

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

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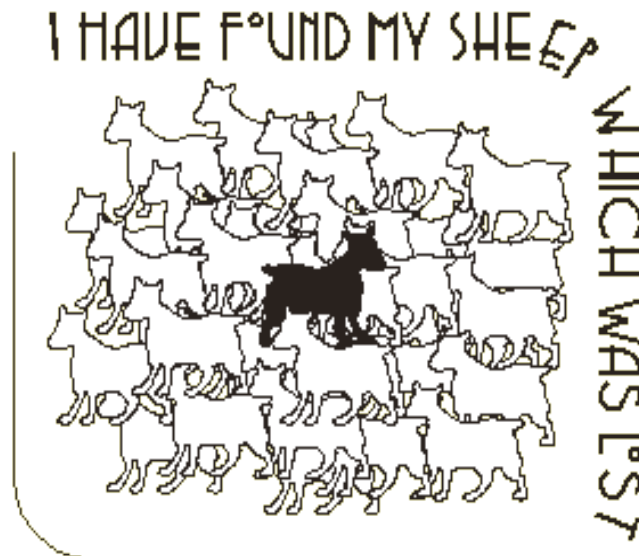
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**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"**

Dwudziesta Czwarta Niedziela Zwyczajna

**September 15, 2013**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, September 15<sup>th</sup> – XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the word of God today we recognize and feel the astonishing power of God's forgiveness.

**5:00PM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Edward Halaburda**, of. by the Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society.

**8:45AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Dorothy Halaburda**, of. by Ms. Angela Elsavage.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Hebrews 5:7-9; John 19:25-27; **Tue.**, 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17; **Wed.**, 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke

7:31-35; **Thu.**, 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50; **Fri.**, 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3; **Sat.**, Ephesians 4:1-7.11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

**MONDAY, September 16<sup>th</sup>** – Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows  
6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

**TUESDAY, September 17<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*  
9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Deceased members of our families, of. by. Fr. Robert & Janina Plichta.

**WEDNESDAY, September 18<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*  
6:30PM – Choir practice before the Anniversary Mass.

**THURSDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*  
8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for

**SATURDAY, September 21<sup>st</sup>** – Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle/Evangelist  
9:00AM – Holy Mass  
5:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Edward Halaburda, of. by Ms. Angela Elsavage.

**NEXT SUNDAY, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** – XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Spójnia Sunday - 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish Celebration  
8:45AM – Holy Mass – intention: PNU of America members.  
3:00PM – The Anniversary Holy Mass. The Main Celebrant: The Right Reverend Bernard J. Nowicki – Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese.

#### 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 Świątemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

#### **ENTRANCE RITE (Psalm 79:9.8)**

V. Help us, God our Savior, because of the glory of Your name; deliver us, pardon our sins for Your name's sake.  
**R. Do not hold past iniquities against us; may Your compassion come quickly, for we have been brought very low.**  
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** – Hear Thou Our Prayer – Volume 3, #2

Hear Thou our pray'r so humble; Lord as we come to Thee. Each yearning heart seeks comfort, Lord thy children call to Thee! From earthly evils protect us. Ever our guardian be. O send Thy light to guide us. That we may follow Thee, Ever may follow Thee.

#### **I Reading: Exodus 32:7-11.13-14**

*Moses prays, so the Lord relents and does not punish his people.*

#### **GRADUAL (Psalms 78:38-39)**

V. But God is merciful and forgave their sin; He did not utterly destroy them. Time and again He turned back His anger, unwilling to unleash all His rage.  
**R. He was mindful that they were flesh, a breath that passes and does not return.**

#### **II Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

*St. Paul rejoices because God has shown him mercy.*

#### **ALLELUIA (1 Timothy 2:5-6a)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Jesus Christ, Himself human, who gave Himself as ransom for all.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-32**

Three “lost and found” stories to show how God loves to forgive.

**HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev’ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

**OFFERTORY HYMN – Christ Be Beside Me**

1. Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.
2. Christ in my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, light of my life.
3. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me, Christ be on all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me, in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

**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 – Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God**

1. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia.
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia.
3. You do not live by bread alone, but ev’ry word, that comes forth from the mouth of God; Allelu, alleluia.
4. Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst; and whatsoever you ask I will do; Allelu, alleluia.

**CLOSING 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.

May you take from this place a realisation of God's sympathy and understanding for every one of us sinners.

**COMING EVENTS**

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

- Sep. 29<sup>th</sup> 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA (3:00PM)  
Oct. ... 90<sup>th</sup> 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. 22<sup>nd</sup>** 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Parish Organizing celebration (3:00PM)

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

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Animals blessing at the parking (2:00PM)

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> “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.

**90<sup>th</sup> ANIVERSARY CELEBRATION** – Our Parish celebrates the 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PARISH NEWS INFO** – Cleaning up and setting up the hall for **the dinner** will begin on **Tuesday, Sep. 17<sup>th</sup>** thru **Sep. 21<sup>st</sup>**. Anyone able to help whenever. Washing dishes, cleaning floor, removing unpleasant items, setting tables and chairs, dressing tables, etc.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Father Jason Soltysiak**, their families and parishioners of St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral in Scranton, PA.

**Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 5:00PM**, at Shenandoah Valley High School – **Mr. John Etcho** will be awarded: Sports Hall of Fame. He played and excelled in three sports: football, baseball and basketball for Mahanoy Township. Congratulations, Mr. John! Tickets \$20.00 per person, please contact Mrs. Sharon Chiao at: 570-773-2782.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 18 – James Abicunas.



**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. 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.***



**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.

**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 50<sup>th</sup> Ann.**, and mailed to:

Polish National Union of America  
Attention: Żarki 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

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