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*During October We Salute Our
Friends and Neighbors Celebrating*



*A National Celebration of Polish History, Culture and Pride in Cooperation
with the Polish American Congress and Polonia Across America*



Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Heritage Sunday

October 19, 2014

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow in number of holy and dedicated people.

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, October 19th – XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time – Heritage Sunday

God is Lord of heaven and earth; and we give the Lord glory by acknowledging His rule in every aspect of His creation.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Vincent Opanel**, of. by Mrs. Patricia Abicunas & Mr. James Abicunas.

- ⤴ The private Confession for those who are in need is available at any time before the services, during the week also.
- ⤴ Collection – Outreach to Poland.
- ⤴ Pierogies are available.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21; **Tue.**, Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38; **Wed.**, Ephesians 3:2-12;
Luke 12:39-48; **Thu.**, Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53; **Fri.**, Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59; **Sat.**,

Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

MONDAY, October 20th - Weekday

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

WEDNESDAY, October 22nd - Weekday

8:30AM – Holy Mass for those who are in Purgatory.

THURSDAY, October 23rd - Weekday

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Edward** and **Helena Zaborowski**, of. by Fr. Robert & Family.

FRIDAY, October 24th - Feast – St. Raphael, Archangel

Raphael (“Medicine of God”) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey. Every person on his or her pilgrimage through this life also has a guardian angel with a mission similar to that of Raphael.

8:30AM – Holy Mass

SATURDAY, October 25th

10:00AM – Diocesam Council meeting (Lithuanian Parish in Scranton, PA)

NEXT SUNDAY, October 26th – XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: 1st Birthday of Zoey Rutkowski, of. by Great-grandparents.

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 (Romans 13:1. Daniel 4:14b)

V. Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been established by God.

R. The Most High rules over the kingdom of men: He can give it to whom He will.

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 45:1.4-6

The all powerful Lord uses the pagan king Cyrus as an instrument to bring about His purposes.

GRADUAL (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

V. First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.

R. This is good and pleasing to God our Savior, Who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

II Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

St. Paul greets the Church in Thessalonika and recalls how they recognized the power of the Gospel.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 103:19)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord’s throne is established in heaven; God’s royal power rules over all.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21

Jesus tells us that we recognize God's rule over our lives by giving back to God all that belongs to God.

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 strengthen you to witness to God's kingdom in your lives.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

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

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Nov. 6th Clergy meeting (Plymouth, PA 1:00PM)

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

Nov. 9th “Chinese” Auction

Dec. 14th Advent Penitential Service (before the Mass) & Christmas Party (after the **1:00PM** Mass).

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 **Joe Karvois** and **Veronica Plichta** for their help at the altar.
- 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 and during the entire season! Special “thanks” to all of you who came for frying bleenies! Thank you for all donations also. 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.

GENERAL CHURCH DUES – has been increased to \$100.00; therefore beginning January 2015, our church dues will be **\$124.00** per adult member.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION will take place in our church on Sunday, **November 9.**

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Edward Meus**, his family and parishioners of Our Savior Parish in Hobart, IN.

October Promotion

Happy Halloween from the PNU

Planning for financial security doesn't need to be **SCARY**. Contact the **PNU Home Office** at **1-800-724-6352** and we'll provide you with helpful information on life insurance policies, endowments, annuities, and much more. Let the PNU help take the **FRIGHT** out of preparing for the future.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES. With the upcoming holy-days of All Saints and All Souls in the not too distant future, we remind our parishioners and friends, to please submit the names of their departed loved ones for remembrance during this holy season. All Soul's Day remembrance request envelopes are placed next to the bulletins. Please fill them out (please: **PRINT**) and return them to Father Robert as soon as possible. (Thank you).

ALL SOULS SERVICE will be held on Sunday, **November 2, 2014** in the church after the Mass.



CHINESE AUCTION will be held on **November 9, 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.

20 – Kristin



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: October 19 – Amy Andruscavage; October Russell, Cody Larson; October 21 – Ann Marie Wycheck, Deborah Stetts.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Wiesław 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).



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: **Oct. 26:** 1st Birthday of Zoey Rutkowski; **Nov. 2:** Sp. William and Josephine Zamonas; **Nov. 9:** Sp. Vincent Opanel; **Nov. 16:** Sp. Lucille Greenman; **Nov. 23:** Sp. Bernard Halaburda Jr. & Dorothy Halaburda; **Nov. 30:** Sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **Dec. 7:** Sp. Michael & Mary Patcella; **Dec. 21:** Sp. James Dean; **Jan. 4, 2015:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 11:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 18:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage; **Jan. 25:** Sp. Edward Bulcavage. **March 1:** for those who were touched with cancer.



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.

Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk. (Doug Larson)