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The Nativity of St. John the Baptist – Cycle “B”
Narodziny Św. Jana Chrzciciela
June 24, 2012

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 8:45AM – Contemporary liturgy in English [page 63]

Today, June 24th – Nativity of St. John the Baptist – A Nameday of our Parish!

Today we celebrate the birth of St. John the Baptist – it is the only birthday, apart from those of Jesus and Mary, that is celebrated in the liturgy.

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Eugenia Halaburda**, of. by Ms. Jennie Sekelick.

^ Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 2 Kings 17:5-8.13-15a.18; Matthew 7:1-5; **Tue.**, 2 Kings 19:9b-11.14-21.31-35a.36; Matthew 7:6.12-14; **Wed.**, 2 Kings 22:8-13;23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20; **Thu.**, 2 Kings 24:8-17; Matthew 7:21-29; **Fri.**, Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8.17-18; **Sat.**, Lamentations 2:2.10-14.18-19; Matthew 8:5-17

TUESDAY, June 26th - *Weekday*

7:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

THURSDAY, June 28th - *Weekday*

7:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for those who are in **Purgatory**.

FRIDAY, June 29th – Solemnity – **SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles**

Ss. Peter and Paul are the principal pillars of the Church founded by Christ. Peter was chosen by Christ to be his first Vicar on earth; he was endowed with powers of the keys of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 16:13-19) and charged with the role of Shepherd of Christ's flock (John 21:15-17). St. Peter suffered martyrdom under Nero, in about the 64 A.D. He was buried at the hill of the Vatican. Paul was chosen to form part of the apostolic college by Christ himself on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-16). Selected to bring Christ's name to all peoples (Acts 9:15), he is the greatest missionary of all time, the advocate of pagans, the Apostle of the Gentiles. St. Paul was beheaded in the Tre Fontane along the Via Ostiens and buried nearby, on the site where the basilica bearing his name now stands.

11:00AM - ? - Bleenie" Sale. The preparation begins at 7:30AM.

7:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for growth of the PNCC.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 1st - XIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Eugenia Halaburda, of. by Mrs. Sophia Stetts.

Collection for missions.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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 (Isaiah 49:1b,2; Psalm 92:2)

V. The Lord called me from birth, from my mother's womb He gave me my name. He made of me a sharp-edged sword and concealed me in the shadow of His arm. He made me a polished arrow.

R. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Your name, Most High.

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.

I Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

The Suffering Servant, who is called by God from His mother's womb, trusts in God while lamenting the

sufferings He has to face.

The Responsorial Psalm: I praise You for I am wonderfully made.

II Reading: Acts 13:22-26

Speaking in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch, St. Paul describes the Baptist as the herald of Jesus, The Savior.

ALLELUIA

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. You, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66.80

St. Luke records the events surrounding the birth of St. John the Baptist.

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

With John the Baptist interceding on our behalf, let us present our prayers of petition to the Father.

- We pray our Diocesan Bishop John and all who hold positions of responsibility in the Church: like John, may they always act in a spirit of humility. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for the Church: may we continue the Baptist's mission of making Christ known in the world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for all expectant mothers and fathers: may they rejoice in the birth of their children and be filled with wonder at their awesome task as parents. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who have died – **Eugenia Halaburda**: may they reap the rewards of their labors and come to the glory of the resurrection. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

God our Father, we ask you to hear our prayers and make us always faithful in Your service. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. **R. 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 – 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 – **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 God the Father, who raised up John the Baptist, keep you always in His peace. May Jesus Christ, who was heralded by John, enable you to bear witness to Him in your daily life. May the Holy Spirit, who inspired the Baptist even in the womb, be to you a source of inspiration and courage.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 14th Bishops consecration (Scranton, PA)

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Oct. 11-13th Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

FRACKVILLE

June 29th “Bleenie” Sale (11:00AM - ?)

July 29th Automobiles blessing (after the Holy Mass)

Oct. 6th Animals blessing (2:00PM)

Nov. 21st Frackville Ministerium Thanksgiving Service (St. Ann's RCC – 7:00PM)

SHENANDOAH

July 29th Automobiles blessing (after the Holy Mass)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to:

- 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.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Joseph Cyman**, his family, and parishioners of the Holy Cross Parish in Woodland Park, NJ.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: June 22 – Michael Tokarczyk, Jacob Corby; June 23 – Nicholas Tokarczyk.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – James Chistakoff – Dorothy Halaburda – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavege – John Etcho - George Chesko – Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff – 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.


FARMER'S MARKET – On Thursday afternoons from **2:00PM to 6:00PM** Frackville Farmer's Market will take place. Throughout the season participants will be selling fresh produce and baked goods. Location is Frack Street and Lehigh Avenue beside the Wells Fargo bank.

UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS: **July 1:** sp. Eugenia Halaburda; **July 8:** sp. Darwin Zimmerman; **July 15:** sp. Darwin Zimmerman; **July 22:** sp. Elizabeth Prock; **July 29:** sp. Elizabeth Prock; **Aug. 5:** sp. Elizabeth Prock; **Aug. 12:** Walter and Valeria Golba. **Aug. 19:** sp. Josephine Studlick; **Aug. 26:** sp. Elizabeth Prock; **Sep. 2:** sp. Elizabeth Prock. **Sep. 9:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **Sep. 16:** sp. John Snokus; **Sep. 23:** PNU; **Sep. 30:** sp. John Snokus; **Oct. 21:** sp. Bertha Zimmerman; **Oct. 28:** sp. Bertha Zimmerman; **Nov. 4:** sp. Bertha Zimmerman; **Nov. 11:** sp. Bertha Zimmerman; **Nov. 18:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **Nov. 25:** sp. Bernard Halaburda Jr.; **Dec. 2:** sp. Bertha Zimmerman. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES. The Classes will start in **September 2012**. I'm asking the parents whose children were born in **2004** or older (age 8 and older) did not receive the Holy Communion, please encouraged your children to attend the classes. If your child will be 9 years old in May 2013 is eligible to receive his/her First Holy Communion.

 **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.

Polish Proverbs

Nie suknia zdobi człowieka. It is not clothing that adorns a person.

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