

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"
Solemnity – Christ the King
Uroczystość Chrystusa Króla

November 25, 2018

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, November 25th – Solemnity – Christ the King - XXXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass with the reading of the *Memorial List*, intention: for Sp. **Bernard Halaburda Jr.**, of. by Mrs. Sandra Elsavage.

MONDAY, November 26th - *Weekday*

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

TUESDAY, November 27th - *Weekday*

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Paul Elsavage...(All Souls).

WEDNESDAY, November 28th - Weekday

6:00PM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Halaburda, Palmer, Wycheck families (All Souls).

THURSDAY, November 29th - Weekday

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Lucille & Howard Greenman...(All Souls).

FRIDAY, November 30th - Feast – St. Andrew, Apostle

9:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

SATURDAY, December 1st - Weekday

9:30AM – Holy Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, and Litany.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 2nd – I Sunday of Advent

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Julian Bednarek Sr., of. by Mrs. Julian Bednarek.

- Confession.
- 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 (Sirach 18:3; Psalm 22:28-29)

V. The Lord guides the world with a turn of His hand, and all things obey His will. For He is King of all, and by His power He separates what is holy from what is not.

R. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; All the families of the nations shall bow down before Him. For dominion is the Lord's, and He rules the nations.

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: Daniel 7:13-13

The prophet Daniel sees a new king coming in glory.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty.

II Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus Christ will gather all people into His embrace of mercy when He comes in glory.

ALLELUIA (Mark 11:9,10)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

Jesus is a witness to the gift of the kingdom of God. We catch glimpses of this kingdom when we see people living the values of justice, love, truth and peace.

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.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH [PAGE 71] GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: As God's holy people we present our needs and the needs of the world to the Lord. We offer our prayers.

- For the leaders in the Church: that concern for those who are poor and vulnerable will always be central to the mission of the Church. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for peace in our world, a peace built upon justice and truth, so that all women and men may be respected as equals and contribute to God's kingdom through their diversity. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for young people: that their faith may be sustained and that they will discover the ways in which the Lord is calling them to follow Him and serve other people. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for those who are sick: that they may know the healing power of the risen Christ. **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 deceased members of our families – especially for **Paul Elsavage** – and whose good deeds go with them: may they experience the fullness of life in Christ. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all of our needs...(PLEASE, NAME THEM NOW...) **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Inspire us, God our Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may walk in Your ways and help build Your kingdom through our loving actions. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

THANK YOU to our Parishioners who by your work, help and donations showed your dedication to our parish preparing the dinner last Sunday! May God Bless You All! Thank you to our Parishioners who purchased dinner, as well.

Hall for Rent is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.

- We are going to decorate our church for Christmas on **Sunday, Dec. 16** after the Holy Mass. Please, mark your calendar.
- **Upcoming liturgy events: Dec. 24 at 4:00PM – Christmas Vigil Mass; 10:00PM – Christmas Eve Mass (Pasterka); December 25 – 11:00AM Mass.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: November 28 – Joanne Plaxa; November 29 – Michelle Boychak; November 30 – Crystin Stetts.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Bishop Stanley Bilinski - 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 – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross. At **Nursing Home: in Frackville** – Thomas Justen; **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2018 – covered dish, will be held in our church hall on **Sunday, December 9, 2018** after the Mass. Everyone are welcome! If you decide to join us at this celebration, please sign up the list in the vestibule and what kind of food would you like to bring for the party. Please, bring one inexpensive gift also. Parents and guardians are

responsible to provide gifts for their children. The deadline to sign up is **December 2**.

2019 HOME BLESSING – will begin after January 6. If anyone would like your home to be blessed, please sign up your name on the list at the vestibule; deadline is **December 2**.

MESSAGE FROM MUSIC COORDINATOR:

Christmas Caroling Sign up Sheet is in the vestibule. If anyone would like to join this activity, please sign up your name.

Date: December 15 (Saturday) *flexible

Time: Tentatively 3-4:00PM

Please respond by: **Sunday, November 25**.



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.

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.

December – Resources for the family to spiritually prepare for Christmas together, a shared prayer when putting up their Christmas tree - small advent wreath for the home lit during the family meals. Recognizing and living the true meaning of Christmas as a family.

The Alpha and Omega

The book of Revelation has many parallels to the book of Daniel. Today's second reading seems to be a continuation of the first. The figure on the clouds is clearly identified as Jesus. One additional element is the reference to "Alpha" -- the first letter of the Greek Alphabet -- and Omega -- the last letter (equivalent to our long O). In English Jesus might say, "I am the A and the Z."

The text implies that all creation began with Christ and will end with him. Our past origins and our future salvation are only to be understood in and through Him.