

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

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"

Dwudziesta Druga Zwyczajna

September 1, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, September 1st – XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

To be humble is to know the truth about life – that we are all God's

7:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Edward Malaburda**, of. by Mrs. Helen Hopko.

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

✠ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

- ⤴ Collection for mission.
- ⤴ Coffee & Cake social.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30; **Tue.**, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6.9-11; Luke 4:31-37; **Wed.**, Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44; **Thu.**, Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11; **Fri.**, Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39; **Sat.**, Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

TUESDAY, September 3rd – *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Fr. Robert and Janina Plichta (14th Anniversary of Marriage)
6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

WEDNESDAY, September 4th - *Weekday*

6:30PM – Choir practice before the Anniversary Mass.

THURSDAY, September 5th - *Weekday*

7:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Bishop, Priests & Deacons of the Central Diocese

FRIDAY, September 6th - *First Friday of the Month*

11:00AM - ? - “Bleenie” Sale. The preparation begins at 7:30AM.
5:00PM – **7:00PM** – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
7:00PM – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; intention: God's blessing for the family.

SATURDAY, September 7th – *Weekday*

8:00AM – Noon – Food Sale
5:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Stanley Bulcavage**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. George Wycheck.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 8th – *Solemnity – Brotherly Love - XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

8:45AM – Holy Mass – intention: for Sp. Edward Halaburda, of. by Mrs. Eugenia Tyrrell & Mr. Lance Nelson.
 ⤴ Blessed Sacrament Society meeting 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 RITE (Zephaniah 2:3a; Psalm 149:40)

V. Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed His law; seek justice, seek humility.

R. For the Lord takes delight in His people, honors the poor with victory.

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 – **This Is the Day** – Binder

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made. **(2 times)**

I Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20.28-29

There is no cure for foolish pride.

GRADUAL (Isaiah 30:15a; Sirach 23:4)

V. For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies.

R. Lord, Father and God of my life, abandon me not into their control.

II Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24

In God's kingdom everyone is a first-born child, an equal citizen.

ALLELUIA (Sirach 3:28)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the wise man's joy.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1.7-14

Jesus turns a mirror on those who like to "keep others in their place".

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 – O Beautiful For Specious Skies - Binder

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood. From sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for pilgrim's feet, whose stern, impassioned stress. A thorough fare for freedom beat, across the wilderness! America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law.

COMMUNION HYMN – Here I Am Lord - Binder

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:**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN – Let There Be Peace on Earth - Binder

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our Creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; to take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally! Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

RECESSIONAL HYMN – God Bless America

God bless America Land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her, thru the night with the light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam! God bless America My home sweet home,
God bless America My home sweet home!

May the Lord who shares His table with all people of goodwill help you to live in peace with everyone.

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)

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 **74 people** responded positively.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Giuseppe Biancotti**, his family and parishioners of Merciful Jesus Parish in Torino, Italy.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 2 – Michael Stetts.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: September 3 – Father Robert and Janina Plichta.



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: **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.



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.



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