

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

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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"

Dwudziesta Pierwsza Niedziela Zwykła

August 25, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, August 25th – XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time – Youth Sunday

Today we are given an image of people from every part of the world entering the kingdom of God. It reminds us that salvation is God's gift to all the human family.

Saturday Mass – 5:00PM – intention: for Sp. **Dorothy Halaburda**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. George Wycheck.

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Edward Halaburda**, of. by Mrs. Jean Keim.

^ Collelction – Youth Fund.

^ Anniversary meeting.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5.8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22; **Tue.**, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26; **Wed.**, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 1:17-19; Mark 6:17-29; **Fri.**, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13; **Sat.**, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30

MONDAY, August 26th – Solemnity – Our Lady of Czestochowa

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

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

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Helena Zaborowska**, of. by Fr. Robert & family.

FRIDAY, August 30th - *Weekday*

7:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Jan Zaborowski**, of. by Janina Plichta & family.

SATURDAY, August 31st – Annual YMSofR Track & Field Meet, Minooka, Scranton, PA

5:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Edward Halaburda**, of. by Mrs. Helen Hopko.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 1st – **XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:45AM – Holy Mass – intention: for Sp. Dorothy Halaburda, of. by Mrs. Eugenia Tyrrell and Mr. Lance Nelson.

^ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

^ Collection for missions.

^ Coffee & Cake after the Mass.

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 (Psalms 65:2-5)

V. To You we owe our hymn of praise, o God, in Zion; to You must vows must be fulfilled, You who hear prayers. To You all flesh must come with its burden of wicked deeds.

R. We are overcome by our sins; only You can pardon them. Happy the chosen ones You bring to dwell in Your courts. May we be filled with the good things of Your house, the blessings of Your holy temple!

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: Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord's promise that people of every language and nation will witness God's glory in Jerusalem is a sign of

salvation for all.

The Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

II Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13

An explanation of suffering in terms of the training that the Lord gives to those He loves.

ALLELUIA (John 14:6)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through Me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

Salvation cannot be taken for granted. It is given by God to those who respond in faith.

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

As God's people assembled in prayer, let us express our needs and concerns before the Father of us all.

- For all members of the armed forces and for all prisoners of war: that the Lord will watch over them and their families, and that war may give way to peace. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For artists and craftspeople: that the culture, spirit and will to express themselves in creative thoughts and deeds may always be stronger than any limitation to freedom. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who are homeless: that they may have the security of a settled place to live. We pray for all who work to overcome homelessness in our society. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who govern and for all who hold responsibility in public life: that they may serve the common good and recognize the dignity of every person. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our youth and children: that God will bless them through the whole new school year. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for those who have died – **Edward Halaburda** – that they may enter into the glorious inheritance of sharing the life of the Trinity. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our natural world: that we may care for the earth, for our environment and for every form of life. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, may Your word inspire us, Your light guide us, and Your truth set us free. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

OFFERTORY 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?
3. Lord, forsake us not; Lord forsake us not; Jesus, Lord, forsake us not. Ev'ry wound and laceration In Your heart finds transformation. There lies hope and our endurance, all our joy and our assurance.

COMMUNION HYMN – **We Kneel Before You** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 160

1. We kneel before You, Eternal Savior. In adoration, this song we offer. Though so unworthy to ask Your

blessing, We join in praise with Angels rejoicing.

2. We now confess You, Divine creator, Our hearts' full love we give You, o Master. Savior, we thank You for our redemption, In great sacrifice is our salvation.
3. You are our True God, holy forever, Be, Lord, our refuge, Mighty Defender. Bless Your creation from total outcome, And in adversity, be our contentment.
4. Fall down on bended knee before Your Savior. Hold fast in your heart, His wond'rous Presence. Sing of His glory with songs of gladness He is your Father, He, your Friend Precious.

POST-COMMUNION - 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 Twoą obronę, Ojczyźnie 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 we be renewed in faith, hope and love.

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

Sep. 6th “Bleenie” Sale (11:00AM - ?)

Sep. 7th Food Sale

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

Sep. 27th “Bleenie” Sale (11:00AM - ?)

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**, 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. Thank you to all of you who really care for your Parish! Thank you so much to **our Friends**, who are not members of our parish, but who came to help us! See you Sunday, and hopefully at the next sale :) Glory To God In The Highest!

PARISH NEWS INFO – the planned food sale while the community yard sale is going will remain **8:00AM until Noon**, on Saturday, Sep. 7th ...we will clean up the concession stand Friday evening and morning before the sale. BBQ, Hot dogs, steak sandwiches, haluski, gołąbki, soda, bottle water, maybe more?
Cleaning up and setting up the hall for **the dinner** will begin on **Tuesday, Sep. 17th thru Sep. 21st**. Anyone able to help whenever. Washing dishes, cleaning floor, removing unpleasant items, setting tables and chairs, dressing tables, etc.

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 **Fathers: Gastone Bernacchi and Paolo Leone**, their families and people whom they serve in Italy.



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.



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




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.

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 of the PNCC. The Clergy of the Plymouth Seniorate will concelebrate the Mass together with the Bishop. As of today **67 people** responded.

UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS: **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. 17:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES. The Classes will start in **September 2013.** I'm asking the parents whose children (**age 8** and older) did not receive the Holy Communion, please encouraged your children to attend the classes.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES. The Classes will start in **October 2013.** I'm asking the parents whose children was not confirmed, please encouraged your children to attend the classes. The minimum age for Confirmation is 14. Students who will be 14 years old or older in May 2015 are eligible to take confirmation classes. The course is two years, as required by the Church and will be completed in Spring of the year 2015.

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.



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 – Żarki 50th Ann.,** and mailed to:

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



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.

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**.

Prayer for the Beginning of the New School Year

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers.

We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months.

We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives.

Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith.

Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith.

Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others.

We ask this in Your name. **Amen.**

Every good gift comes from the Father of light.
May He grant you His grace and every blessing,
and keep you safe throughout the new school year.

R. Amen!

May He grant you unwavering faith,
constant hope, and love that endures to the end.

R. Amen!

May He order your days and work in His peace,
hear your every prayer,
and lead you to everlasting life and joy.

R. Amen!

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen!

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