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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Dwudziesta Trzecia Niedziela Zwykła

September 7, 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, September 7th – XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Christ assures us that whenever two or three gather in His name, He is with them. So we can know that He is here with us today.

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 Time.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16.18-23; **Tue.**, 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19;
Wed., 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26; **Thu.**, 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7.11-13; Luke 6:27-38; **Fri.**, 1
Corinthians 9:16-19.22b-27; Luke 6:39-42; **Sat.**, 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

MONDAY, September 8th - Solemnity – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church in commemorating with a feast the birth of the BVM, celebrates the dawning of the day of the Redemption – the moment when she who was to be the Mother of our Savior was born. The Blessed Virgin occupies a unique place in the history of salvation. Heaven rejoices at her birth. The Lord reserves for her the highest mission ever entrusted to any creature. We rejoice in the certainty that the Mother of God is our Mother, too.

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for **Sp. Marianna Zaborowska**, (13th anniversary of death) of. by Daughter Janina Plichta & family.

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

WEDNESDAY, September 10th - *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Deceased.

THURSDAY, September 11th - 13th Anniversary of 9/11/01

6:00PM – Holy Mass for America.

FRIDAY, September 12th - *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 14th – Solemnity – **Brotherly Love** - XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: God's Blessing and Good Health for Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren of The Chiaos Family.

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 (Proverbs 9:7-8)

V. Whoever corrects a scoffer wins abuse; whoever rebukes the wicked man gets hurt.

R. A scoffer who is rebuked will only hate you; the wise, when rebuked, will love you.

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: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Like a true sentinel, Ezekiel warns against those who threaten the well-being of the community by their wrongdoing.

GRADUAL (2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Timothy 5:20)

V. Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

R. Reprimand publicly those who do sin, so that the rest also will be afraid.

II Reading: Romans 13:8-10

All the commandments are summarized in one: you must love your neighbor as yourself.

ALLELUIA (Leviticus 19:17)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. You shall not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow man, do not incur sin because of him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

To correct a brother or sister, it may in the end be necessary to involve the community, but Christ himself is with that community in their deliberations.

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 the Father, source of peace, be with you. May the Son, who died to bring peace, console you. May the Holy Spirit, God;s love poured into our hearts, comfort you.

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. 19th “Bleenie” Sale.

Sep. 20th & 27th First Holy Communion & Confirmation Classes

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

Oct. 5th “Chinese” Auction

Oct. 12th Mass for Healing with the Sacrament of Holy Anointing

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!

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 Jaroslaw Rafalko**, his wife and parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Kewanee, IL [kewaneepncc.com].



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: September 9 – Judith Touchinsky; September 11 – Edmund Hessert; September 12 – John Keim.




HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: September 8 – Charles Jr. and Sharon Chiao.




PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Wieslaw Pietruszka - James Chistakoff – Sarah Powanda - 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 – 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. 14:** Blessing for Chiao's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren; **Sep. 21:** Sp. James Dean; **Sep. 28:** PNU Members; **Oct. 5:** Deceased Members of Chiao Family; **Oct. 12:** for Healing; **Oct. 19:** Sp. Vincent Opanel; **Oct. 26:** 1st Birthday of Zoey Rutkowski; **Nov. 2:** for all Deceased; **Nov. 9:** Sp. Vincent Opanel; **Nov. 16:** Sp. Lucille Greenman; **Nov. 23:** Sp. Bernard Halaburda Jr. & Dorothy Halaburda; **Nov. 30:** Sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **March 1, 2015:** for those who were touched with cancer. *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.

“The best way to predict your future is to create it.” (Peter Drucker)