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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"

Osiemnasta Niedziela Zwykła

August 5, 2012

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, August 5th – XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

We gather to give God thanks and praise, to be fed and strengthened by the bread of heaven, to renew our faith in God's kindness.

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Elizabeth Prock**, of. by Michelle Boychak, Colette & Jacob Corby.

⋄ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

⋄ Collection for missions.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Daniel 7:9-10.13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36; **Tue.**, Jeremiah 30:1-2.12-15.18-22; Matthew 14:22-36; **Wed.**, Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23; **Fri.**, Nahum 2:1.3;3:1-3.6-7; Matthew 16:24-28; **Sat.**, Habakkuk 1:12-2:4; Matthew 17:14-20

MONDAY, August 6th - Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord

This feast became widespread in the West in the 11th century and was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1457 to commemorate Christendom's victory over Islam in Belgrade in 1456. Before that, the Transfiguration of the Lord was already celebrated in the Syrian, Byzantine, and Coptic rites. The Transfiguration prefigures the glory of the Lord as God, foretells His ascension into heaven, where we shall see God face to face.

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

THURSDAY, August 9th – *Weekday*

7:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: sp. **Helena Zaborowska**, of. by Fr. Robert.

FRIDAY, August 10th - St. Laurence, Deacon & Martyr

(+258). A Roman deacon, he died four days after Pope Sixtus II, during the persecution of Valerian. Arrested by the prefect and called on to deliver up the property of the Church, his answer was point to a crowd of poor people. "Here are the true treasures of the Church", he said. He was burned to death on a gridiron.

11:00AM - ? - "Bleenie" Sale.

7:00PM – Holy Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, August 12th – XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Walter and Valeria Golba, of. by Children.

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 (Psalm 78:19.20b-21a.22)

V. Yes, they spoke against God, saying: "Can God spread a table in the desert? Can He also give bread, and provide meat for His people?"

R. Then the Lord heard and was enraged; because they believed not God nor trusted in His help.

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 – Cześć Maryi/Hail, Dear Mary – PNCC Hymnal, p. 236

Cześć Maryi, cześć i chwała Pannie świętej cześć. Śpiewaj, śpiewaj, dziatwo mała, hołd jej spiesz się nieść. Śpiewaj, śpiewaj, dziatwo mała, hod jej spiesz się nieść.

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.

I Reading: Exodus 16:2-4.12-15

The people complain at their lack of food. God sends manna from heaven.

GRADUAL (Psalm 78:24-25.27)

V. He rained manna for the people to eat, He gave them the grain of heaven. Men ate the bread of angels; He sent them all the food they could eat.

R. He rained meat on them like dust, flying birds like the sand on the seashore.

II Reading: Ephesians 4:17.20-24

St. Paul invites the Ephesians to put aside their own self and to put on the new self.

ALLELUIA (Exodus 16:31)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Israelites called this food “manna”. It was like coriander seed, but white, and it tasted like wafers made with honey.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

Jesus reveals himself as the bread from heaven, who answers our deepest hungers.

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 – 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.

COMMUNION HYMN – At Thy Door, I Come Before Thee – PNCC Hymnal p. 167

1. At Thy door I come before Thee, At Thy door I come before Thee. And I ask, O Lord, Thy mercy, And I ask, O Lord, Thy mercy.
2. In this Bread we now behold Thee, In this Bread we now behold Thee. Heavn's gift, Thou Lord Almighty, Heavn's gift, Thou Lord Almighty.
3. In this Sacrament Most Holy, In this Sacrament Most Holy. From on high, come, Lord of Glory, From on high, come, Lord of Glory.
4. In this Host, this Bread of Heaven, In this Host, this Bread of Heaven. God's Eternal Son is given, God's Eternal Son is given.

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, who knows every one of your needs give you peace in your hearts, take away all your fears and guide you in the ways of eternal life.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 14th Bishops consecration (Scranton, PA)

CENTRAL DIOCESE

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

FRACKVILLE

Aug. 10th "Bleenie" Sale (11:00AM - ?)

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

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

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.

THE PARISH COMMITTEE NEXT MEETING – will be held on Monday, October 1, 2012.

PARISH NEWS – Mr. George Wycheck fixed the candle holder, Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck organized the new copy machine for the parish. Thank you very much!

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 Gregory Mludzik**, his family, parishioners of the Transfiguration of our Lord Parish in Wallington, NJ.

THE HERITAGE PARADE – will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2012 in Shenandoah, PA. If anyone of you plan to participate actively as a Polish group, please come at 10:00AM (on that day) - St. Casimir RCC in Shenandoah.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: August 6 – Paul Elsavage; August 10 – Anna Folta, Kenneth Payne, Troy Payne.



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.




PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – James Chistakoff – Dorothy Halaburda – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage – Carolyn Boychak. 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: **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; **Dec. 9:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **4 Sundays** in Jan. 2013 – sp. Edward Bulcavage. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.*

 **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.

Polish Proverbs

Co się dzieje w domu, nie opowiadaj nikomu.
Tell no one what goes in the home.

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