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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"

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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 21st - III Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we learn that we are called to be prepared to repent and reorient our lives towards following Jesus and bringing the Good News out into the world.

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

^ Removing Christmas decorations after the Mass.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 2 Samuel 5:1-7.10; Mark 3:22-30; **Tue.**, 2 Samuel 6:12b-15.17-19; Mark 3:31-35; **Wed.**, 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20; **Thu.**, Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18; **Fri.**, 2 Samuel 11:1-4a.5-10a.13-17; Mark 4:26-34; **Sat.**, 2 Samuel 12:1-7a.10-17; Mark 4:35-41

MONDAY, January 22nd - Weekday

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for **Father Andrzej Ofiara**.

TUESDAY, January 23rd - Weekday

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Helena Kosobucka**, of. by Mrs. Janina Plichta.

Jan. 18 – Jan. 25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

THURSDAY, January 25th - **Feast – Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**
Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 28th – **IV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

^ Music Scholarship Sunday.

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 (Matthew 12:41; Acts 3:19-20a)

V. At the judgment, the men of Niniveh will arise with this generation and condemn it; because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and there is something greater than Jonah here.

R. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that sins may be wiped away, and that the Lord may grant you time of refreshment.

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: Jonah 3:1-5.10

Jonah is asked by God to go to the city of Niniveh and call upon the people to repent. They renounce their evil behavior and God is merciful to them.

GRADUAL (Micah 7:18-19)

V. Who is there like You, the God Who removes guilt and pardons sin for the remnant of His inheritance; Who does not persist in anger forever, but delights rather in clemency.

R. And will again have compassion on us, treading underfoot our guilt. You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away and we should not be too engrossed with material things.

ALLELUIA (Acts 17:30)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. God has overlooked the times of ignorance, but now he demands that all people everywhere repent.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls His first disciples and they follow without having an idea where it will lead them.

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.

Love is the Christian way of life; may the Lord help you to follow that way.

COMING EVENTS

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

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday

March 4 – Annual Parish Meeting
March 21 – Lenten Ecumenical Service (6:30PM here)
March 25 – Palm Sunday
April 1 – Easter Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to:

- to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** for preparing the altars, and the church for services, and thank you so much for you so many hours work during this week;
- 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**.

2018 HOMES BLESSING is completed. Father Robert visited with prayer and offer blessing to 19 families. Thank you so much for such a nice welcome, and for all generous donations. See you again in 2019.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Paul Lukaszewicz**, his family, and Parishioners of Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish in Chicopee, MA [web: hmrpncc.org; FB: Holy Mother of the Rosary].



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 21 – Lukas Tokarczyk; January 24 – Geraldine Panco; January 25 – Dolores Halaburda; January 26 – Jan Cegielski.



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.

PNCC 2018 Future Direction Plan Committee

Complete at least five community service projects: One service project could be in conjunction with the Solemnity of Humble Shepherds and the other, selected by the local parish. It is important that the five 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: A project to aid an assisted living facility, or other care facility i.e. nursing home, group home; volunteering for a special needs event; having a Mass or event for your local widow's group; aiding a family crisis center, 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, and/or responding to a particular need in the local community, etc.

DUES 2018. Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the 'family plan' method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the 2002 General Synod.

Each adult member (18 years old+) will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at St. John the Baptist parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

Total dues for 2018 per Adult Member: \$137.00 Per Year

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations:

Sunday Collection, St. Johns Fund, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Donations, Flower Funds, and Christmas