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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “B”

Trzecia Niedziela Zwyczajna

January 22, 2012

“Go as far as you can see, and when you get there you will see farther.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 8:45AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, January 22nd – III Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time is a precious commodity. Jesus tells us that “the time has come”. Are we using our time as well as we can?

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Edward Bulcavage**, of. by Ms. Flossy Bulcavage & family.

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.**, Acts 22:3-16 or

Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18; **Thu.**, 2 Samuel 7:18-19.24-29; Mark 4:21-25; **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

TUESDAY, January 24th - St. Timothy, Bishop & Martyr

(+97). *St. Timothy was the son of a pagan father and a Hebrew-Christian mother, Eunice. He was a disciple of St. Paul and accompanied him on his journeys. St. Paul consecrated him Bishop of Ephesus. According to an early story, he was stoned to death by a mob when he opposed the observance of a pagan festival.*

7:30AM – Holy Mass; intention: for all **Parishioners**.

WEDNESDAY, January 25th – Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

The conversion of Saul of Tarsus while he was on his way to Damascus is one of the most touching miracles in the history of the early Church. It shows us how faith comes from grace and from one's free cooperation. The doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ receives proof and a clear illustration when Christ says, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" We should realize that the best way to hasten the unity of all Christians is to foster our own daily personal conversion.

7:30AM – Holy Mass; intention for Christian unity.

THURSDAY, January 26th - St. Polycarp of Smyrna, Bishop & Martyr

(+155). *He was converted to Christianity by St. John the Evangelist. He was later ordained Bishop of Smyrna (now Izmir, Turkey). He was about eighty-six when the Roman proconsul urged him to renounce Christ and save his life. St. Polycarp said, "For eighty-six years I have served Him and he Has never wronged me. How can I renounce the King who saved me?"*

7:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for those who are in Purgatory, of. by Fr. Robert.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 29th - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – **Music Scholarship Sunday**

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Edward Bulcavage, of. by Ms. Flossy Bulcavage & family.

▲ Collection for Music Scholarship.

▲ "Easter Eggs" Project meeting.

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN – **We Are One In The Spirit** – Binder

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side, We will work with each other, we will work

side by side, And we'll guard people's dignity and save each person's pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

I Reading: Jonah 3:1-5.10

The reluctant prophet Jonah finally does his job and preaches repentance.

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

St. Paul urges the Corinthians to put their lives in order.

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 wastes no time, but sets about His mission with urgency.

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN – Hail, Dear Mary – PNCC Hymnal, p. 236

1. Hail, dear Mary, praise and glory unto you we bring. Sing, o child, in exultation, of her virtues sing. Sing, o child, in exultation, of her virtues sing.
2. How her hands had served our Savior, Who this world had made. (Lo, the greatness of His glory, Mary's Son, our Lord.)
3. As His Mother He did love her, honored every word, (In obedience to her guidance, though He was her Lord.)
4. O dear children, if you seek a truly blessed life, (Honor Mary, as did Jesus throughout all His life.)

COMMUNION HYMN – Hallowed Be Forever – PNCC Hymnal, p. 155

1. Hallowed be forever, Living Host Divine, In which Christ our Savior hidden is sublime. **Refrain:** Hail Thou Jesus, Son of Mary, Thou art God eternal, Won'drous mystery.
2. Hallowed be forever, Thou Angelic Bread, Sacrament Most Holy, by which we are fed. **Refrain:**
3. Hallowed be forever, Shepherd Crucified, For us Thou didst suffer, for us Thou hast died. **Refrain:**
4. Hallowed be forever, ris'n in victory, In this Bread Most Holy we would worship Thee. **Refrain:**

RECESSIONAL HYMN – The Doxology – Volume 3, #4

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

May we be filled with a new sense of purpose to use our time well during the coming week, at work, at

prayer, at rest and at play.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Apr. 12th Diocesan Council meeting (Scranton, PA)
Oct. 11-13th, Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Feb. 20th Pastors meeting (Wilkes-Barre, PA 1:00PM)
May... Seniorate Council meeting (Shenandoah, PA)
June 7th Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

FRACKVILLE

Feb. 22nd Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at 7:30PM
Apr. 29th "Chinese" Auction

SHENANDOAH

Jan. 8th Annual Parish meeting after the Holy Mass
Feb. 22nd Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at 6:00PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to:

- **Mrs. Betty Brazausky** and members of the Parish for preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** for musical preparations, and to the Choir members;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector,
- to the **Sunday greeters**, the people working on fundraisers.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home;. if your phone number or address change;. if you have a prayer concern.

'KOLEDA – BLESSING OF HOMES – is almost completed. Thank you so much for your kindness, all donations, and nice discussions.

EASTER EGG PROJECT – St. John the Baptist Parish is asking our Parishioners for help at this fundraiser. We need everyone's prayer and help to succeed. If you feel a part of our congregation please sign your name on the list in the back of the church, including a time of a day when you may come for help. Thank you so much!!! A special "Easter Eggs Project" meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 29** immediately after the Holy Mass in the church.

ANS NEWS – Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society meeting will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 12** after the Holy Mass. A \$10.00 membership dues is due this month.

ST. JOHN PARISH is looking for the additional voices to our **Choir**: both men and ladies. If you feel that you can help us, please join our Parish Choir. Thank you.

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.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Krzysztof Mendelewski**, his family and parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish in Davie, FL.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 22 – Dolores Halaburda.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – James Chistakoff – Josephine Studlick – Dorothy Halaburda – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - George Chesko – Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage. At **Nursing Homes**: Helen Chistakoff - Eugenia Halaburda – Dolores Halaburda - ***Frackville Nursing Home*** – Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108) – Stanley Bulcavage (313); NY – Cecelia Pyzowski.



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.

UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS: **Jan. 29:** sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Feb. 5:** sp. Charles Touchinsky; **Feb. 12:** sp. Etcho family. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.*



CHINESE AUCTION will be held on **April 29, 2012** in the parish hall. We are asking all parishioners to help with the fundraiser by donating new items for this event. We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone's help is needed especially on the day of the auction. The ANS Society is asking Parishioners for donating items for **Big** and **Small** tables. Thank you!

THE MANOR AT WAYMART – a personal care facility, is located in beautiful waymart, PA near the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center. We invite you to contact us at **570-488-6829** or manoratwaymart@echoes.net for rates, room availability, or to arrange a tour of our facility. Also these are our **room rates**: Semi-Private - \$2,097.00; Private - \$2,646.00; Private Deluxe - \$3,087.00.



CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child's religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **8:30AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age should come to **private** Confession. If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come for private confession at least once a month. If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert



WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship.

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.

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Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage