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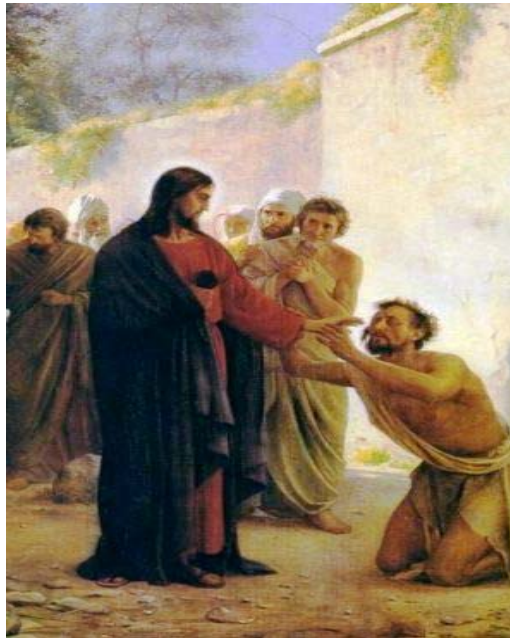
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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “B”**

Szósta Niedziela Zwyczajna

**February 12, 2012**

“Some people conduct their lives on the cafeteria plan – self-service only”.

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, February 12<sup>th</sup> – VI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As Jesus heals the leper in today's Gospel, so Jesus can heal us from the damaging effects of sin in our lives.

**8:45AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for deceased members of **Etcho** family, of. by Mr. John Etcho.

- ⌘ Blessed Sacrament Society meeting after the Holy Mass.
- ⌘ Confirmation class.

## WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13; **Tue.**, James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21; **Wed.**, James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26; **Thu.**, James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33; **Fri.**, James 2:14-24.26; Mark 8:34-9:1; **Sat.**, James 3:1-10; Mark 9:2-13

### TUESDAY, February 14<sup>th</sup> - *Weekday*

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

### THURSDAY, February 16<sup>th</sup> - *Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Prime Bishop Francis Hodur**, of. by Fr. Robert (59<sup>th</sup> anniversary).

### NEXT SUNDAY, February 19<sup>th</sup> - *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

## 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** (Luke 4:27; Psalm 41:5)

V. There were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.

**R. Once I prayed, “Lord, have mercy on me; heal me, I have sinned against You.**

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** – **Let Us All Draw Close** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 241

1. Let us all draw close like children and cling to the heart of Mary. Even though annoyance, hardships and thorns of our sins afflict us. With a sure stride let us meet her; With a wistful eye and heart we greet her. For the heart that knows a child's voice deflects ev'ry painful choice.
2. Oh, her heart is the most sensitive of all those of Adam's daughters. It is always open to us; it looks for us, calls us sweetly. Come, o children of the nations; And withstand the flood of weeping. Those who find me find abundant life through Jesus, Who grants salvation.

### **I Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46**

*God gives a code that ritually deals with disease, which in turn keeps open the eventual return of the suffering person to the community.*

### **GRADUAL** (Sirach 38:9-11)

V. My son, when you are ill, delay not, but pray to God, Who will heal you. Flee wickedness; let your hands be just, cleanse your heart of every sin.

**R. Offer your sweet-smelling oblation and petition, a rich offering according to your means.**

### **II Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

*St. Paul urges the Corinthians to be imitators of Christ, especially through their gracious behavior towards others.*

### **ALLELUIA** (Matthew 8:2b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Lord, if You wish, You can make me clean.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45**

*Jesus heals a leper and restores him to the fullness of membership in Israel's worshipping community.*

**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** – **Dawn is Ringing** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 243

1. Dawn is ringing with our singing, As we praise our Mary sweet; Hail this day, and let dismay be turned into a joy complete. See the wonder as we ponder her great gift from God on high; Purest Lady, all who may desire thine aid are not denied.
2. May this heart become a part of ev'ry laud to thy delight. In our need thou hast agreed to shield the poor and sick from blight. See the wonder as we ponder her great gift from God on high; Purest Lady, all who may desire thine aid are not denied.

**May God's healing presence which we have celebrated remain with you always.**

**COMING EVENTS**

**CENTRAL DIOCESE**

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

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

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

**FRACKVILLE**

Feb. 20 – March 26 - “Easter Eggs” Sale Project  
Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at 7:30PM  
March 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish meeting (after 11:15AM Holy Mass)

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Funeral: sp. Ann Balser (10:00AM)  
Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> "Chinese" Auction

### SHENANDOAH

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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!!!

**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 **Bishop John Mack, Father Jason Soltysiak**, their families, and parishioners of St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** Anniversary best wishes are extended to: February 14 – James and Helen Chistakoff.



**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 – John Plaxa. 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:** **March 4:** sp. Ann Balser; **March 11:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **March 18:** sp. Charles Touchinsky Sr. *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](mailto: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.

**VISIT LITHUANIA, POLAND and PRAGUE** – June 30 – July 15, 2012; \$3,895 Single supplement \$750 from New York to Warsaw. See Eastern Europe on the Baltic Sea, major cities and sights, quaint sea resort towns, visit a health spa and lake districts, Hitler's bunker crystal and pottery shops. Buffet breakfast, and full lunch or dinner daily. LOT airlines, New York departures, bus to/from airport. For more information, please call Margaret Valinsky at: 570-277-6163 or [valinskym@verizon.net](mailto:valinskym@verizon.net)

**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.

### **PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART**

O sweetest Heart of Jesus, You invite all who are weary and heavily burdened to come to You. Hear now my humble petitions (*Mention your personal needs*). Look with favor upon my family and me. Grant us good health. Fill our souls with compassion for others. Place in our hearts Your gentle and forgiving love. Inspire our minds with Your infinite wisdom. Encourage us to come to You in time of need, that we may know Your great power and joyfully proclaim Your praises for all eternity. **Amen.**

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