **Ms. Elizabeth Greenman** for serving on the Committee in the past years!
- ^ The newly elected Members of the Parish Committee will have their oath together with new officers of the Blessed Sacrament Society on Sunday, **March 13** when we celebrate Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC – before the Mass.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, February 14 – 14.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Andrzej Tenus**, his family and parishioners of St. Casimir's Parish in Lowell, MA[web. Stcasimirspncc.com; FB: St. Casimir's Polish National Catholic Church].

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.



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. **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. 28:** Sp. Paul Elsavege; **March 6** – Cancer; **March 13:** Sp. Paul Elsavege; **March 20:** Sp. Paul Elsavege. **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.

 **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.**

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

February – Reverence at Mass

The office of the priest in the Mass is to take the place of Jesus Christ and speak His words at the Consecration. Christ Himself is both Priest and Victim, therefore, the priest doesn't say, "This is the body of Christ" - but acting in the person of Christ, the priest says, "*This is My Body*" according to the Divine Command: "Do this in remembrance of Me."

The Mass applies the graces and merits of the one Saving Death of our Lord to our individual souls.

The priest may offer the Sacrifice of Mass to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the living and for the eternal repose of the dead.