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**I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS
OF THE KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN**

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Dwudziesta Pierwsza Niedziela Zwykła

August 24, 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 24th – XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus changes Simon the fisherman's life by changing his name to Peter. Peter becomes the "rock" on which Jesus builds His Church, and Jesus gives him the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

9:00AM – Funeral – Holy Ghost Cemetery.

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

^ Pierogies are available - \$5.00 per dozen.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51; **Tue.**, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a.14-17; Matthew 23:23-26; **Wed.**, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10.16-18; Matthew 23:27-32; **Thu.**, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51; **Fri.**, Jeremiah 1:17-19; Mark 6:17-29; **Sat.**, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

MONDAY, August 25th - Feast – St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Bartholomew was from Cana in Galilee. Mentioned in the gospels as one of the twelve apostles, he is identified with Nathanael. His friend, the apostle Philip, brought him to Jesus. According to tradition, St. Bartholomew preached the Gospel in India and died there a martyr.

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: God's blessing for Victoria and Veronica Plichta.

6:00PM – Cleaning session after the „bleenie” sale.

TUESDAY, August 26th - Solemnity – Our Lady of Częstochowa

6:30PM – Holy Mass

FRIDAY, August 29th - Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist

St. John's fearless condemnation of Herod's unlawful marriage incurred the hatred of the king's bride, Herodias. She had him imprisoned and, finally, killed. St. John the Baptist teaches us to be strong in carrying out the mission God has given us.

6:30PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 31st – XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Youth Sunday

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Mary Ann Etcho, of. by Husband, Mr. John Etcho.

▲ Collection – Youth Fund.

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 (Deuteronomy 32:3-4)

V. For I will sing to the Lord's renown. Oh, proclaim the greatness of our God!

R. The Rock – how faultless are His deeds, how right all His ways! A faithful God, without deceit, how just and upright He is!

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 22:19-23

The key of the House of David is a symbol of the royal steward's authority to grant or refuse admittance to the royal presence. A similar image is used in today's Gospel when Jesus gives the keys of the kingdom of heaven to Peter.

GRADUAL (Psalm 18:32-33.47)

V. Truly, Who is God except the Lord? Who but our God is the Rock? This God Who girded me with might, kept my way unerring.

R. The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Exalted be God, my Savior!

II Reading: Romans 11:33-36

St. Paul rejoices in the incomprehensible wonder of God's wisdom and providence.

ALLELUIA (1 Samuel 2:2)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. There is no Holy One like the Lord; there is no Rock like our God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

Peter's profession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of the living God is given to him by divine revelation.

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.

Remembering that our help is in the name of the Lord, we ask for God's blessing.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

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

CENTRAL DIOCESE

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

Sep. 12th “Bleenie” Sale.

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**.

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 the youth and those who are not members for their great help!

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.

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

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Zbigniew Kaszubski**, his family and parishioners of SS. Peter & Paul Parish in New London, 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 28 – Donna Freeman, Debbie Whitecavage.

James
– Sharon



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Wiesław Pietruszka - Chistakoff – Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage - 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. 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.

DEATH NOTICE – Sp. **Joseph L. Makauskas**, age 84, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 17 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Pottsville, PA. His funeral was held last Friday, Aug. 22. ***Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord...***

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.

“Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.” (Lou Holtz)