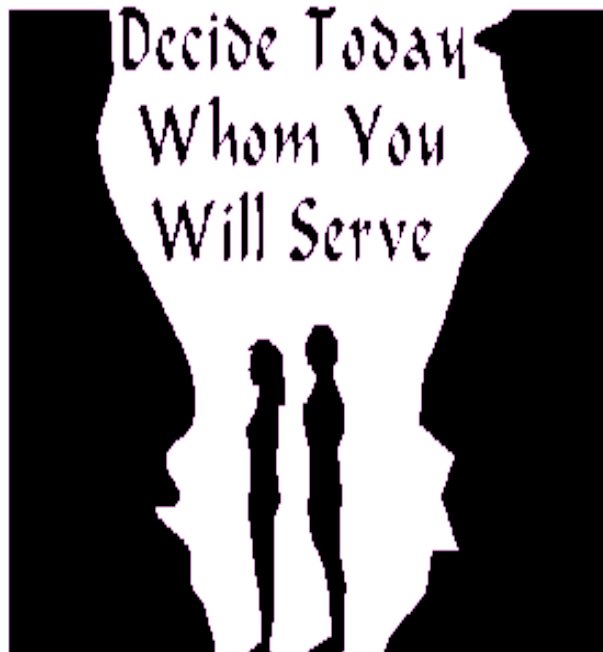


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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"

Dwudziesta Pierwsza Niedziela Zwykła

August 23, 2015

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, August 23rd – XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

Life offers us a fundamental choice. If we choose to follow the words of Jesus we are guaranteed a share in a unique, loving and utterly faithful relationship with God, which will last „from here into eternity”.

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

^ „Penny” Auction fundraiser: doors open at 12 Noon; the auction begins at 1:00PM. Admission: \$2.00 and small gift. Everyone are Welcome.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51; **Matthew 23:13-22**; **Tue.**, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26;
Wed., Proverbs 8:22-35; Galatians 4:4-7; John 21-11; **Thu.**, 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51; **Fri.**, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13; **Sat.**, Jeremiah 1:17-19; Mark 6:17-29

MONDAY, August 24th - Feast – St. Bartholomew, Apostle

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

WEDNESDAY, August 26th - Solemnity – Our Lady of Czestochowa

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Krystyna Plichta**, of. by Fr. Robert & family.

FRIDAY, August 28th - Weekday

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Father Paul Pierzchala**, of. by Fr. Robert.

SATURDAY, August 29th - Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Helena Zaborowska** of. by Fr. Robert & family.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 30th – XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

^ Blessing of children before the school.

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 (Psalm 100:1-2.4a)

V. Sing joyfully to the Lord all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful song!

R. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, His courts with praise; give thanks to Him! Bless His Name!

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: Joshua 24:1-2.15-18

Joshua gives the people of Israel the opportunity between serving the Lord or serving pagan gods. They opt for the Lord because they have seen all that He has done for them.

GRADUAL (Psalm 119:13-14.17)

V. With my lips I declare all the ordinances of Your mouth. In the way of Your decrees I rejoice, as much as in all riches.

R. Be good to Your servant, that I may live and keep Your words.

II Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

The relationship between Christ and the Church is symbolized by that between a loving husband and wife.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 119:12)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Blessed are You, o Lord; teach me Your statutes.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 6:60-69

Jesus is rejected by many of His early followers who are unable to accept the challenge of His words. His disciples, however, recognize that these same words are their only way towards God and eternal life.

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 Holy one of God be with you as you leave this Eucharistic celebration.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

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

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Sep. 19 Deacon's Ordination in McAdoo, PA (3:00PM)
Sep. 20 Rev. Janiec 25th Anniversary of Ordination celebration in Hazleton, PA (Mass and Dinner)
Oct. 17 Plymouth Seniorate Council meeting (1:00PM in Wilkes-Barre, PA)

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

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**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, August 16 – 22.

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 Zapłaci!

- ⚭ 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 Lucian Urbaniak**, his wife and parishioners Good Shepherd Parish in Plymouth, PA and Resurrection of the Lord Parish in Edwardsville, PA.

The Solemnity of Brotherly Love – September 13, 2015 will be here in a few short weeks. Just prior to this commemoration Prime Bishop Mikovsky will host a webinar for our entire Church on Wednesday – September 9th at 7 pm (EST). The intent of the webinar is to bring as many PNCC members and others together to hear Prime Bishop's spiritual address and to prepare for the Solemnity through prayer, reflection, music, and meditation.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE BROTHERLY LOVE WEBINAR
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/regist.../1084478373868742145>

You must register in order to view the webinar. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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
August 25 –



BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: August 23 – Michael J. Russel, Margaret Kruszynski; Claire Mallick; August 28 – Deborah Whitecavage, Donna Freeman.



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. 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.**