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**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"**

Spójnia Sunday

**September 23, 2012**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – XXV Sunday in Ordinary – Spójnia Sunday**

The Polish National Union of America was founded by the Prime Bishop Francis Hodur as a sister organization to the PNCC. It is a fraternal insurance organization whose mission is to care for its

members from birth to death with various products, services and benefits.

**8:45AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for the PNU Members.

### **WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18; **Tue.**, Proverbs 21:1-6.10-13; Luke 8:19-21; **Wed.**, Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6; **Thu.**, Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9; **Fri.**, Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22; **Sat.**, Daniel 7:9-10.13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51

**WEDNESDAY, September 26<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

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

**THURSDAY, September 27<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

**8:30AM – Holy Mass** for health.

**SATURDAY, September 29<sup>th</sup>** - **Feast – St. Michael, Archangel**

*St. Michael (“Who is like God?” is the archangel who fought Satan. He is the protector of all humanity and reminds us of the real existence of the devil and of demonic activity. For protection from the snares of the devil, it is good to have recourse to St. Michael.*

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray. O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world for ruin of souls. Amen.

**Patron Saint of:** airborne, grocers, paratroopers, police officers

**9:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for God's blessing to **Bishop John Mack and his family**, of. by Fr. Robert & family.

**NEXT SUNDAY, September 30<sup>th</sup>** – **XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:45AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. John Snokus, of. by Davis family.

### **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** (Jeremiah 12:19a,20)

V. Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me.

**R. But You, o Lord of hosts, o just Judge, searcher of mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance You take on them, for to You I have entrusted my cause!**

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** – **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.

**I Reading: Wisdom 2:12.17-20**

*The righteous person is characterized by gentleness and patience, but is constantly challenged and persecuted by the “godless”.*

**GRADUAL (1 Peter 4:13-14)**

V. But rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when His glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly.

**R. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.**

**II Reading: James 3:16 – 4:3**

*True Christian wisdom is dedicated to serving others and working for peace. The writer urges us to pursue wisdom rather than fame and wealth.*

**ALLELUIA (1 Peter 3:18a)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that He might lead you to God.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37**

*Jesus uses a small child as a benchmark of leadership and service. For whoever welcomes vulnerable and powerless people welcomes Christ himself.*

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

1. 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.)
2. How her hands had served our Savior, Who this world had made. (Lo, the greatness of His glory, Mary's Son, our Lord.)
3. As His Mother He did love her, honored every word, (In obedience to her guidance, though He was her Lord.)

**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 – Tyle Lat – PNCC Hymnal, p. 2**

Tyle lat my Ci, o Panie, Służbę wierną wypełniali, Szli ku słońcu, w świt zaranie, Łańcuch niewoli targali, Łańcuch niewoli targali.

O bodajem wierni byli, O bodaj ten sztandar święty, Aż do zgonu naszej chwili, W duszy, w sercu był rozpięty, W duszy, w sercu był rozpięty.

May our faith in God inspire us to be enthusiastic and hopeful in the coming week.

## COMING EVENTS

### CENTRAL DIOCESE

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

### FRACKVILLE

Oct. 5<sup>th</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** 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.

**"BLEENIE" SALES CONCERNS** – On Friday (October 5) 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 Henryk Wos**, his family, parishioners of Our Savior Parish in Woonsocket, RI.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 25 – Helen Hopko;  
September 26 – Zachary Chiao.




**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** Anniversary best wishes are extended to: September 24 – George and Ann Marie Wycheck.




**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. 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.

### **Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki – Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese**

A native of western New York, the Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki hails from the east side of Buffalo where Polish immigrants settled to live out their lives and to live out their Catholic faith within a nation of liberty and promise. The parish church that formed his spirituality and much of who he is today was the PNCC Cathedral on Sobieski Street under the patronage of the Holy Mother of the Rosary. Activities he was involved in included acolyte service, membership in the boys, youth and men's societies along with membership in the Cathedral adult and men's choirs. He participated in the Polish dancing troupe founded by his mother, participated in a seven-week church excursion to Poland, was a presenter of Polish language declamations and poetry at celebratory occasions. Before assuming the pastorate at Heart of Jesus, Bayonne, NJ Father Nowicki served as the pastor of two parishes in the Pittsburgh area. Bishop Nowicki is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh where he majored in psychology and of Theological Seminary of the PNCC. He did post-graduate work at Nashotah House, a seminary of the Episcopal Church, and earned a masters degree in divinity from Drew University, and a masters degree in social work. Bishop Nowicki is married to Barbara Ann Liberasky, they have a daughter Berit Elizabeth. After the consecration on September 14, 2012, Bishop Nowicki was installed as the Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese. May God bless you!

*BULLETIN SPONSOR:*  
**Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage**