

**St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
90th Anniversary of Organizing**

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"

Osiemnasta Niedziela Zwyczajna

August 4, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, August 4th – XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

The new life offered by Christ asks us to place God firmly in our plans, particularly to focus on loving and caring for one another. Here lies our ultimate fulfillment and peace.

Saturday Mass – 5:00PM – intention: for Sp. **Dorothy Halaburda**, of. by Mrs. Betty Brazausky.

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Walter** and **Valeria Golba**, of. by Children.

⋄ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

⋄ Collection for missions.

△ Coffee & Cake after the Mass.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21; **Tue.**, Daniel 7:9-10.13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36;
Wed., Numbers 13:1-2.25-14:1.26a-29a.34-35; Matthew 15:21-28; **Thu.**, Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23;
Fri., Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28; **Sat.**, Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20

MONDAY, August 5th – *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Leonard Tokarczyk Jr.**, of. by Nancy & Ron McCloskey and Family.

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

TUESDAY, August 6th – Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord

7:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Peter and Mary Studlick**, of. by Mrs. Carol Blackwell.

WEDNESDAY, August 7th – *Weekday*

6:30PM – Choir practice before the Anniversary Mass. Choir members and those who would like to help to sing are invited.

THURSDAY, August 8th – *Weekday*

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

FRIDAY, August 9th

11:00AM – Sellout - “Bleenie” Sale. The preparation begins at 7:30AM. Thank you for your understanding, help and support of our parish.

SATURDAY, August 10th – *Weekday*

5:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Stanley Bulcavage**, of. by the Boychack's Family.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 11th – XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45AM – Holy Mass – intention: for Sp. Josephine Studlick, of. by Mrs. Barbara Davis.

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 (Psalms 39:6; 49:11)

V. You have given my days a very short span; my life is as nothing before You. All mortals are but a breath.

R. Anyone can see that the wisest die, the fool and the senseless pass away too, and must leave their wealth to others.

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: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

The attitude of the affluent towards their possessions is called “vanity”.

GRADUAL (Psalms 31:11.15)

V. My life is worn out by sorrow, my ears by sighing. My strength fails in affliction; my bones are consumed.

R. **But I trust in You, o Lord; I say, “You are my God”.**

II Reading: Colossians 3:1-5.9-11

A warning against materialism, greed and intolerance.

ALLELUIA (Matthew 6:21)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

The parable of the rich fool, highlighting the futility of greed.

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 – Jesus, You Call Us – PNCC Hymnal, p. 170

1. Jesus, You call us all to rejoice, even when tears well up in our eyes. So we would hearken unto Your voice, answer, “Your will be done” in our lives. In times of gladness, in times of suffering, We want to sing the song of thanksgiving.
2. When life's dark shadow shall on us fall, clouds will conceal the light of the sun. Then at Your altar, Lord, we will call, finding our strength and consolation. Lord, we will bless You in times of suffering, and softly sing the song of thanksgiving.

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:**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN – 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 – Holy God, We Praise Thy Name – PNCC Hymnal, p. 227

1. Holy God, we praise Thy name! Lord of all, we bow before Thee! All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee. Boundless is Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.
2. Hark! The loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising! Cherubim and Seraphim, in unceasing

chorus praising; Fill the Heav'ns with sweet accord, Holy! Holy! Holy Lord!
May the love of God for all people and creation inspire you to be compassionate and generous to all you meet this coming week.

COMING EVENTS

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Sep. 29th 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA
Oct. ... 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing SS. Peter & Paul PNCC in McAdoo, PA.

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

First Sunday of each month – coffee & cake after the Mass

Aug. 9th “Bleenie” Sale (11:00AM - ?)

Sep. 22nd 90th Anniversary of our Parish Organizing celebration (3:00PM)

Oct. 5th Animals blessing at the parking (2:00PM)

Nov. 3rd “Chinese” Auction

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**.

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.

90th ANIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Our Parish celebrates the 90th Anniversary of Organizing (1923-2013). The special Anniversary Holy Mass will take place in our church on **Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 3:00PM**, reception will follow after the Mass. **The Main Celebrant – the Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki**, Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese. The Clergy of the Plymouth Seniorate will concelebrate the Mass together with the Bishop. As of today **30 people** responded positively.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Mark Swoger**, his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Washington, PA.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: August 6 – Paul Elsavage; August 10 – Anna Folta, Kenneth Payne, Troy Payne.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – James Chistakoff – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. - Donna Kolwicz. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff – Dolores Halaburda - ***Frackville Nursing Home:*** Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108); 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.




CHINESE AUCTION will be held on **November 3, 2013** in the parish hall. We are asking all


parishioners to help with the fundraiser by donating new items for this event.

We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone's help is needed especially on the day of the auction.

UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS: **Aug. 10:** sp. Stanley Bulcavage; **Aug. 11:** sp. Josephine Studlick; **Aug. 17:** sp. Dorothy Halaburda; **Aug. 18:** sp. Lucille Greenman; **Aug. 24:** sp. Dorothy Halaburda; **Aug. 25:** sp. Edward Halaburda; **Aug. 31:** sp. Edward Halaburda; **Sep. 1:** sp. Dorothy Halaburda; **Sep. 7:** sp. Stanley Bulcavage; **Sep. 8:** sp. Edward Halaburda; **Sep. 14:** sp. Edward Halaburda; **Sep. 15:** sp. Dorothy Halaburda; **Sep. 21:** sp. Edward Halaburda; **Sep. 22:** Spójnia Sunday; **Sep. 28:** sp. Edward Halaburda; **Sep. 29:** sp. Elizabeth Tokarczyk; **Oct. 5:** sp. Edward Halaburda; **Oct. 6:** sp. Dorothy Halaburda; **Oct. 12:** sp. Dorothy Halaburda; **Oct. 13:** sp. Edward Halaburda; **Oct. 19:** sp. Elizabeth Tokarczyk; **Oct. 20:** sp. Dorothy Halaburda; **Oct. 26:** sp. Melissa Chiao; **Oct. 27:** sp. Edward Halaburda; **Nov. 3:** sp. Elizabeth Tokarczyk; **Nov.10:** sp. Elizabeth Tokarczyk; **Nov. 24:** sp. Bernard Halaburda Jr. **Please, do not order the mass intentions until the end of September.** 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.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

 **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.

PNCC APPEAL – for funds and assistance to the Żarki parish (birthplace of Prime Bishop Francis Hodur) was considered during the December 2012 PNU Borad meeting. This appeal related to necessary refurbishment and maintenance on the parish rectory and the church structure. Based on the appeal, the Board of Directors authorized PNU CEO Irene L. Jugan and PNU CFO John C. Andrzejewski to work with PNCC Prime Bishop Anthony A. Mikovsky to organize a fundraising campaign with a goal of **\$50,000 USD**. The PNU Board was the first to contribute **\$1,000 USD** toward this goal. On behalf of the Prime Bishop, the PNU Board of Directors, CEO Jugan and CFO Andrzejewski, this appeal is being sent to PNCC members asking for their participation in this important fundraising effort. Tax deductible contributions should be made payable in USD to: **PNCC – Zarki 50th Ann.**, and mailed to:

Polish National Union of America
Attention: Zarki 50th Anniversary Fund
1006 Pittston Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505

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.

BULLETIN SPONSOR:
Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage