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Solemnity – Nativity of the Lord - “A”
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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 – Contemporary liturgy in English.

Today, December 25th – Nativity of the Lord

The God and Father we cannot see reveals himself to us through His Son. On this Christmas Day we rejoice in the faith that enlightens our life.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Dec. 26: Acts 6:8-10. 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22; **Dec. 27:** 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a.2-8; **Dec. 28:** 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18;
Dec. 29: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35; **Dec. 30:** 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40; **Dec. 31:** 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

MONDAY, December 26th – Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Louise Gursky**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Chester Gursky.

TUESDAY, December 27th – Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
5:00PM - Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY, December 28th – Holy Innocents
9:00AM - Holy Mass – intention: for all Parishioners.

SATURDAY, December 31st – Feast – Holy Family
10:00AM – Holy Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, January 1, 2017 - Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord
10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Edward Bulcavage, of. by wife, Flossy.
^ 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 (*Isaiah 9:5; Psalm 98:1a*)

V. A Child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

R. Sing a new song to the Lord, Who has done wondrous deeds.

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 52:7-10

Joyful news comes to a broken world.

Responsorial Psalm: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

II Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

In Jesus, born of Mary, God reveals himself to us.

ALLELUIA

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

Jesus, Son of God, is the light of the world.

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: Called to be God's children, let us pray for the grace to be like Christ.

- For the Prime Bishop and Bishops of the Church: may they be true disciples of the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For parents and children everywhere: may goodness and love sustain them in unity throughout their lives. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For children who have no home: may we grow in compassionate service to help all who are alone in the world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all who suffer the pain of a broken home: may they find help and hope for life, and persevere in the love of God. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all deceased members of our families and parish: may their memory and their prayers sustain us through life. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into our world as the Word made flesh, whose birth we celebrate this Christmas Day; we ask You to grant our prayers through the same Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May the Lord, who came into our world to scatter the darkness, bring light into our lives.

COMING EVENTS

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

Jan. 6 – Blessing of homes begins.

Feb. 5 – Annual Parish meeting.

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 Parishioners for help to sing;

- 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.

THANK YOU very much to our **Parishioners** for sending Christmas wishes to the rectory. Thank you to everyone who remember Father Robert and his family sending cards and all gifts during this Christmas time! May God bless you!

THANK YOU: very much to all of our Parishioners who so beautifully decorated our church for Christmas.

Thank you very much to our Parishioners for sending Christmas donations and Flowers donation to the parish.

Mr. Lance Nelson purchased the salt-spreader to put salt on our side walk, if necessary. Thank you so much for such a nice gesture!

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Charles Henderson, Father Mark Raya**, their families and parishioners of Annunciation of the BVM Parish in San Antonio, TX.



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 – Joanne Plaxa. 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.



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.

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2016**. Therefore, please, be responsible for your own church and fulfill your obligation to the Parish before that date. **THANK YOU**. A member, who fulfills the financial obligation to the Parish, by paying our yearly dues (**\$124.00**), is a financial good standing member of the Church. This means that he/she is a voting member of the Parish, can be elected to the Parish Committee, can be elected as a delegate for Synods and Seniorate Council, can be married in the church, and when time comes could be buried at the Parish Cemetery.



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**.

At Christmas

A man is at his finest towards the finish of the year;
He is almost what he should be when the Christmas seasons here;
Then he's thinking more of others than he's thought the months before,
And the laughter of his children is a joy worth toiling for.
He is less a selfish creature than at any other time;
When the Christmas spirit rules him he comes close to the sublime.

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.

“Lord Jesus, I want to know You personally. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life to You and ask You to come in as my Savior and Lord. Take control of my life. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Bring peace to my world this Christmas. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.”