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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Dwudziesta Niedziela Zwyczajna

August 17, 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 17th – XX Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we are reminded that God's blessings are for everyone; for all peoples of every culture and faith.

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

- ^ Blessing of Flowers and Herbs.
- ^ Pierogies are available - \$5.00 per dozen.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Ezekiel 24:15-23; Matthew 19:16-22; **Tue.**, Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30; **Wed.**, Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16; **Thu.**, Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14; **Fri.**, Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40; **Sat.**, Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12

TUESDAY, Aug. 19th - Thursday, Aug. 21st – Clergy Retreat & Conference – Mt. Pocono, PA.

FRIDAY, August 22nd

11:00AM - ? - "Bleenie" Sale. The preparation starts at 7:30AM in the hall. The "clean up" session – Monday, Aug. 25 at 6:00PM.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 24th – XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. James Dean, of. by Bill & Mary Caruso.

11:30AM – Holy Mass in Middleport, PA.

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 (Baruch 5:5; Psalm 122:1-2)

V. Up, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

R. I rejoiced when they said to me: “Let us go to the house of the Lord”. And now our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem.

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 56:1.6-7

Isaiah highlights God's recognition of the foreigners among the Israelites who observe the covenant. All the nations will be blessed by God.

GRADUAL (Tobit 14:6)

V. All the nations of the world shall be converted and shall offer God true worship.

R. All shall abandon their idols, which have deceitfully led them into error and shall bless the God of the ages in righteousness.

II Reading: Romans 11:13-1529-32

St. Paul hopes that Gentiles, as well as the Jews, will enjoy the mercy of the Lord.

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 45:22)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Turn to Me and be safe, all you ends of the earth, for I am God; there is no other!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

The story of the Canaanite woman, whom Jesus hails as a person of “great faith”.

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 Lord who knows your path in life, the places you go and the people you touch, inspire you to go out in peace and cross boundaries to love and serve the Lord.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

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

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Aug. 19-21 Clergy Retreat and Conference (Mt. Pocono, PA)

Oct. 25th Diocesan Council meeting (Scranton, PA 11:00AM)

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

Aug. 22nd “Bleenie” Sale.

Aug. 31st Youth Sunday, Children & Youth Blessing for the new school year.

Oct. 4th Animals Blessing (1:00PM)

Oct. 5th “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.

CLERGY RETREAT and CONFERENCE – The clergy of the Central Diocese will meet from Tuesday, Aug. 19th until Thursday, Aug. 21st, 2014 for the Clergy Conference and for Summer Retreat at the Villa of Our Lady House, Mt. Pocono, PA. In the case of sacramental emergency you can reach Fr. Robert at 570-839-7217.

OUR ORGANIST – **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** is going to have her knee surgery on Sep. 8, 2014. Please, pray for her successful operation and recovery.

RECTORY OFFICE – the new computer system was purchased and installed this week. Thank you – especially – to **Mr. John Plaxa** – for organizing of everything.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Michal Gitner**, his family and parishioners of St. Joseph Parish in Stratford, CT [stjosephofstratford.org].

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 17 – Sandra Elsavage; August 21 – Elaine Antalosky; August 22 – Barbara Davis; August 23 – Michael J. Russell.




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. - 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. 24:** Sp. James Dean; **Aug. 31:** Sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **Sep. 7:** Sp. Charles Blocker; **Sep. 21:** sp. James Dean; **Nov. 23:** sp. Bernard Halaburda Jr. & Dorothy Halaburda. *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, 3rd 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!**

St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA will be holding their 6th annual block party Aug. 22 & 23 at the Cathedral property at Elm St. & Pittston Ave. Polish foods & live entertainment both nights 5-10pm.

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.