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**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"  
Heritage Sunday**

**October 21, 2012**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, October 21<sup>st</sup> – XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time – Heritage Sunday**

Today's readings show us that true greatness lies in the generous service of others. Those who try to promote themselves in the eyes of the world do not achieve prominence in the eyes of God.

**8:45AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Bertha Zimmerman**, of. by Mrs. Jean Keim & family.

△ Collection – outreach to Poland.

## WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21; **Tue.**, Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38; **Wed.**, Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48; **Thu.**, Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53; **Fri.**, Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59; **Sat.**, Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

### MONDAY, October 22<sup>nd</sup> - *Weekday*

**8:30AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Father Witold Strykowski.**

**1:00PM** – Seniorate clergy meeting in Edwardsville, PA.

### WEDNESDAY, October 24<sup>th</sup> - **Feast – St. Raphael, Archangel**

*Raphael (“Medicine of God”) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey. Every person on his or her pilgrimage through this life also has a guardian angel with a mission similar to that of Raphael.*

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

### THURSDAY, October 25<sup>th</sup> - *Weekday*

**8:30AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for **Victoria** and **Veronica Plichta.**

### NEXT SUNDAY, October 28<sup>th</sup> – **XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:45AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Bertha Zimmerman, of. by Ms. Ann Garraway.

## 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** (Hebrews 3:1; 4:15)

V. Therefore, holy brothers, who share in a heavenly calling, reflect on Jesus, the apostle and High Priest of our confession.

**R. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one Who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.**

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: Isaiah 53:10-11**

*Those who suffer on behalf of others do not do so in vain, even if they die in the process. God will reach out through their pain and touch the hearts of many people.*

### **GRADUAL** (Hebrews 8:6-7)

V. Now He has obtained so much more excellent a ministry as he is mediator of a better covenant, enacted on better promises.

**R. For if that first covenant had been faultless, no place have been sought for a second time.**

### **II Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16**

*Through Jesus’ life on earth, He knows exactly how difficult it can be to overcome our weaknesses. We can,*

therefore, be confident of His mercy.

**ALLELUIA (Psalm 110:4)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord has sworn, and He will not repent: You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45**

*James and John looked for preferential treatment. Jesus, however, told them that greatness is achieved through service, not through self-aggrandisement.*

**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.
5. What a wondrous act of glory, What a wondrous act of glory. Now this bread becomes His Body! Now this bread becomes His Body!

(if necessary) **Glory, Laud And Praise – PNCC Hymnal, p. 166**

1. Glory, laud and praise unto our Savior, Thy whole creation shall sing for ever.
2. This day we give Thee praise never ending, Hear, Gracious Father, Thy servants' singing.
3. This day we thank Thee for all Thy graces, We sing Thy glory through all ages.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN – In Thy Protection – PNCC Hymnal, p. 210**

1. Pod Twą obronę, Ojczy na niebie grono Twych dzieci swój powierza los. Ty nam błogosław, ratuj w potrzebie i broń od zguby, gdy zagraża cios.
2. 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.

May the Lord who lived among us and died for us fill your heart and mind as you leave this place today.

## COMING EVENTS

### FRACKVILLE

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.
- to **Victoria Plichta** for her help at the altar.

**THANK YOU** for your continued support of the “**Bleenie**” project this year. Thank you very much to all of you for your hard work last Friday and during the whole season! Special “thanks” to all of you who came for frying bleenies! Thank you for all donations also. 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.

**ALL SOULS ENVELOPES.** With the upcoming holydays of All Saints and All Souls in the not too distant future, we remind our parishioners and friends, to please submit the names of their departed loved ones for remembrance during this holy season. All Soul’s Day remembrance request envelopes are placed next to the bulletins. Please fill them out (please: PRINT) and return them to Father Robert as soon as possible. (Thank you). ALL SOULS CEMETERY SERVICE will be held in our church on Sunday, November 4, 2012 after the Mass.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Senior Joseph Soltysiak**, his family, parishioners of: St. Joseph Parish in Westfield, MA, Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish in Chicopee, MA.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: October 21 – Ann Marie Wycheck, Deborah Stetts.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – James Chistakoff – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavege – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta. **Good Samaritan Hospital:** Ted Butcavage. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff – Dolores Halaburda - **Frackville Nursing Home:** Dorothy Halaburda – 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:** **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.

### **POLISH HERITAGE DAY REMINDERS**

In the year **966 A.D.**, the Polish leader named **Mieszko** was converted to Christianity, and accepted the Christian faith for the Polish people, who were made up of a number of different tribes. The first capital of Poland was **Gniezno**. The capital later moved to **Kraków**, and from here to **Warsaw (Warszawa)**. In **1264**, the **Statute of Kalisz** granted equal rights to Jews. When every other country in Europe expelled the Jews, Poland welcomed them. After the Protestant Reformation, many countries tortured and persecuted Protestants, but in Poland they were free to practice their religion. Poland had the **first public library system in the modern world**, and the first **Department of Education**. Poland also had the **first written constitution in all of Europe**. This fact is still observed every May 3<sup>rd</sup> as Polish Constitution Day. In the late 1700's, Poland began to grow weak because the nobility tried to run the country and the king. Poland's neighbors (Russia, Austria-Hungary and Prussia) took advantage of its weakness and began to completely wipe Poland off the map. In **1914**, the WWI began, and by the time it was over, Germany was defeated, the Austria-Hungarian Empire was smashed and Russia was involved in its own revolution against the Czar. In **1918** Poland was resurrected after over 100 years. In **1939**, the **WWII** began when Nazi Germany invaded Poland unexpectedly. When the war was nearly over, the US, Russia and England made a pact dividing up who would control each portion of Europe. Poland was under communist rule, enforced by the Soviets. In **1978**, the election of the first Polish Pope in the history, the establishment of the Solidarity Union in Poland as well the support of the West...especially by **President Ronald Reagan** led to the establishment of the democratic Poland with Lech Wałęsa becoming its first democratically-elected president. The first known Polish settlers in the New World came to **Jamestown, Virginia in 1608**, where they set up the first factory in the New World.

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