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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - "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 – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, January 15th – II Sunday in Ordinary Time

At His baptism, Jesus was proclaimed God's beloved Son and anointed with the Holy Spirit. We who are baptized into life with Jesus are also called to serve as God's instruments in the world, co-creators with Jesus in bringing about God's kingdom.

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

- ⋄ ANS Election Meeting.
- ⋄ Removing decorations from the church.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22; **Tue.**, Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28; **Wed.**, Hebrews 7:1-3.15-17; Mark 3:1-6; **Thu.**, Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12; **Fri.**, Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19; **Sat.**, Hebrews 9:2-

3.11-14; Mark 3:20-21

WEDNESDAY, January 18th – **St. Peter's Chair at Antioch** – *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*

7:25AM - Holy Mass for all **Parishioners**.

6:30PM – Ecumenical Service – Wesleyan Church

SATURDAY, January 21st – *Weekday*

10:00AM – First Holy Communion Catechism Class.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 22nd – *III Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

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 42:1)

V. Here is My Servant Whom I uphold, My chosen One with Whom I am pleased.

R. Upon Whom I have put My Spirit; He shall bring forth justice to the nations.

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 49:3.5-6

God's servant is called to bring all people to God, to be „the light of all nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth”.

GRADUAL (Isaiah 49:8-9a)

V. Thus says the Lord: in a time of favor I answer you, on the day of salvation I help you, to restore the land and allot the desolate heritages.

R. Saying to the prisoners: Come out! To those in darkness: Show yourselves!

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

St. Paul prays that the people of Corinth will experience the grace and peace of Christ, and be called into communion with one another and with Christ.

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 61:1a)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw the Spirit of God come down upon Jesus in the form of a dove and identifies Jesus as „the Chosen One of God” and „the lamb of God that takes away the sin 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.

May we make known the great love of God in ow we live our lives, in how we do justice, love kindness and walk humbly without God.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

(5:00PM – 6:00PM).

Jan. 15 – ANS election meeting after the Mass (or Jan. 22).

March 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 Sunday;
- 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 Gary Spencer**, his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Woodlawn, NY [web: holytrinitypncc.weebly.com].



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: Jan. 20 – Sherri Larson; Jan. 21 – Lucas Tokarczyk.



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 – Frank Savitsky. At **Nursing Homes:** NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. ***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.

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.**

PNCC Future Direction Message - If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

P.N.C.C. Future Direction - Action Plan for P.N.C.C. Parishes in 2017: Year of Commitment

JANUARY – Commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church

If a person is committed to Christ and to a Christ-honoring church, that commitment to the church will be demonstrated in a variety of ways including:

*A committed member will be devoted to God and the Scriptures: Growing, learning, obeying and sharing God's word (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 3:16,17).

*A committed member will live a life of love – being kind to others, caring for others, serving others and giving to others (Romans

12:9-16).

*A committed member will be actively praying with the church and for the church (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

*A committed member will be using his or her spiritual gifts in ministry (1 Peter 4:10,11).

*A committed member will contribute financially to the local church (Galatians 6:6; 1 Corinthians 16:1,2).

*A committed member will be faithful in attending the weekly worship service (Hebrews 10:25).

*A committed member will live in a loving and honoring relationship with the elders of the church who are given by God to provide humble, servant leadership to the local church (1 Peter 5:1-5).

Questions for Prayerful Reflection:

What is our commitment to Christ and His Church?

Do we pray daily? Before all our meals? Often?

Do we attend Holy Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist regularly?

Is our spiritual commitment to Christ reflected in the choices we make daily?

Do we read God's Word on a regular basis?

Do we perform the spiritual works of mercy in our lives?

I. Growth and Membership II. Increase Spirituality

III. Lifelong Learning IV. Sacred Vocations

V. Community Involvement

Complete at least four community service projects: One service project could be in conjunction with the Institution of the P.N.C.C. in March 2017 and the others, selected by the local parish. It is important that these three projects be done in the local community of the parish so that these efforts will create a greater presence of the parish in the community.

Various options include but are not limited to: Food Drives, serving a free meal for the community, providing a community breakfast/meal for First Responders – for Veterans, prayer blanket ministry, clothing drive for the community, sponsoring a local family in need, responding to a particular need in the local community, etc.

Stewardship component: To increase our financial commitment to our parishes, diocese and national church components will be developed. A Pamphlet will be shared with all parishes. We then encourage parish committees to communicate this