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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Szesnasta Niedziela Zwykła

July 20, 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 20th – XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

It would be so easy for God to tidy up this world, to annihilate the wicked and reward the good; but God is immensely patient, and there is a lesson in this for us.

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

^ Pierogies are available - \$5.00 per dozen.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Micah 6:1-4.6-8; Matthew 12:38-42; **Tue.**, Micah 7:14-15.18-20; Matthew 12:46-50; **Wed.**, Jeremiah 1:1.4-10; Matthew 13:1-9; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 2:1-3.7-8.12-13; Matthew 13:10-17; **Fri.**, 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28; **Sat.**, Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30

FRIDAY, July 25th - Feast – St. James the Greater, Apostle

Often called “the Greater” because of Mark’s reference to the other apostle James as “the younger James” (Mark 15:40), he was the son of Zebedee, and was called by Jesus together with his brother John. James was one of the three apostles, along with Peter and John, who witnessed the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-2) and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:37-46). James was condemned to death by Agrippa I and beheaded in the year 42, the first martyr among the apostles. The supernatural dignity of our vocation as Christians requires fortitude in our dedication. Even in the midst of difficulties, we should not get discouraged but should go to God with confidence, telling him like the apostle, “We can!” (Matthew 20:22).

11:00AM - ? - “Bleenie” Sale. Preparation begins at 7:30AM (or earlier) in the hall.

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

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

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. James Dean, of. by Joseph & Mary Ann Sekela.

^ Vehicles blessing after the Mass at the parking.

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 86:5-6)

V. Lord, You are kind and forgiving, most loving to all who call on You.

R. Lord, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help.

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: Wisdom 12:13.16-19

God is infinitely powerful, but combines power with kindness and gives us time to repent.

GRADUAL (Wisdom 11:26-12:1-2)

V. But You spare all things, because they are Yours, o Lord and lover of souls, for Your imperishable Spirit is in all things!

R. Therefore You rebuke offenders little by little, warn them, and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in You, o Lord!

II Reading: Romans 8:26-27

When we find it hard to pray, the Spirit is there.

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 13:24-43

Jesus uses the agricultural seasons to teach us patience.

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.

May you be a patient people, waiting trustfully for God to save you.

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** for his help at the altar last Sunday.
- 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.

CHURCH PROPERTY WORK – **Mr. Michael Russell** and his son **Michael** repaired light in the sign outside the church this week. THANK YOU!

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Paul Dudek**, his family and parishioners of Holy Saviour Parish in Union City, CT [holysaviourchurch.com], and Church of Transfiguration in New Britain, CT.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: July 23 – Russel Sincavage Sr.; July 24 – Edward Ryszka Jr.



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 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:

PVZ. ZACHARY C. CHIAO

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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!**

“**O Lord**, You have examined my heart
and know everything about me.
You know when I sit down or stand up.
You know my thoughts even when I’m far away.
You see me when I travel
and when I rest at home.
You know everything I do.
You know what I am going to say
even before I say it, Lord.
You go before me and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to understand!

I can never escape from Your Spirit!
I can never get away from your presence!
If I go up to heaven, You are there;
if I go down to the grave, You are there.
If I ride the wings of the morning,
if I dwell by the farthest oceans,
even there Your hand will guide me,
and Your strength will support me.
I could ask the darkness to hide me
and the light around me to become night—
but even in darkness I cannot hide from You.
To you the night shines as bright as day.
Darkness and light are the same to You.”

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.