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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Piętnasta Niedziela Zwykła

July 13, 2014

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow.

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, July 13th – XV Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are the seed God has sown to bear fruit for the kingdom. We come to share in the Eucharist that we may be fed and watered, going out to fulfil God's callign to brign goodness to our world.

10:00AM – Holy Mass intention: for Sp. **James Dean**, of. by Mr. John Katizone.

^ Pierogies are available - \$5.00 per dozen.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1; **Tue.**, Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24; **Wed.**, Isaiah 10:5-7.13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27; **Thu.**, Isaiah 26:7-9.12.16-19; Matthew 11:28-30; **Fri.**, Isaiah 38:1-6.21-22.7-8; Matthew 12:1-8; **Sat.**, Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

FRIDAY, July 18th - Weekday

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 20th – XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. David Halaburda, of. by Mrs. Eugenia Tyrrell.

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 (Hebrews 4:12; John 1:14)

V. Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

R. And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory as the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

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: Isaiah 55:10-11

God's word succeeds in what it was sent to do.

GRADUAL (1 Peter 1:23; Luke 11:28)

V. You have been born anew, not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and abiding word of God.

R. "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

II Reading: Romans 8:18-23

The whole of creation hopes to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.

ALLELUIA (Luke 8:11b; 1 Thessalonians 2:13b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. The seed is the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

The one who hears God's word and understands it is the one who yields a great harvest.

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.

May the seed of faith sown in your hearts grow ever stronger through the power of God's Holy Spirit.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

July 21-25th National Youth Convocation (Heidelberg University in Tiffin, OH)

Sep. 29th–Oct. 3rd - 24th General Synod of the PNCC (Erie, PA)

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

July 25th “Bleenie” Sale.

July 27th Vehicles blessing after the Mass at the parking.

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 **Joe Karvois** and **Veronica Plichta** for their help at the altar last Sunday.
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

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 our Parish! Thank you so much to our **Youth** and **those who are not members** for their great help! See you Sunday, and hopefully at the next sale.

RECTORY'S NEWS – The new faucet was installed in the rectory's kitchen. Thank you very much to **Mr. Charles Chiao Jr., Mr. Paul Elsavage** and **Mr. Frank** for taking care of it!

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 Adam Czarnecki**, his family and parishioners of St. Valentine's Parish in Northampton, MA [stvalentinespncc.com].



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: July 17 – Walter Jaskierski, Theresa Petrusky; July 20 – Theresa Leonarczyk; July 21 – Jean Keim.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: July 16 – Gregory and Nicole Lahutsky.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Wiesław Pietruszka - James Chistakoff – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. – Cheryl Stanitis - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff – **Frackville Nursing Home:** Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108); **NY** – Cecelia Pyzowski. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda. **Fritzingertown Drums, PA** - Violet Cegielski. **Ridgeview (Shen. Hts.)** - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221) – Theodore Butcavage (214).



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 MASS INTENTIONS: **July 20:** Sp. David Halaburda; **July 27:** Sp. James Dean; **Aug. 3:** Sp. David Halaburda; **Aug. 10:** Sp. David Halaburda; **Aug. 17:** Sp. James Dean; **Aug. 24:** Sp. James

Dean; **Aug. 31:** Sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **Sep. 7:** Sp. Charles Blocker. *Please, do not order the Mass intentions 3 months in advance.*



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 **9:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age must come to **private** Confession. **If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come and be well prepared for private confession at least once a month.** If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

Zachary Chiao – the grandson of Charles and Sharon Chiao is in a military service. If someone from our Congregation would like to write a few words to him – the address is:

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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. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend!**

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.

In Jesus' story, the Word of God is the seed, and we are the soil. Often, when we come to church, the preacher is preaching the Word, but we aren't really paying attention. Perhaps we are thinking about what we are going to do that afternoon or about what we did yesterday. We are hearing the Word, but we are not listening. That is like throwing seed on the top of the ground. It won't ever grow into anything in our life.

There are other times when we hear the Word and we get excited about it, but then our excitement fades and we drift away. That is like the seeds that fall on the rocky ground. The plants spring up, but then die because the roots are too shallow.

Sometimes we hear the Word and we believe what it says, but we want to keep on doing the same things we have been doing. That is like planting the seed in with a bunch of weeds. I can tell you what will happen, the weeds will soon take over!

When we hear the word, and we listen and try to understand what it says and put it into practice in our daily life, then we are like good soil. We are like soil where the seed takes root and grows and produces a plentiful harvest. That is the kind of soil that Jesus wants us to be. **What kind of soil are you?**