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Third 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 22nd – III Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus took ordinary and humble people and made them heralds and apostles of the kingdom of God. He can empower us all to become workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Hebrews 9:15-24-28; Mark 3:22-30; **Tue.**, Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35; **Wed.**, Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18; **Thu.**, Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25; **Fri.**, Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34; **Sat.**, Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19; Mark 4:35-41

MONDAY, January 23rd – *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass for Sp. **Edward Bulcavage**, of, by wife, Flossy.

WEDNESDAY, January 25th – **Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle** – *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends*
Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

SATURDAY, January 28th – *Weekday*
10:00AM – Requiem (Memorial) Holy Mass for Sp. Hildegarde Tomczyk.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 29th – *IV Sunday in Ordinary Time*
10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. James Dean, of, by wife, Marjorie.

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 27:1)

V. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

R. The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?

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 8:23-9:3

The prophet foresees the great day of liberation when the Lord will visit His people.

GRADUAL (Psalms 22:27-28)

V. The poor will eat their fill; those who seek the Lord shall praise. May your hearts enjoy life forever!

R. All the ends of the earth will worship and turn to the Lord; All the families of nations will bow low before You.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13.7

St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that the person of Christ and His sacrificial death and resurrection are the basis of their unity.

ALLELUIA (Psalms 126:3)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord had done great things for us; Oh, how happy we were!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus proclaims that the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled in His own person, and He begins to gather the apostles about Him.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Thou Creator Spirit blest. And in our souls take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Amen.

Jesus blessed the apostles and gave His authority; may we too go out in His name, joyfully bearing His message.

COMING EVENTS

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

March 1 – Ash Wednesday.

March 5 – Annual Parish meeting.

March 12 – The Oath of the Parish Committee Officers.

March 19 & 26 – Lenten Spiritual Retreat.

April 9 – Palm Sunday.

April 16 – Easter Sunday.

May 14 – Mother's Day Celebration.

May 21 – First Holy Communion Day Celebration.

June 18 – Father's Day Celebration.

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 & Dylan** for their help at the altar last Sunday;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

THANK YOU very much to our **Parishioners** who helped to remove Christmas decorations from the church last Sunday!

PLEASE, KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS our New President, the Government and the Entire Country!

HOMES BLESSING – this year is almost completed. Father Robert visited 21 houses. Thank you so much for your kindness, great atmosphere and all donations. May God Bless You!

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 Senior Francis Kadryna**, his family and parishioners of Parish of Our Lady in Brant, NY [web: parishofourlady.org; FB: Parish of Our Lady – Brant, NY] and St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Niagara Falls, NY [web: saintmichaelncc.org].



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: Jan. 24 – Geraldine Panco; Jan. 25 – Dolores Halaburda; Jan. 26 – Jan Cegielski.



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

- 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 with the people and stress to them that stewardship is an integral part of a lived faith.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To instruct the ignorant
- To correct offenders
- To counsel the doubtful
- To comfort the sorrowful
- To suffer injuries with patience
- To forgive offenses and wrongs
- To pray for the living and the dead

