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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"

Dwudziesta Niedziela Zwyczajna

August 16, 2015

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, August 16th – XX Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus continues His discourse on the bread of life that has come down from heaven. This is linked to the Wisdom tradition of the Old Testament, where God prepared the way for revealing the Eucharist.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Kurt Elsavage**, of. by the Elsavage Family.

✠ Blessing of flowers & herbs.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22; **Tue.**, Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30; **Wed.**, Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16; **Thu.**, Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14; **Fri.**, Ruth 1:1.3-6:14b-16.22; Matthew 22:34-40; **Sat.**, Ruth 2:1-3.8-11, 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12

MONDAY, August 17th - *Weekday*

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

THURSDAY, August 20th - Weekday

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Mary Ann Etcho**, of. by husband John Etcho.

FRIDAY, August 21st - Weekday

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Paul Elsavege**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kovalewski

NEXT SUNDAY, August 23rd – XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. James Dean, of. by wife Marjorie.

12:00 Doors open for the “Penny” Auction; **1:00PM** – the auction begins.

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 8:3)

V. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers.

R. In order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

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: Proverbs 9:1-6

The book of Proverbs uses the image of Wisdom and her banquet to show how God feeds us with knowledge and understanding. This is a prefiguring of the Eucharist.

GRADUAL (Nehemiah 9:20; Job 22:29)

V. “Your good Spirit You bestowed on them, to give them understanding; Your manna you did not withhold from their mouths, and You gave them water in their thirst.”

R. For God abases the proud, but He saves the lowly.

II Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

St. Paul reminds us that we are rational creatures, made in the image and likeness of God. Our lives should reflect this great dignity.

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 55:2b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

Jesus reaches into the Exodus and Wisdom tradition to teach about himself as the bread of life. This refers both to His own identity and to His gift to us of the Eucharist.

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.

We have been nourished by the bread of life and received a pledge of eternal life; let us share this joy with the world.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Oct. 2-4 72nd United YMSofR Convention – South Deerfield, MA.

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Sep. 20 Rev. Janiec 25th Anniversary of Ordination celebration in Hazleton, PA (Mass and Dinner)

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

Aug. 23 “Penny” auction
Sep. 13 Semi-Annual Parish meeting after the Mass
Sep. 17 Spaghetti Dinner
Oct. 3 Animals Blessing (1:00PM at the parking)
Oct. 4 Baptism: Theodore Leonard Tokarczyk
Oct. 18 Chinese Auction
Nov. 7 Soup & food sale
Nov. 8 Veteran's Day Celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to:

- to **Janina Plichta** preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** and to the Choir members;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector;
- to **Veronica** for her help at the altar;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

THANK YOU much to our members of the Ladies Blessed Sacrament Society for organizing Ice Cream Social last Sunday. Thank you to everyone for all kind of help during this event. MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

THANK YOU very much to **Mrs. Sandra Elsavage** for donating chairs, bookcase and coffeetable to the rectory!

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, August 9 – **22**.

CLERGY RETREAT and CONFERENCE – The clergy of the Central Diocese will meet from Tuesday, Aug. 18th until Thursday, Aug. 20th, 2015 for the Clergy Conference and for Summer Retreat at the Villa of Our Lady House, Mt. Pocono, PA. In the case of sacramental emergency you can reach Fr. Robert at 570-839-7217.

HERITAGE PARADE – will take place in Shanendoah, PA on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015. All participants will gather together at St. Casimir RCC at 10:00AM. If anyone is interested to attend, please come, and join us in this event.

PARISH INFO - We are in the process of replacement of 11 windows in the parish rectory and the approximately cost of this work is **\$4,700.00**. Also – we plan the carpeting work in the rectory's living and dining room – the cost would be around **\$1,700.00**. If any of our **Parishioners** and **Friends** would like to make some contributions toward these projects – your donation is really appreciated – Bóg Zapłać!

- ⤴ Our Parish is going to have the **Semi-Annual Parish Meeting** held on **Sunday, September 13, 2015 immediately after the Holy Mass. Please, do not ignore this event; this is your church organized 92 years ago** and we need to SURVIVE! No election will take place; we would like to now where we are and where we would like to go.
- ⤴ We are asking our Parishioners to donate some food & snacks for this meeting. THANK YOU!

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Carmen Bolock**, his family and parishioners St. Mary's Parish in Duryea, PA [saintmaryspncc.org].

„PENNY AUCTION” will be held on **Sunday, Aug. 23**; doors open at 12:00Noon; the auction begins at 1:00PM. Participants please bring \$2.00 as admission and inexpensive gifts. Everyone are Welcome!

Ladies Blessed Sacrament Society will sponsor a **SPAGHETTI DINNER** on Thursday, September 17, 2015; Time: 4:00PM to 7:00PM. Donation: \$8.00. To order please call 570-874-0119 by Sept. 13, 2015". There will be a limited number of walk-ins available.



CHINESE AUCTION will be held on **October 18, 2015** 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. **THANK YOU.** Thank you to our Parishioners who already donated gifts to this event.

HAPPY
Elsavage;



BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: August 9 – Barbara David; August 17 – Sandra August 21 – Elaine Antalosky.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – John Kruk – John Etcho - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Joseph Petrusky. At **Nursing Homes:** – **Frackville Nursing Home:** 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). **Shenandoah Manor** – Walter Jaskierski (C13).



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. 23:** Sp. James Dean; **Aug. 30:** Sp. Kurt Elsavage; **Sep. 6:** Sp. John David; **Sep. 13:** Sp. Mary Hoffner; **Sep. 20:** Sp. James Dean; **Sep. 27:** PNU Members. **The Sundays Mass intentions are busy until the end of May 2016. Please, do not order Mass intentions for Sunday until Spring of 2016. Daily Masses are available at any time.**

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.**