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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"

Dwudziesta Niedziela Zwykła

August 19, 2012

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, August 19th – XX Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Eucharist is the sacrament of love. In giving himself to us in Holy Communion, Jesus shows the greatness of His love.

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Josephin Studlick**, of. by Jim & Mary Stank.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Ezekiel 24:15-23; Matthew 19:16-22; **Tue.**, Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30; **Wed.**, Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16; **Thu.**, Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14; **Fri.**, Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51; **Sat.**, Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12

Tuesday, August 21 – Thursday, August 23 – Clergy Retreat & Conference – Mt. Pocono, PA

FRIDAY, August 24th - Feast – St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Bartholomew was from Cana in Galilee. Mentioned in the gospels as one of the twelve apostles, he is identified with Nathanael. His friend, the apostle Philip, brought him to Jesus. According to tradition, St. Bartholomew preached the Gospel in India and died there a martyr.

11:00AM - ? - “Bleenie” Sale.

7:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: God's blessing for **Victoria** and **Veronica Plichta**.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 26th – XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Elizabeth Prock, of. by Eugen, Kitty and Karen Stohn.

^ Collection – Youth Fund.

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 (Deuteronomy 8:3)

V. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers.

R. In order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

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 – Lord, Forsake Us Not – PNCC Hymnal, p. 175

1. Lord, forsake us not; Lord forsake us not; Jesus, Lord, forsake us not. Leave us not in desolation 'Mid earth's fall and devastation. Lord of love, bind us about You, For we cannot live without You.
2. Lord, forsake us not; Lord forsake us not; Jesus, Lord, forsake us not. Where can we find consolation? Where find reconciliation? Where allay the tears of sadness. Where discover joy and gladness?

I Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom prepares a banquet and invites all to walk in the way of understanding and live

GRADUAL (Nehemiah 9:20; Job 22:29)

V. “Your good Spirit You bestowed on them, to give them understanding; Your manna you did not withhold from their mouths, and You gave them water in their thirst.”

R. For God abases the proud, but He saves the lowly.

II Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

St. Paul urges Christians to be thoughtful in doing God's will, to be filled with the Spirit and become people of praise.

ALLELUIA (John 12:26a)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Whoever serves Me must follow Me; and where I am, there also will My servant be.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

Jesus stuns His listeners by saying that He is the bread come down from heaven and that those who receive His body and blood will live for ever.

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 – In Thy Protection – PNCC Hymnal, p. 210

1. In Thy protection, Father in heaven, Lo, we Thy children, place our life, our all. Lord, wilt Thou bless us, save us from temptation, keep us from danger, lest in sin we fall.
2. Though all be peaceful, though storms beset us, in Thy protection we shall find our rest. Father, we pray Thee, humbly we beseech Thee, deliver us, the children Thou hast blessed.

May the grace of God help us and guide us in the coming week.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 1st Annual YMSofR Track and Field Meet, Minooka, Scranton, PA

Sep. 14th Bishops consecration (Scranton, PA at 3:30PM)

CENTRAL DIOCESE

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

FRACKVILLE

Aug. 24th “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.

CLERGY RETREAT & CONFERENCE – The clergy of the Central Diocese will meet from Tuesday, Aug. 21st until Thursday, Aug. 23rd, 2012 for the Clergy Conference and for Summer Retreat at the Villa of Our Lady House, Mt. Pocono, PA. In the case of sacramental emergency you can reach Fr. Robert at 570-839-7217.

PARISH CELEBRATION – On Sunday, **September 9**, 2012 (Solemnity of Brotherly Love), Father Robert will celebrate the Holy Mass at 8:45AM, and after Mass the Pastor will impart the **Sacrament of Holy Anointing** to everyone who would like to receive this Sacrament. Please, invite our Parishioners, Friends and every person who want to take a part of this Liturgy.

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

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 Marek Gnidziński**, his family, parishioners of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa Parish in Latham, NY.

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 21- Elaine Antalosky; August 22 – Barbara Davis.



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. First class will be held on **Saturday, Sep. 8th, 2012** at **10:00AM** in the parish hall.




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. 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

Wiedzą sąsiedzi, jak kto siedzi. The neighbors know everything.

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