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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “B”

Dwudziesta Pierwsza Niedziela Zwykła

August 26, 2012

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, August 26th – XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time – Youth Sunday

Jesus is the bread of life, giving us access to the heart of the Father. We are called to keep on choosing His path, for we will not find such fullness of life anywhere else.

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

^ Collection – Youth Fund.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5.11-12; Matthew 23:13-22; **Tue.**, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a.14-17; Matthew 23:23-26;
Wed., Jeremiah 1:17-19; Mark 6:17-29; **Thu.**, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51; **Fri.**, 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13; **Sat.**, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

MONDAY, August 27th - Our Lady of Czestochowa

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

WEDNESDAY, August 29th – Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist

St. John's fearless condemnation of Herod's unlawful marriage incurred the hatred of the king's bride, Herodias. She had him imprisoned and, finally, killed. St. John the Baptist teaches us to be strong in carrying out the mission God has given us.

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for God's blessing.

FRIDAY, August 31st - *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for deceased Grandparents, of. by Janina Plichta.

SATURDAY, September 1st - *Weekday*

Annual YMSofR Track and Field Meet, Minooka, Scranton, PA

NEXT SUNDAY, September 2nd - *XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Elizabeth Prock, of. by Mr. Edward Halaburda, Mr. & Mrs. George Wycheck.

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 (Psalm 100:1-2.4a)

V. Sing joyfully to the Lord all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful song!

R. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, His courts with praise; give thanks to Him! Bless His Name!

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: Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Remembering how they were liberated from slavery, and guided through the wilderness, the tribes of Israel resolve to serve their mighty God.

The Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

II Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

The mystery of the marriage covenant between man and woman reflects the mystery of Christ's self-sacrificing love for His Church.

ALLELUIA (John 6:63c, 68c)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Jesus' claim to be the bread of life challenges many to the point of desertion, except St. Peter, who realizes that there is no one else to turn to.

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**

Turning to the Lord, who is mercy and love, let us pray.

- For the Church throughout the world: that she will witness boldly and engage fully with the new evangelization. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who have been hurt and scandalized by the Church: that they may see the truth of Jesus' promises in the midst of their pain, and experience His healing touch. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For who struggle with faith: that they may persevere in reflecting on God's goodness and be strengthened in their belief. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For married couples: may they recognize ever more how their union reflects Christ's love for His bride, the Church. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the children and youth of our PNCC: that they will grow in the love of God and their parents. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, hear these prayers, and give us the grace to keep choosing You, for You are Lord for ever and ever. **R. 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 – Here I Am Lord

1. I, the Lord of the sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **Refrain:** Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's sin pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain:**
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide. Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **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 Thee 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 our loving Father, who reveals himself to us in Jesus, keep you firmly on the path to eternal life.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 14th Bishops consecration (Scranton, PA)

CENTRAL DIOCESE

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

FRACKVILLE

Sep. 7th "Bleenie" Sale

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.

THANK YOU very much to **Mr. Kenneth Payne** for donating his time and work to renew our side walk around the parking!

THANK YOU for your continued support of the "**Bleenie**" project. Thank you very much to all of you for your hard work last Friday! Special "thanks" to all of you who came for frying bleenies! Thank you for all donations also. Everyone's help is needed with these sales – even if you can only give a half-hour of your time. It takes all of us working together to make these sales a success.

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 Senior Walter Madej**, his family, and parishioners of the Holy Cross Parish in Syracuse, NY and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in New York Mills, NY.

PNCC NEWS – The Prime Bishop, the Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky and the Supreme Council of the PNCC joyfully invite us to the Consecration of the Rev. Stanley M. Bilinski Jr. and the Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki as Bishops in the PNCC on **Friday, September 14, 2012 at 3:30PM** at St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr Cathedral in Scranton, PA. Reception to follow. The deadline to sign the names is September 1, 2012.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: August 28 – Donna Freeman.



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 - George Chesko – 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: **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.*



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 at **Frackville, PA.**



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

Każdy w młodości jest skłonny do miłości.
The young are always ready for love.

BULLETIN SPONSOR:
Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage