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Polish National Catholic Church**

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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"**

Osiemnasta Niedziela Zwyczajna

**August 3, 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, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the feeding of the multitude, Jesus shows us the generosity of God and prefigures His gift of the Eucharist to the Church.

**10:00AM – Holy Mass** intention: for Sp. **David Halaburda**, of. by Mr. Leonard Halaburda.

- ✧ Confession.
- ✧ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament (in English).
- ✧ Collection for mission.
- ✧ Coffee & Cake time.
- ✧ Pierogies are available - \$5.00 per dozen.

## WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21; **Tue.**, Jeremiah 30:1-2.12-15.18-22; Matthew 14:22-36; **Wed.**, Daniel 7:9-10.13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23; **Fri.**, Nahum 2:1.3;3:1-3.6-7; Matthew 16:24-28; **Sat.**, Habakkuk 1:12-2:4; Matthew 17:14-20

**MONDAY, August 4<sup>th</sup>** - Feast – Finding the Body of St. Stephen

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

6:30PM - Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

**WEDNESDAY, August 6<sup>th</sup>** - Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord

*This feast became widespread in the West in the 11<sup>th</sup> century and was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1457 to commemorate Christendom's victory over Islam in Belgrade in 1456. Before that, the Transfiguration of the Lord was already celebrated in the Syrian, Byzantine, and Coptic rites. The Transfiguration prefigures the glory of the Lord as God, foretells His ascension into heaven, where we shall see God face to face.*

7:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Health.

**THURSDAY, August 7<sup>th</sup>** - Weekday

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese (God's blessing).

**FRIDAY, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

11:00AM - ? - "Bleenie" Sale. The Preparation begins at 7:30AM. The clean up session – on **Monday, Aug. 11 at 6:00PM.**

**NEXT SUNDAY, August 10<sup>th</sup>** – XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. David Halaburda, of. by Ms. Dolores Halaburda.

### 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** (Isaiah 25:6a; Psalm 145:15-16)

V. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines.

**R. The eyes of all look hopefully to You; You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

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 55:1-3**

*God invites us to come and eat and drink of His divine wisdom, food that will nourish us for eternal life.*

**GRADUAL** (Psalm 136:25-26)

V. The Lord gives food to all flesh, God's love endures forever.

**R. Praise the God of heaven, God's love endures forever.**

**II Reading: Romans 8:35.37-39**

*St. Paul reminds us that nothing can remove the love that God has for us, made visible in the incarnation.*

**ALLELUIA** (Song of Songs 2:4)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. He brings me into the banquet hall, and His emblem over me is love.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21**

*Jesus feeds 5000 to show us God's boundless generosity, to recall the manna in the desert and to prefigure the Eucharist.*

## 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.

God has visited us and redeemed us through word and sacrament; may we bear witness to this good news in our daily lives.

## COMING EVENTS

### GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 29<sup>th</sup>–Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 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)

Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> “Bleenie” Sale.  
Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> Blessing of Flowers & Herbs.  
Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> Youth Sunday, Children & Youth Blessing for the new school year.  
Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Animals Blessing (1:00PM)  
Oct. 5<sup>th</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 **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to **Veronica Plichta** for her 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.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Joseph Krusienski**, his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT and St. Casimir Parish in Wallingford, CT.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - The classes will start after summer vacation on Saturday, **September 6, 2014** (11:00AM – 12:00). We are asking the parents whose children will be **8 years old** (or older) in **May, 2015** to register for First Holy Communion Classes.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - will continue (after the Summer break) on Saturday, **September 6, 2014** (10:00AM – 10:50AM).



CHINESE AUCTION will be held on **October 5, 2014** 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: August 6 – Paul Elsavage.



**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: 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  
A Co.3-10 INF BN, 3<sup>rd</sup> PLT Rough Riders  
495 Iowa Avenue, Unit # 15  
Fort Leonard Wood, MO

**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.