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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Youth Sunday

August 31, 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 – Contemporary liturgy in English.

Today, August 31st – XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

In all humility we come into God's presence in the hope and belief that we will experience God's abundant mercy and gift of peace.

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

^ Children and Youth blessing.

^ Pierogies are available - \$5.00 per dozen.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30; **Tue.**, 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37; **Wed.**, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44; **Thu.**, 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11; **Fri.**, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39; **Sat.**, 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5

TUESDAY, September 2nd - Weekday

6:30PM – Blessed Sacrament Society meeting in the hall.

WEDNESDAY, September 3rd - Weekday

8:30AM – Holy Mass for Health.

THURSDAY, September 4th - Weekday

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

FRIDAY, September 5th - First Friday of the month

11:00AM - ? - “Bleenie” Sale. Preparation starts at 7:30AM.

5:00PM – 7:00PM – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

7:00PM – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; intention: for all Parishioners.

September 6th - Weekday

10:00AM – 10:50AM – Confirmation Class

11:00AM – 12Noon – First Holy Communion Catechism Class

NEXT SUNDAY, September 7th - XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Charles Blocker, of. by Mr. John Etcho.

- △ Confession.
- △ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- △ Collection for missions.
- △ Coffee & Cake.

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 (Jeremiah 17:10; Psalm 63:9)

V. I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart, to reward everyone according to the merit of his deeds.

R. My soul clings fast to You; Your right hand upholds me.

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: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The Lord is much stronger than us and will always triumph.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for You, o Lord my God.

II Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Our lives are to be changed, but not by the world around us.

ALLELUIA (Ephesians 1:17-18)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus' rebuke to Peter shows that our thoughts are not always in line with God's way of thinking.

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.

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GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Let us bring to God our prayers and petitions, those we speak publicly and those that remain in the silence of our hearts.

- We pray for our Bishop Bernard: that the spirit of wisdom may always inspire him in word and deed, for the good of the Church. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who have been elected to lead our nation, at national and local levels: that they may always consider the needs of those who are poor and downcast. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For family life: that mothers and fathers may recognize in their children the privilege that is theirs, and may bring them up lovingly. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who are in need: that this day they may find someone who care enough even to offer a smile. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for all those who have died – especially for **Mary Ann Etcho** - that they may enter into the peace of the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all who are searching for the “final pearl” of life: that they may find in us true signs of the kingdom of heaven. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving Father, we ask You to hear our prayers, those spoken aloud and those offered in the silence of our hearts, for they are made in faith and in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May God who calls us to take our crosses each day give us strength and the grace to do so.

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)

Sep. 5th “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 the **Sunday greeters**.

Mr. Julian Bednarek installed the fiberglass window last Monday. Thank you!

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 **Bishop Stanley Bilinski Jr.**, his family, **Father Francis Rowinski**, his family,

and parishioners of All Saints Cathedral in Chicago, IL.

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.

4 – Samantha



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 2 – Michael Stetts; September Stanitis.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: September 3 – Father Robert and Janina Plichta (15th).



Sharon

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Wieslaw Pietruszka - James 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 – Patricia Abicunas. 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: 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.

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.

“Success is not a ladder you can climb with your hands in your pockets.” (American Proverb)