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Fourth 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 – Contemporary liturgy in English.

Today, January 28th – IV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Music Scholarship Sunday

Jesus of Nazareth is the Holy One of God. As He begins His preaching, people recognize something new, something unique and powerful.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 2 Samuel 15:13-14.30. 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20; **Tue.**, 2 Samuel 18:9-10.14b.24-25a.30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43; **Wed.**, 2 Samuel 24:2.9-17; Mark 6:1-6; **Thu.**, 1 Kings 2:1-4.10-12; Mark 6:7-13; **Fri.**, Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; **Luke 2:22-40**; **Sat.**, 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

MONDAY, January 29th - Weekday

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for **Father Leszek Wesolowski**.

FRIDAY, February 2nd - Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord

This feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as “The Encounter”. In the sixth century it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in France with solemn blessings and processions of candles. It is popularly known as “Candlemass”. The Presentation of the Lord formally concludes the celebration of the Nativity; with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

9 or 11:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Marianna Zaborowska**, of. by daughter, Janina Plichta & family.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, February 4th – V Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- ⋈ Confession.
- ⋈ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⋈ Collection for Missions.

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 48:17, Jeremiah 7:23b)

V. Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: ”I, the Lord, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go.”

R. Listen to My voice, then I will be your God, and you shall be My people. Walk in the ways that I command you, so that you may prosper.

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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

God will send a prophet who will speak God's words to us.

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

St. Paul advises people to give undivided attention to the Lord.

ALLELUIA (Matthew 4:16)

V. Alleluia, alleluia!

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

V. The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus in the synagogue demonstrates the power of God's word to heal and save us.

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.

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GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: The word of the Lord is powerful. Ask and you shall receive, He tells us.

- For the Prime Bishop and all bishops of the Church: may they grow in grace by listening to God's word. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For teachers everywhere: may they always appreciate their high vocation to speak and teach and educate. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - For each one present here today: may we always understand the power of our words in every human conversation. **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. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - For all souls are troubled: may the Lord in His goodness calm all anxious spirits. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - For all deceased members of our families – especially for **Leona Karvois** – and whose good deeds go with them: may they experience the fullness of life in Christ. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - For all in public life: may they speak respectfully and truthfully in all their dealings. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - For all of our needs ...**(PLEASE, NAME THEM NOW...)** **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant:** o that today we would listen to Your voice, Lord. Hear our prayers, almighty Father, and strengthen us to be faithful in all we do, through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May your lives be touched this day by the Lord's voice.

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** 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.**

THANK YOU to everyone, who show your dedication to our church, by remaining after the Mass, to remove Christmas decoration last Sunday!

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Robert Koerber**, his family, and Parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in So. Deerfield, MA [web: holynamedeerfield.org; FB: Holy Name of Jesus South Deerfield].



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 30 – Jiselle Petrusky.



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. 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.



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.

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.

WITH AUTHORITY

Jesus preaches his first sermon in Capernaum. It elicits a favorable response from the congregation. They admire the fact that he speaks "with authority" in contrast to the scribes. The latter could read and write, but were afraid to be pinned down on specifics. When asked a question, they would merely quote the opinions of others. They would not give a definitive response. They would answer one question with another. Jesus does give specifics; standing on his own authority to teach. This impresses his audience even more when he works a miraculous healing. There is definite power to his words. Christ is probably reluctant to work a miracle because it will throw focus on his healing power rather than his teachings. In a sense he is entering his first battle with Satan. The devil wants to distract people away from Jesus' message. The powers of evil win the first battle, but will lose the war.

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