

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
414 West Oak Street, Frackville, PA 17931
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Solemnity – Holy Family - “B”
Uroczystość Świętej Rodziny

January 3, 2021

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Following the rules – the Country and the Church – faithful attend services on their own responsibility.

Red phase: 10 people (no more!) could be in the church; yellow phase – 25, keep at least 6 feet social distance, you have to wear the face mask, use sanitizers. **Holy Communion will be distributed to those who would like to receive the Sacrament during the regular place of the Mass.**

Today, January 3rd – Holy Family

Holy Mass; intention: for Sp. **Joanne Plaxa**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. George Wycheck.

 Collection for Missions.

 Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

WEDNESDAY, January 6th – Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord (*holy day of obligation*)

10:00AM – Holy Mass

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

THURSDAY, January 7th – *Within the Octave of Epiphany*

8:00AM – Holy Mass; intention: for Father Paul Dudek, his family and parishioners of Holy Savior parish in Naugatuck, CT.

FRIDAY, January 8th – First Friday of the month

8:00AM – Holy Mass and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SATURDAY, January 9th – Within the Octave of Epiphany

8:45AM - Holy Mass and Litany to the BVM.

5:00PM – Holy Mass; intention: for all **Parishioners**.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 10th – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

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

Today's liturgy

On this Sunday, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. From His earliest days, Jesus' life is fraught with threat and rejection – a fate shared by His parents.

ENTRANCE RITE (Luke 2:15b-16)

V. The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

R. So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in a manger.

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: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

GRADUAL (Psalm 27:4a; 84:5)

V. One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life.

R. Happy are those who dwell in Your house! They never cease to praise You.

II Reading: Hebrews 11:8.11-12.17-19

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 45:15)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Truly with You God is hidden, the God of Israel, the Savior!

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

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.

Act of Spiritual Communion

(To be used at the time of communion when not receiving the sacrament or anytime we wish to be united with our Lord)

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters. The rectory's washing machine was repaired on Dec. 31, 2020; thank to **Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck** for making arrangements regarding it.

- **Hall for Rent** is available...**\$100.00 for 2 hours**/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and **\$50.00** returnable deposit.
- **February 17, 2021 – Ash Wednesday**
- **March 7, 2021 – Annual Parish meeting** after the Mass.

THIS WEEK PRAYER for: - Father Paul Dudek, his family and parishioners of Holy Savior parish in Naugatuck, CT.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Father Richard Wosiak - Helen Hopko - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Jean Keim – Betty Brazauskys - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen – Marjorie Dean - Jaden Leiby. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda (309); **Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA** – Marie Demnitski (223).



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.

FUTURE MASS INTENTIONS: Jan 10: Sp. James Dean; Jan. 17: Sp. Joanne Plaxa; Jan. 24: Sp. John David's family; Jan. 31: Sp. Joanne Plaxa; Feb. 7: Sp. Michael & Sophia Stetts; Feb. 14: Sp. James Dean; Feb. 21: Sp. John David's family.



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 2021 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods.

Develop and emphasize Discipleship through **2021: *Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This will give us a better sense of ourselves as the Church. During 2020 we will examine the lives of the early disciples of our Lord and their discipleship to see what we can learn from them and apply to our daily living. Please, see the monthly Future Direction messages regarding this effort with reflections for living this out daily.***

JANUARY – DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

Reflection and Action Item: Daniel was raised to high office by King Darius. His jealous rival trick the King to decree that no prayers should be addressed to anyone but the King. Daniel continued to be steadfast in his prayer to God. Thus, he was thrown into the lion's den and as we know God protected and saved him because of his great faith. As Daniel said "*My God sent His angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in His sight.*" (Daniel 6:22). This story teaches us that no one or nothing is a match for the True God and that God provides for those who are faithful and devoted to Him. So even in the midst of difficult and challenging times such as this ongoing pandemic – let us continue to put our faith and trust in God. Be steadfast in your **daily** prayer and encourage others to put their faith and trust in God, who will guide us through this storm. Do not lose heart but be strong in your faith and encourage others to do the same.



A PRAYER in OUR TIME of the CORONAVIRUS

(adapted from the monthly publication, America)

O Jesus Christ, my Savior and healer, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help, who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us. **Amen.**

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wiles and wickedness of the devil. Restrain him, o God, we humbly pray, and you, o Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin and destruction of souls. Amen.