

St. John the Baptist Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

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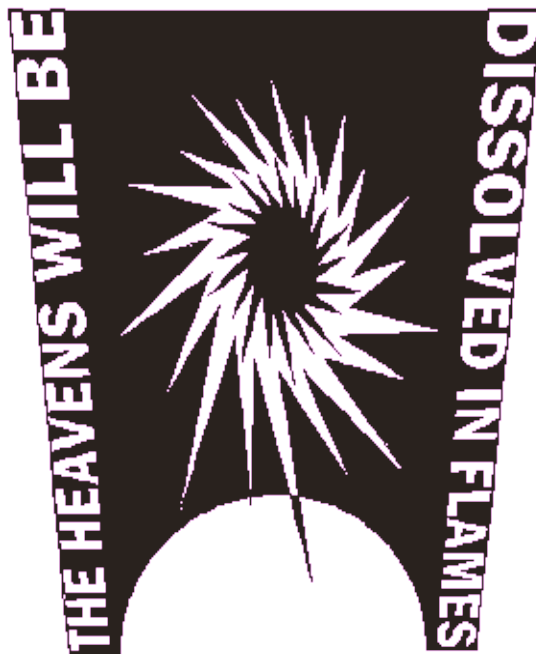
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Second Sunday of Advent - "B"

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December 10, 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 – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, December 10th - II Sunday of Advent



The Good News about Jesus Christ the Son of God is what draws us here today. We gather to give thanks for the healing and salvation that the Lord our God offers us in Jesus.

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

▲ **Christmas Party** in the hall.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26; **Tue.**, Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14; **Wed.**, Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30; **Thu.**, Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15; **Fri.**, Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19; **Sat.**, Sirach

48:1-4.9-11; Matthew 17:9a.10-13

MONDAY, December 11th – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Lawrence and Angelina Marciolli, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Chester Gursky.

WEDNESDAY, December 13th – *Advent Weekday*

6:30AM - Rorate Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

SATURDAY, December 16th – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM - Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Betty Gursky, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Chester Gursky.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 17th – *III Sunday of Advent*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Flossie Bulcavage, of. by Mr. & Mrs. George Wycheck.

- ⤴ Advent Penitential Service before the Mass.
- ⤴ Decorating the church for Christmas, after the Mass.

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 (John 1:6-8)

V. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

R. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

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 40:1-5.9-11

Isaiah offers a message of hope: the people are to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

GRADUAL (Psalm 50:3; 85:10)

V. Our God comes and will not be silent! Devouring fire precedes, storming fiercely round about.

R. Near indeed is salvation for the loyal; prosperity will fill our land.

II Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

God is patient, wanting nobody to be lost.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 62:2)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. See, upon the mountains there advances the bearer of good news, announcing peace!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News: Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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 the Lord, who comes to set us free, walk with you closely this day and lead you in the paths of holiness.

COMING EVENTS

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

(5:00PM – 6:00PM).

Dec. 17 – Advent Penitential Service begins before the Mass. Decorating the church for Christmas, after the Mass.

Dec. 24 – Sunday Mass – 10:00AM; Christmas Vigil Mass – 4:00PM; Christmas Mass (Pasterka) – 10:00PM.

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass – 11:00AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to:

- to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** for preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** and to the Parishioners who are singing;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Robert Nemkovich Jr.**, his family, and Parishioners of Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River, MA [web: blessedtrinitychurch.org; FB: Blessed Trinity PNCC], and Holy Cross Parish in Central Falls, RI [web: holycrosschurchpncc.org]

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (Oplatki) – are available in the vestibule. Free will offering are for our Organist, Mrs. Cindy. Thank you.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 14 – Angela Elsavege; December 16 – Helen Menzyk.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Janusz Lucarz - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Frank Savitsky – Jean Keim – Al Gursky. 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.

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SNOW and ICE ALERT – During winter days, please remember that we do not cancel our Worship Services.

In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth.

2017 EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMISSION RAFFLE – As fall is quickly approaching and we are all getting ready for the start of a new school year, the Education & Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America is hosting a raffle to benefit our College Stipend Program, which is awarded to those college students based on the rules and regulations of this commission.

The raffle will be held on December 14, 2017 @ the PNU Home Office, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa. Donations for these tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00.

First Prize – \$400 cash

Second Prize – Beats Pill + Bluetooth Speaker

Third Prize- Apple TV.

(raffle tickets can be obtained in your parish hall or the PNU Home Office)

We greatly appreciate your support and generosity as we try to encourage our youth to become the future leaders within our parish community and the Polish National Union of America. Monetary donations are also graciously accepted towards the funding for this stipend program, and can be mailed directly to the following address: **Education and Youth Commission, c/o PNU of America, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505 (checks made payable to Education and Youth Commission).** *Thank you, if you have any questions in regards to this program or raffle, please contact Mary Ann Stankowski @ 570-341-0986, or Carol Mikovsky @ 570-344-0916, ,or email EYC@pnu.org.*

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2017**. 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 (**\$137.00**), 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.

Week 2, Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.