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Fourth Sunday of Lent - "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, March 6th – IV Sunday of Lent

We gather today to remember the goodness, love and mercy of our God, and to celebrate God's goodness in this great act of thanksgiving.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Those, Whose Life was touched by Cancer.

- ^ Children confession.
- ^ Collection for missions.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54; **Tue.**, Ezekiel 47:1-9.12; John 5:1-16; **Wed.**, Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30; **Thu.**, Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47; **Fri.**, Wisdom 2:1a.12-22; John 7:1-2.10.25-30; **Sat.**, Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

MONDAY, March 7th - Lenten Weekday

8:30AM - Holy Mass, intention: for the **Remission of sins**.

TUESDAY, March 8th - Lenten Weekday

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Women of our Congregation (at International Women's Day).

WEDNESDAY, March 9th – Lenten Weekday

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

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

FRIDAY, March 11th - Lenten Weekday

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

6:00PM – Stations of the Cross.

March 12/13 (night) – Please, DO NOT FORGET TO CHANGE THE TIME (we'll sleep 1 hour less)

NEXT SUNDAY, March 13th – Passion Sunday – Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC

9:50AM – The Oath of the Parish Committee & Officers of the Blessed Sacrament Society.

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

- ▲ Third and last day of Lenten Spiritual Retreat (short conference before the Mass, Lenten Penitential Service with Confession) and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament after the Mass).
- ▲ Refreshments available after today's Liturgy. Come & Join Us!

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 78:21a,23-24)

V. The Lord commanded the skies above; and the doors of heaven He opened;

R. God rained manna upon them for food; bread from heaven He gave them.

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: Joshua 5:9-12

After renewing their covenant with the Lord, the people set out to take possession of the promised land.

GRADUAL (Nehemiah 9:20-21)

V. Your good spirit You bestowed on them, to give them understanding; Your manna You did not withhold from their mouths, and You gave them water in their thirst.

R. Forty years in the desert You sustained them: they did not want.

II Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

It is God who reconciles us though the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

TRACT (Deuteronomy 8:3,6)

V. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.

R. Therefore, keep the commandments of the Lord, your God, by walking in His ways and fearing Him.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3.11-32

The prodigal son comes to his senses and remembers his father's love.

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.

May the Lord, who never forgets us, enfold you in love and help you to be instruments of God's mercy in the world.

COMING EVENTS

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

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**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, February 28 – **24**.

2016 BLESSED SACRAMENT SOCIETY OFFICERS

President: Mrs. Janina Plichta

Vice-President/Recording Secretary: Mrs. Elaine Antalosky

Treasurer: Mrs. Marjorie Dean.

Congratulations! Thank you to former officers for their work and cooperation.

Membership dues of **\$10.00** is due by the end of March.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Fryderyk Banas**, his family and parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Ware, MA.

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: March 8 – Elizabeth Greenman; March 10 – Sarah Powanda, Dylan Andrusichen; March 11 – Connie Sincavage.



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: **March 13:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **March 20:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Apr. 3:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Apr. 10:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Apr. 17:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Apr. 24:** Sp. Helen Seamon. *Daily Masses are available at any time.*

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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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

O Saint Peregrine, you, who have been called “*The Wonder-Worker*” because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had rescue to you, who for so many years bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and who had recourse to the source of all grace when human power could do no more: you who were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction, ask of God and Our Lady the cure of these sick persons whom we entrust to you (*names of those for whom you are praying*). Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall praise God for His great goodness and mercy. Amen.

Holy Spirit, please reveal the cure for cancer. We ask You to increase the wisdom and knowledge of medical researchers as they perform cancer studies. We ask You to strengthen those persons who are being treated for cancer. Increase their endurance and patience as they undergo x-rays, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, biological therapy, hormone therapy, surgery, cryosurgery and other procedures. Holy Spirit, comfort and strengthen their family members. Help their family members to walk in love, peace, patience and faith. Please protect those who have not been touched by cancer. Destroy any triggers that would create cancerous cells in our bodies. Lord, help us to break poor eating and sleeping habits. Remind us to exercise, eat healthy and get enough sleep. Amen.