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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"
Dwudziesta Piąta Niedziela Zwykła
September 20, 2015

O Lord I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and this parish will grow in number of really holy and dedicated people to God and to the Church.

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, September 20th – XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our relation with one another, do we always want to be in control? Or are we willing to take the risk, as Christ commanded, of serving one another in humility?

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

▲ SOCL in the hall after the Mass.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Ephesians 4:1-7.11-13; **Matthew** 9:9-13; **Tue.**, Ezra 6:7-8.12b.14-20; Luke 8:19-21; **Wed.**, Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6; **Thu.**, Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9; **Fri.**, Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22; **Sat.**, Zechariah 2:5-9.14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45

MONDAY, September 21st – Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle/Evangelist

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

WEDNESDAY, September 23rd - *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Helen Seamon**, of. by Ms. Margie Mellon & family.

THURSDAY, September 24th - *Weekday*

6:00PM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Paul Elsavage**, of. by Ms. Linda Caldwell.

FRIDAY, September 18th - *Weekday*

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

NEXT SUNDAY, September 27th – XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time – **Spójnia Sunday**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for PNU members.

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 (Jeremiah 12:19a,20)

V. Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me.

R. But You, o Lord of hosts, o just Judge, searcher of mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance You take on them, for to You I have entrusted my cause!

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: Wisdom 2:12.17-20

Those who are just will suffer for their virtuous life.

GRADUAL (1 Peter 4:13-14)

V. But rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when His glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly.

R. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

II Reading: James 3:16 – 4:3

Real prayer can overcome the violence that arises in us because of our thwarted desires.

ALLELUIA (1 Peter 3:18a)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that He might lead you to God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus tells us that true leadership will only be effective through humble service.

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 Father sustain you, the Son bring you His healing and the Holy Spirit comfort and refresh you.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

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

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

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)

Oct. 3 Animals Blessing (1:00PM at the parking)

Oct. 18 Chinese Auction

Nov. 7 Soup & food sale

Nov. 8 Baptism: Theodore Leonard Tokarczyk

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 **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to **Vernonica and Dylan** for their help at the altar last Sunday;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

THANK YOU very much to our Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society, Parishioners and Friendly people for preparing *Spaghetti Dinner* last Thursday. Many „thanks” for all your work, donations and all kind of help. May God Bless You!

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, September 13 – **33**.

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!*

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Richard Wosiak**, his family and parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish in Middleport, PA.



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.*

St. Stanislaus Cathedral's (Scranton, PA) ANS Home Style Turkey Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, **October 25**, 2015 in the Cathedral Youth Center. Takeouts will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and doors will open for sit-down service at 12:00 Noon. Purchase your tickets from any Branch 1 ANS member for \$12.00/adult and \$6.00/children 12 and under. Other features include a bakery table, a basket raffle (\$1.00/5 tickets) and a ticket raffle featuring prizes of a laptop, gas grill or gas gift card (\$2.00/ticket).


Contact *Kathleen Michalina* at 570-562-2086 or kam2086@aol.com for further information.




HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 25 – Helen Hopko; September 26 – Zachary Chiao.




HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: September 21 – Michael and Kristin Russell; September 24 – George and Ann Marie Wycheck.

 **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: Sep. 27: PNU Members; **Oct. 4:** Sp. Regina David; **Oct. 11:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Oct. 18:** Sp. James Dean; **Oct. 25:** Sp. Paul Elsavage. **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.**

DUES 2015. Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the ‘family plan’ method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the 2002 General Synod.

Each adult member (18 years old+) will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at St. John the Baptist parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

Total dues for 2015 per Adult Member: \$124.00 Per Year

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations: *Sunday Collection, St. John's Fund, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Donations, Flower Fund, and Christmas Donations.*

PARISH INFORMATION. Daily Masses as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

The parish bulletin - is made on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.