

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

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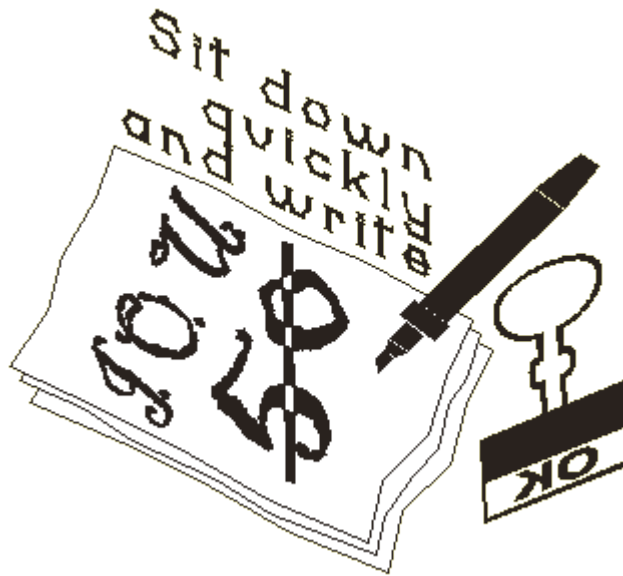
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Parish Committee Chairman – **Mr. James Chistakoff**



Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"

Dwudziesta Piąta Niedziela Zwyczajna

September 22, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, September 22nd – XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Spójnia Sunday

Today the Lord challenges us – where does our treasure lie? In God? Or in selfish pursuits?

Saturday, 5:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Edward Halaburda**, of. by Ms. Angela Elsavege.

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.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18; **Tue.**, Ezra 6:7-8.12b.14-20; Luke 8:19-21; **Wed.**, Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6; **Thu.**, Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9; **Fri.**, Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22; **Sat.**, Zechariah 2:5-9.14-15a; Luke 9:43b-

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TUESDAY, September 24th - *Weekday*

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

THURSDAY, September 26th - *Weekday*

7:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Bishop John Mack, of. by Fr. Robert & family.

FRIDAY, September 27th - *Weekday*

11:00AM – Sellout – Bleenie” Sale. The preparation starts at 7:30AM in the hall.

SATURDAY, September 28th - *Weekday*

5:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Edward Halaburda**, of. by the Seitzinger family.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 29th – *XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time* –

8:45AM – Holy Mass – intention: for Sp. Elizabeth Tokarczyk, of. by Mrs. Betty Brazausky.

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 113:1-2)

V. Praise, you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

R. Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever.

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 – **Morning Hymn** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 195

1. Lord, this morn we raise our voices As the world in song rejoices. All the works of Your creation Join to sing in admiration.
2. You have formed us, God our Savior, Overwhelmed us with Your favor. Blessed with gifts beyond all measure, May we praise You now and ever.

I Reading: Amos 8:4-7

The prophet of old challenges the people over their corrupt dealings and oppression of those who are poor.

GRADUAL (Deuteronomy 25:13-14.16)

V. You shall not keep two differing weights in your bag, one large and the other small; nor shall you keep two different measures in your house, one large and the other small.

R. Everyone who is dishonest in any of these matters is an abomination to the Lord, your God.

II Reading: 1 Timothy 2:108

St. Paul urges us to a love of unity, teaching us to pray for all God's people.

ALLELUIA (Sirach 29:11)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Dispose of your treasure as the Most High commands, for that will profit you more than the gold.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

A parable of Jesus presents us with the example of a shrewd man of the world. The lesson? Wise up!

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 – Let Us All Draw Close – PNCC Hymnal, p. 241

1. Let us all draw close like children and cling to the heart of Mary. Even though annoyance, hardships and thorns of our sins afflict us. With a sure stride let us meet her; With a wistful eye and heart we greet her. For the heart that knows a child's voice deflects ev'ry painful choice.
2. Oh, her heart is the most sensitive of all those of Adam's daughters. It is always open to us; it looks for us, calls us sweetly. Come, o children of the nations; And withstand the flood of weeping. Those who find me find abundant life through Jesus, Who grants salvation.

CLOSING HYMN – In Thy Protection – PNCC Hymnal, p. 210

1. 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.
2. Though all be peaceful, though storms beset us, in Thy protection we shall find our rest. Father, we pray Thee, humbly we beseech Thee, deliver us, the children Thou hast blessed.

May the Lord who raises the lowly, and sets us in the company of princes, watch over you this day.

COMING EVENTS

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Sep. 29th 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA (3:00PM)
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. 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**.

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 **Father Dennis Ruda**, his family and parishioners of All Saints Parish in Johnson City, NY.

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 25 – Helen Hopko; September 26 – Zachary Chiao.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: September 24 – George and Ann Marie Wycheck.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Bishop John Mack - 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. 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 – Zarki 50th Ann.**, and mailed to:

Polish National Union of America
Attention: Zarki 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.

PNU NEWS

On the fourth Sunday of September our Church offers prayers for our sister organization, the Polish National

Union of America. Our Church under the direction of Bishop Hodur organized the PNU in 1908 when members of our Church were denied insurance coverage because they were in the PNCC. Over the years the PNU has contributed millions of dollars for our PNCC and her many programs and endeavors. Did you know that our General Synod passed the following resolution: *“It shall be the moral obligation of the clergy and the laity of the PNCC to belong to the Polish National Union of America”* (PNCC Constitution, page 65)?

Today the PNU needs the support of all PNCC members to continue the excellent fraternal benefits they have been providing for more than a century. For additional information on the life insurance and annuity products offered by the PNU please call them at (800) 724-6352.

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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