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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Trzydziesta Niedziela Zwyczajna

October 26, 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 – Contemporary liturgy in English.

Today, October 26th – XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time

Legal matters come to the fore in today's first reading and Gospel: both passages invite us into a reflection on the true nature of the Law of God meditated through Moses. In Jesus' hands, the content of the Law is presented as teaching to be lived, rather than rules to be obeyed.

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

^ Pierogies are available - \$5.00 per dozen.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17; **Tue.**, Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16; **Wed.**, Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30; **Thu.**, Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35; **Fri.**, Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 14:1-6; **Sat.**, Revelation 7:2-4,9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

TUESDAY, October 28th - Feast – SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles

Simon is usually called “the Zealot” (Luke 6:15), probably because he belonged to the Jewish party of the “Zealous of the Law”. Jude, also called Thaddeus or “Courageous”, is the disputed author of a short epistle in the New Testament. Tradition has it that they preached in Mesopotamia and Persia and there were martyred.

Patron Saint of: desperate causes, desperate situations, lost causes

6:00PM – Holy Mass

THURSDAY, October 30th - *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Deceased** of the Family, of. by Janina Plichta.

FRIDAY, October 31st - *Vigil of All Saints*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: God's blessing for the Family.

SATURDAY, November 1st - Solemnity of All Saints (*Holy day of obligation*)

Today we celebrate the feast of all the unknown saints who are now in heaven. The Church reminds us that sanctity is within everyone's reach. Through the Communion of Saints we help one another achieve sanctity.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

NEXT SUNDAY, November 2nd - XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass with the reading of the Memorial List; intention: for Sp. William and Josephine Zamonas, of. by Daughter Theresa and her husband Joseph.

- ⤴ Confession.
- ⤴ All Souls Service after the Mass.
- ⤴ 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 (Deuteronomy 6:5, 1 John 4:21)

V. Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

R. This is the commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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: Exodus 22:20-26

The provisions of the Law given by Moses apply not only to the Israelites, but must be extended to vulnerable people too: the widow, the orphan and the stranger are singled out for special care.

Responsorial Psalm: I love You, Lord, my strength.

II Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

St. Paul tells his readers that they saw how Paul and his companions conducted themselves. Since they follow Paul's example they too are great examples to others.

ALLELUIA (John 14:23)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Whoever loves Me will keep My word, says the Lord, and My Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

In a summing up of the meaning of the Law, Jesus also shows the true meaning and expression of discipleship.

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.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH [PAGE 71]
GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Having heard God's word in faith, and having professed our faith with hope, we present our needs to God with the confidence that our prayers will be heard.

- For the Church: may its members be recognized by their love of God with all their being, and their neighbors as themselves. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our leaders: may they always recognize that they have been elected to serve, and not to be served. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those in our world who suffer because of who they are or what they believe: may all people be granted the freedom to worship God. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those in our community who suffer from sickness of body and mind: may they find the peace and healing that come from Christ alone. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for **Zoey Rutkowski** at her 1st Birthday: may God give her health, blessing and a long life. **R. Lord hear our prayer.**

- For those who have died and whom we commend to the Lord: may they have eternal rest in His presence. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, You know our many needs before we can even begin to express them. Hear the prayers we present to You today; we ask You to grant them through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May the love of God, which surpasses all we can imagine, come upon us today and always.

COMING EVENTS

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 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 **Veronica Plichta** for her help at the altar last Sunday;
- to the **Sunday greeters.**

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners who came and help to clean our concession stand after the final “bleenie” sale: **Ms. Elizabeth Greenman, Mrs. Janina Plichta, Mr. Paul Elsavege, Mr. James Abicunas and Father Robert.**

^ **Our Diocesan Bishop** – the **Right Reverend Bernard J. Nowicki** received the Honorary Doctorate of the Nashotah House Theological Seminary. Congratulations!

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

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.

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

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Charles Zawistowski**, his family and parishioners of St. Mary Parish in South Bend, IN [stmarypncc.org].

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.



vestibule. When to provide gifts

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.



CHRISTMAS PARTY – will be held in our church hall on **Sunday, December 14** after **1:00PM Mass**. The Parishioners invite you to participate, therefore please sign your name on the sheet at the you come, please bring **one inexpensive gift (up to \$10.00)**. Parents and guardians are responsible for their children. The deadline to sign your names is December 7.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: October 27 – Violet Cegielski (97); October 29 – Zoey Rutkowski, James Panco; November 1 – Carl Guzik, Frederick Boychak.



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: **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. 14:** Sp. James Dean; **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.

Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that's real power.
(Clint Eastwood)