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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"**

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**January 29, 2017**

*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, January 29<sup>th</sup>** – IV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Music Scholarship Sunday

News often needs some explaining. Our task is not only to hear the Good News proclaimed by Jesus but to make clear its meaning to others.

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **James Dean**, of, by wife, Marjorie.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20; **Tue.**, Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43; **Wed.**, Hebrews 12:4-7.11-15; Mark 6:1-6; **Thu.**, Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40; **Fri.**, Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29; **Sat.**, Hebrews 13:15-17.20-21; Mark 6:30-34

**MONDAY, January 30<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

Holy Mass, intention for: **Alicja Zaborowska** (on her birthday)

**TUESDAY, January 31<sup>st</sup>** – *Weekday*

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

**WEDNESDAY, February 1<sup>st</sup>** – *Weekday*

Holy Mass for health.

**THURSDAY, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord – *Blessing of Candles*

9:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Marianna Zaborowska**.

**FRIDAY, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** – **First Friday of the month**

Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus – intention: for all **Parishioners**.

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

**SATURDAY, January 4<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

10:00AM – First Holy Communion Catechism Class.

**NEXT SUNDAY, February 5<sup>th</sup>** – *V Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Loretta and Stanley Kovalewski, of. by Mrs. Theresa Petrusky.

- ⤴ 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 32:1-2)**

V. Happy is the sinner whose fault is removed, whose sin is forgiven.

**R. Happy those to whom the Lord imputes not guilt, in whose spirit is no deceit.**

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: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**

*Like many prophets, Zephaniah stresses the need for people to seek out the Lord, to heed his word and to become a humble people.*

Responsorial Psalm: **Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

### **II Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

*God chose those who are deemed weak in the eyes of the world to be God's own.*

### **ALLELUIA (Matthew 5:12)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

*Jesus outlines those to whom the kingdom of God belongs, including those who are poor in spirit, the merciful, those who mourn and those who hunger and thirst for what is right.*

### **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:** The kingdom of God is at hand. Let us pray for all who need to hear the Good News in word in action.

- For the Church: that we, its members, may faithfully announce the Good News by our lives and draw others to Christ through our deeds of love and words of compassion. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the courage to hunger and thirst for what is right, to be peacemakers: may our efforts to live the Beatitudes help make the kingdom of God more visible. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all who face prejudice and discrimination: may God heal their wounds and may their brothers and sisters show them greater understanding. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all who are suffering from illness of any kind: may they experience the healing power of Christ in their lives. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the **President** of the **U.S.** and for the entire **Government**: may they succeed in their mission to lead our nation wisely.

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

**Celebrant:** Father, Your Son proclaimed the Good News of Your kingdom in word and deed. Hear the prayers we offer on behalf of our brothers and sisters in need. We ask You to grant them through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May the Lord be with you in your work, your prayer and your presence to others in the week ahead.

**COMING EVENTS**

**FRACKVILLE** – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5 – 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 **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;

- to the **Sunday greeters**.

**RECTORY NEWS** – the refrigerator in rectory was repaired on Friday. Thank you to **Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck** for making arrangements.

**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 Paul Zomerfeld**, his family and parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Johnstown, PA.



**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.



**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.

#### **THE NATURE OF HUMILITY**

True humility is a virtue, which means that it should be so much a part of you that it becomes almost automatic. But humility is often misunderstood. It doesn't mean that think little of yourself or that you belittle yourself. A humble person is one who is not too proud to ask for help. Sometimes you need to accept help, just to give the other person a chance to share your life and to let them feel useful. Never refuse an offer of help. Find something for the person to do. It's good for them and for you.

#### **WHOEVER BOASTS**

People who brag about themselves often do so because of low self-esteem. Others are really so self-centered that they brag to advertise. Either case is an example of a sin against humility. No one is truly self-made. We are the result of the contributions of dozens, probably hundreds of other people. Our greatest talents come from God. Paul is writing about a group of self-important missionaries in Corinth. They have been bragging that they have "secret knowledge" from Jesus that no one else possesses. Paul