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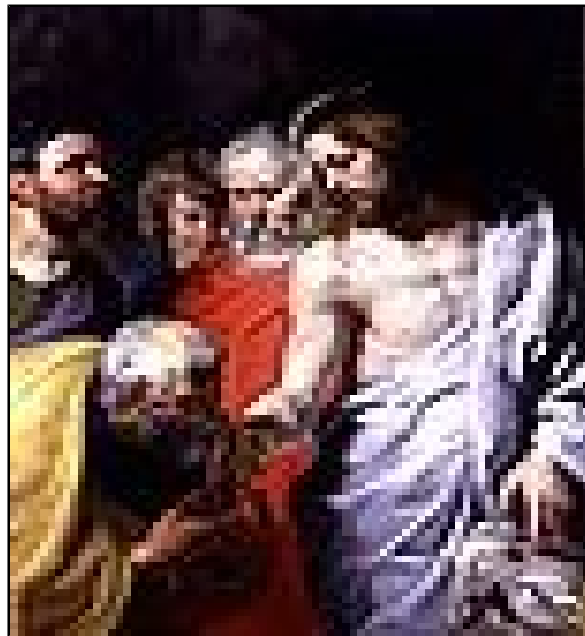
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**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - “B”**

Dwudziesta Czwarta Niedziela Zwykła

**September 16, 2012**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, September 16<sup>th</sup> – XXIV Sunday in Ordinary**

“Who do you say I am?” This is the question Jesus asks His disciples and it is answered by Peter: “You are the Christ.” That same question is asked of us. Our response will depend on our willingness to be Jesus' true followers.

**8:45AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **John Snokus**, of. by the Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society.

## WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, 1 Corinthians 11:17-26.33; Luke 7:1-10; **Tue.**, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14.27-31a; Luke 7:11-17; **Wed.**, 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 7:31-35; **Thu.**, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50; **Fri.**, Ephesians 4:1-7.11-13; Matthew 9:9-13; **Sat.**, 1 Corinthians 15:35-37.42-49; Luke 8:4-15

### WEDNESDAY, September 19<sup>th</sup> - *Weekday*

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

### THURSDAY, September 20<sup>th</sup> - *Weekday*

**8:30AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for those who are in Purgatory.

### FRIDAY, September 21<sup>st</sup> - **Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle/Evangelist**

*Son of Alphaeus, Matthew was a publican, that is, a tax collector for the Romans. His profession was despised by the Jews. Nevertheless, our Lord called him to be an apostle. Matthew's vocation reminds us that sanctity is not restricted only to a certain states in life. All professions, all our work and all our other endeavors should be sanctified. We do not know details of his evangelization or of his martyrdom which by most accounts took place in Persia or Ethiopia. Tradition unanimously acknowledges his as the author of the first Gospel, written in Aramaic, and afterwards translated into Greek.*

**Patron Saint of:** accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, tax collectors

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

**7:00PM** – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **John Snokus**, of. by Mrs. Sophia Stetts & family.

### SATURDAY, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

**10:00AM – 11:15AM** – First Holy Communion Catechism Class

### NEXT SUNDAY, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – **XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Spójnia Sunday**

**8:45AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for PNU of America members.

## 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** (Matthew 16:21; 1 Peter 2:21)

V. From that time on, Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.

**R. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in His footsteps.**

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 50:5-9

*This is the third of Isaiah's "Servant Songs". Through prayer, the servant of the Lord – a prophetic reference either to Christ or to Israel as a nation – will receive God's word which will enable him, as in courtroom, to comfort his enemies.*

**GRADUAL (Psalm 25:2b-3)**

V. In you I trust; let me not be put to shame, let not my enemies exult over me.

**R. No one who waits for You shall be put to shame; those shall be put to shame who heedlessly break faith.**

**II Reading: James 2:14-18**

*James' message is that love of our neighbor shown in practical action is the natural consequence of a living faith.*

**ALLELUIA (1 Kings 18:21b)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. How long will you straddle the issue? If the Lord is God, follow Him!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35**

*Peter's confession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah heralds the first of the suffering and death of Jesus. But this was not the kind of Messiah Peter had expected and from now on a decisive change occurs in the Gospel.*

**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 – 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 you be renewed by Christ's message of forgiveness and peace and give witness to it by your way of life.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **CENTRAL DIOCESE**

Oct. 11-13<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

### **FRACKVILLE**

Sep. 21<sup>st</sup> "Bleenie" Sale (11:00AM - ?)

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Animals blessing (2:00PM)

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 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** to **Victoria Plichta** for your help at the altar last Sunday.

**"BLEENIE" SALES CONCERNS** – This coming Friday we are going to have another "bleenie" sale project. Please, show your solidarity with our parish family. After Friday we have to discontinue this sale, if we will not have enough help. We cannot continue this project without our parishioners and friends' assistance. Everyone's help is needed with these sales – even if you can only give a half-hour of your time. Please, brothers and sisters show your love and dedication to this parish, because without these two major fundraisers (easter egg and "bleenie" sales) the Parish cannot survive. Thank you for your consideration.

**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 Robert Nemkovich Jr.**, his family, parishioners of Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River, MA and Holy Cross Parish in Central Falls, RI.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 17 – Nicole O'Regan;  
September 18 – James Abicunas.



**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:** **Sep. 23:** PNU; **Sep. 30:** sp. John Snokus; **Oct. 7:** sp. Deceased members of Chiao family; **Oct. 14:** sp. Deceased members of Chiao family; **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; **Dec. 16:** sp. Melissa Chiao; **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.

**PARISH INFORMATION.** **Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

**Holy Day Masses** are held as announced in the bulletin.

**Sacrament of Baptism** – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. **Only practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

**Sacrament of Matrimony** – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

**Emergencies, Sickness and deaths** – please contact to the rectory immediately.

**The parish bulletin** - is made on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

### Polish Proverbs

Jak mała córka to ją ciesz. Jak duża córka to ją strzeż.

When your daughter is small, comb her hair. When your daughter is big, guard her well.

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