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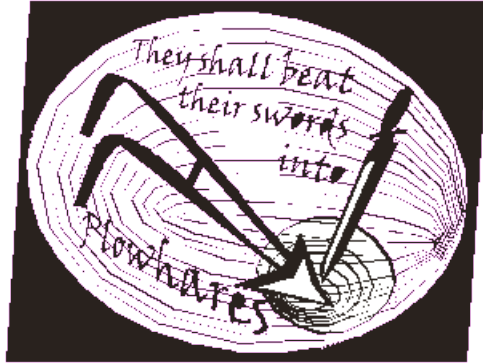
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**First Sunday of Advent - "A"**

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**November 27, 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, November 27<sup>th</sup> – I Sunday of Advent**

Jesus tells us to remain awake for the coming of the Son of Man. In Advent we prepare ourselves for His coming by living watchful lives.

**10:00AM – Holy Mass with reading of the Memorial List**, intention: for Sp. **Howard** and **Lucille Greenman**, of. by Ms. Elizabeth Greenman.

### **WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Isaiah 2:1-5; or Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11; **Tue.**, Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24; **Wed.**, Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22; **Thu.**, Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21.24-27; **Fri.**, Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31; **Sat.** Isaiah 30:19-21.23-26; Matthew 9:35 – 10:1.5a.6-8

**MONDAY, November 28<sup>th</sup> – Advent Weekday**

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Stanley Leonarczyk Sr...(All Souls)

**TUESDAY, November 29<sup>th</sup> – Advent Weekday**

7:25AM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention for: Sp. Keim family...(All Souls)

**WEDNESDAY, November 30<sup>th</sup> – Feast – St. Andrew, Apostle**

7:25AM - Rorate Mass – intention: for all Parishioners.

**THURSDAY, December 1<sup>st</sup> – Advent Weekday**

7:25AM - Holy Mass – intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

**FRIDAY, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – First Friday of the month**

7:25AM – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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

**SATURDAY, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Advent Weekday**

10:00-11:00AM – First Holy Communion Catechism Class.

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 4<sup>th</sup> - II Sunday of Advent**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Eugenia Tyrrell, of. by...

- ^ Confession.
- ^ Collection for missions.
- ^ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**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 25:1-3)**

V. I wait for You, o Lord; I lift up my soul to my God. In You I trust; do not let me be disgraced; do not let my enemies gloat over me.

**R. No one is disgraced who waits for You, but only those who lightly break faith.**

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 2:1-5**

*Isaiah has a vision in which all peoples will stream to the Temple of the Lord, and He will establish a kingdom where there will be no more war.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

**II Reading: Romans 13:11-14**

*St. Paul urges the Romans to give up the ways of the night and to live sober lives in the light of the day.*

**ALLELUIA (Psalms 85:8)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Show us, Lord, Your love; and grant us Your salvation.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44**

*Jesus urges His disciples to remain awake and ready for the coming of the Son of Man.*

**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.

**THE PROFESSION OF FAITH** [PAGE 71]  
**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**Celebrant:** Let us place all our trust in God as we pray for our needs and the needs of the world.

- For the Prime Bishop and Bishops of the Church: we pray that they will be a true sign of God's will to heal wounded humanity. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who rule us in civil society; we pray that they will never see any person as beyond hope. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all who feel themselves abandoned: that they will come to experience the care and love of Jesus Christ. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who damage their lives through the abuse of drugs: that they may overcome all that prevents them from being fully human. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray that the faithful departed – especially for **Howard** and **Lucille Greenman** – will come to experience joy in the kingdom of peace. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, You sent Your only Son into this world to bring us the fullness of humanity. We ask that in this season of Advent we will grow in His love to overcome all that prevents us being fully human, through Christ our Lord **R. Amen.**

May you find healing and joy through the care and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**COMING EVENTS**

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

Dec. 3 & 17 – First Holy Communion Catechism Class (10:00AM)

Dec. 11 – Advent Penitential Service & Covered Dish Christmas Party

Dec. 18 – Decoration the church for Christmas – after the Mass.

**Dec. 24 – Christmas Vigil Mass – 4:00PM; Christmas Eve Mass – 10:00PM**

**Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass – 10:00AM – Sunday**

**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 **Joe** for his help at the altar last Sundays;

- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;

- to the **Sunday greeters.**

**DIOCESAN CHURCH DUES** – has been increased to \$25.00; therefore beginning January 2017, our church dues will be \$137.00 per adult member.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Gastone Bernacchi**, his family and parishioners of All Saints Parish in Pisa, Italy.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: November 28 – Joanne Plaxa; November 29 – Michelle Boychak; November 30 – Crystin Stetts.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY 2016** – covered dish, will take place on **Sunday, December 11 after**

**the Mass** in the hall.

Everyone are welcome! If you decide to join us at this celebration, please sign up the list in the vestibule and what kind of food you would like to bring for the party. Please, bring one inexpensive gift also. Parents and guardians are responsible to provide gifts for their children. The deadline to sign your name is **November 30**.

**2017 HOME BLESSING** – if anyone wishes their home to be blessed, please sign the list in the vestibule, or contact Fr. Robert personally. The deadline is: **November 30, 2016**. Thank you for your cooperation.





**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Raymond Drada - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik. At **Nursing Homes: NY** – Cecelia Pyzowski. *Frackville Nursing Home* – John Etcho (303). *H & R Center Tremont*: Dolores Halaburda.



**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: Dec. 4** – Sp. Eugenia Tyrrell; **Dec. 11** – Sp. Susan Bertobednarek; **Dec. 18** – Sp. James Dean; **Dec. 25** – all Parishioners.

 **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.

 **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.