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

Siódma Niedziela Zwyczajna

**February 19, 2012**

“Do not let the trivialities of life blind you to the supreme importance of things eternal”.

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, February 19<sup>th</sup> – VII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God's love for us is stronger than all human wickedness. The Lord, who loves justice, is also the Lord of mercy. Blessed be the Lord.

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13; **Tue.**, James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21; **Ash Wednesday:** Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2; Matthew 6:1-6.16-18; **Thu.** after Ash Wed., Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25; **Fri.** Acts 1:15-17.20-26; John 15:9-17; **Sat.** after Ash Wed., Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

### **Monday, February 20 – March 26<sup>th</sup> – Easter Eggs Sale Project**

#### **MONDAY, February 20<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

**8:30AM – Holy Mass;** intention: for sp. **Jerzy Plichta** (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of death), of. by Fr. Robert.

**1:00PM –** Seniorate Pastors meeting in Wilkes-Barre, PA

#### **WEDNESDAY, February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ash Wednesday**

##### *Blessing and Distribution of Ashes*

**6:00PM – Holy Mass** in Shenandoah.

**7:30PM – Holy Mass in Frackville.**

**Fasting:** all those of post-confirmation age are to fast on Fridays, and on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals. Our Lenten regulations are recommended for healthy adults. Children under First Holy Communion age, the infirm, those on restrictive medication and the elderly are exempt from the obligation of fasting.

#### **FRIDAY, February 24<sup>th</sup> - Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle**

(+64). *After the Ascension of our Lord, St. Peter proposed that the disciples select an apostle to take the place of Judas. The choice was Matthias. He worked for the faith in Palestine, and later was stoned to death. Today we are reminded that our Christian vocation is a gratuitous gift from God which we should accept and live out with gratitude and fidelity.*

**7:30AM – Holy Mass,** intention: for sp. **Antonina** and **Pawel Jaskowiak**, of. by Janina Plichta & family.

**6:00PM –** Stations of the Cross.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, February 26<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday of Lent**

**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 (Daniel 9:8-9)**

V. O Lord, we are shamefaced, like our kings, our princes, and our fathers, for having sinned against You.

**R. But Yours, o Lord, our God, are compassion and forgiveness! Yet we rebelled 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 – God of All Goodness – PNCC Hymnal, p. 190**

1. God of all goodness words cannot describe You, No words can ever speak so well of Your goodness. You are so worthy, You are so worthy, You offer us great love. We give You our respect, glory and honor, In Your mighty majesty.
2. I want You, o Lord, You are my great yearning All things that are good, You place into my heart. You are my highest good, the source of all good; You're the pearl of greatest price. There's only one for me, in all creation; No one can compare to You.

**I Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19.21-22.24-25**

*Despite the misdeeds of His chosen people, the Lord is merciful and does not remember our sins.*

**GRADUAL (Daniel 9:18b-19)**

V. When we present our petition before You, we rely not on our just deeds, but on Your great mercy.

**R. O Lord, hear! O Lord, pardon! O Lord, be attentive and act without delay for your own sake, o my God, because this city and Your people bear Your name!**

**II Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22**

*Jesus, our Lord, the the "Yes", the guarantee of God's love for us.*

**ALLELUIA (Acts 13:38a)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. You must know thus, my brothers, that through Him forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 2:1-12**

*Jesus shows us that God's grace is meant for the restoration of the whole human person.*

**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 – Morning Hymn – PNCC Hymnal, p. 195**

1. Lord, this morn we raise our voices As the world in song rejoices. All the works of Your creation Join to sing in admiration.
2. You have formed us, God our Savior, Overwhelmed us with Your favor. Blessed with gifts beyond all measure, May we praise You now and ever.
3. At the moment we awaken, We will call to God in heaven When we call Him He will hear us, when we seek Him He is near us.

**COMMUNION HYMN – Come Unto Jesus – PNCC Hymnal, p. 180**

1. Come unto Jesus, Come while you may; hear how He calls you, Come now this day. How He does love you, follow His way, Gently He calls you, Come! **Refrain:** Lo, the vision wondrous to behold! He would save us from this sinful world. To heaven's blessed glory untold, O dearest Lord, we come!
2. Come, O my child, now, Come heed His call, Give Him your heart, your love and your all. He shall uplift you, lest you should fall, Gently He calls you, Come! **Refrain:**
3. Come, fallen sinner; come while you may! Christ will accept you! Do not delay! Tears of repentance He wipes away. Trust in Him only! Come! **Refrain:**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – PNCC Hymnal, p. 228**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, praising The their Sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

**May the Lord guard you, give you life, and make you happy in the land.**

## **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**

May... Seniorate Council meeting (Shenandoah, PA)  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

### **FRACKVILLE**

March 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish meeting (after 11:15AM Holy Mass)  
March 18<sup>th</sup> Lenten Penitential Service (8:30AM)  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> Funeral: sp. Ann Balsler (10:00AM)  
March 25<sup>th</sup> Baptism: Joseph Tokarczyk  
Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> "Chinese" Auction

### **SHENANDOAH**

March 18<sup>th</sup> Lenten Penitential Service (10:45AM)

## **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 Father **Dennis Ruda**, his family, and parishioners of All Saints Parish in Johnson City, NY.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 19 – Edward 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 – 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.

### MORNING OFFERING

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my family and friends, and particular, for the intentions of our Parishioners. **Amen.**

*BULLETIN SPONSOR:*  
**Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage**