

St. John the Baptist Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

90th Anniversary of Organizing

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"

Dwudziesta Szósta Niedziela Zwyczajna

September 29, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, September 29th – XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

What comfort and security do we find in our possessions and money? God warns us not to be too materialistic when so many people in human society suffer hardship.

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

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

3:00PM - 90th Anniversary celebration in Hazleton, PA (St. John the Baptist Parish).

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Daniel 7:9-10.13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51; **Tue.**, Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56;
Wed., Exodus 23:20-23; Matthew 18:1-5.10; **Thu.**, Nehemiah 8:1-4a.5-6.7b-12; Luke 10:1-12; **Fri.**, Baruch

1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16; **Sat.**, Baruch 4:5-12.27-29; Luke 10:17-24

MONDAY, September 30th – Feast – St. Michael, Archangel.

Patron Saint of: airborne, grocers, paratroopers, police officers.

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Jan Zaborowski**, of. by Janina Plichta & Family.

WEDNESDAY, October 2nd - Feast – Guardian Angels

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

THURSDAY, October 3rd - *Weekday*

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

FRIDAY, October 4th – **First Friday of the Month**

5:00PM – **7:00PM** – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

7:00PM – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, intention: God's blessing for the family.

SATURDAY, October 5th – *Weekday*

2:00PM – Animals Blessing at the parking.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, October 6th – **XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:45AM – Holy Mass – intention: for Sp. Dorothy Halaburda, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Boychak.

- ⤴ 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 146:9-10)

V. The Lord protects stranger, sustains the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the way of the wicked.

R. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, Zion, through all generations. Hallelujah!

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.

I Reading: Amos 6:1.4-7

A warning to those who are complacent and who pamper themselves at the expense of others.

The Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

II Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

A call for those who love God to be loving and generous

ALLELUIA (2 Corinthians 8:9)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

The story of the rich man the beggar, commonly called Dives and Lazarus. The rich man is punished for his indifference to the poor man at his door.

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

Let us bring our prayers to the Lord, who looks with love on all in need.

- For leaders in our society: that they will remember people who are poor and vulnerable in their decision-making and policies. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the Church: that God's people will play a positive role in wider society, promoting justice and peace and challenging excessive and selfishness. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those in need of peace: may we be reconcilers amidst the aggression and conflict in the world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those in need of healing and material help: may our congregation not be indifferent to the needs of vulnerable people in the wider community and find new ways to serve our brothers and sisters. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

- For us assembled here: may each of us recognize the prophet within ourselves that urges us to show kindness, generosity and compassion. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, You call us to let our lives reflect Your great love. Hear the prayers we make in faith, through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May God be with you as you go to love and serve the Lord wherever you live and work.

COMING EVENTS

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

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

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

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

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 very much to everyone for preparing so well our 90th Anniversary Celebration! We would like to mention our Parishioners and Friends who help us at the Liturgy of the Mass, those who decorated the church and hall for this special event, those of us who donated you time, talents, work and money, a special “thanks” to

our Parishioners who took care of the dinner, those who prepared deserts, to Mr. William Zelonis who played for us, and to those who donated money on this occasion. May God Bless you all!

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.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE – is under control of **Deacon James Konicki** who is willing to continue this electronic ministry for our Parish.

Thank you very much to **Mr. Mark Tomczyk** for taking care of our website in the past 15 years! In the past 2-3 weeks, Mr. Mark Tomczyk and Deacon James Konicki worked together on our website: www.stjohnpncc.org

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 Andrew Machowski**, his wife and parishioners of the Guardian Angel Parish in Los Angeles, CA [santoangelcustodio.org].

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES. With the upcoming holydays of All Saints and All Souls in the not too distant future, we remind our parishioners and friends, to please submit the names of their departed loved ones for remembrance during this holy season. All Soul’s Day remembrance request envelopes are placed next to the bulletins. Please fill them out (please: PRINT) and return them to Father Robert as soon as possible. (Thank you).

ALL SOULS CEMETERY SERVICE will be held on our cemetery/or in the church on Sunday, November 3, 2013 immediately after the Mass.



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: September 30 – Mark Tomczyk; October 3 – Mary Ann Hoppes.





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.


UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS: **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.

 **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.

BOSOM OF ABRAHAM

For the perennially starving people of the Middle East, heaven was often pictured as a lavish meal. In the Roman style of banqueting, the diners lay on flat couches with their heads facing the table. Two or three people would recline on each couch. The place of honor was beside the host. Hence the "bosom—or side of—Abraham" meant the lap of luxury. The beggar in today's Gospel enjoys this favored position presumably because of his trust in God. The wealthy man is sometimes known as "Dives", a Latin word meaning "rich". He is in hell— separated from heaven by a vast chasm.

DUES 2013. Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the 'family plan' method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the 2002 General Synod. Each adult member (18 years old+) will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at St. John the Baptist parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

Total dues for 2013 per Adult Member: \$79.00 Per Year

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations: Sunday Collection, St. Johns Fund, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Egg Project Fund, Easter Donations, Flower Fund, Bleenie Sales (we had a great time last year, come out help out, join in the fun...), and Christmas Donations.



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**.

“Never use tones that crush and words that bite, study the language of gentleness”.

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