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THIS COMMAND IS
ALREADY IN YOUR HEARTS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"

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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, July 10th – XV Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lord comes to raise us up; His love for us reaches into the depths of our suffering. Do we have the generosity to respond to the suffering of others.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Joseph Petrusky**, of. by Jim & Diane Mensch.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1; **Tue.**, Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24; **Wed.**, Isaiah 10:5-7.13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27; **Thu.**, Isaiah 26:7-9.12.16-19; Matthew 11:28-30; **Fri.**, Isaiah 38:1-6.21-22.7-8; Matthew 12:1-8; **Sat.**, Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

WEDNESDAY, July 13th – *Weekday*

Holy Mass – intention: for all **Parishioners**.

SATURDAY, July 16th – *Weekday*

9:00AM - Holy Mass – intention for: Sp. **Jack David**, of. by Mrs. Barbara David.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 17th – *XV Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Joseph Petrusky, of. by Jeannie, Tom & Bryan Hepler.

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 (Psalms 25:1-2)

V. I lift up my soul to my God. In You I trust;

R. Do not let me be disgraced; do not let my enemies gloat over me.

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: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses tells the people that they must obey the voice of the Lord by keeping the commandments that are written in their hearts.

GRADUAL (Psalms 105:3-4)

V. Glory in His holy name; rejoice, o hearts that seek the Lord!

R. Rely on the mighty Lord; constantly seek His face.

II Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

St. Paul proclaims that Jesus Christ is the image of the unseen God through whom all was created and in whom all things are reconciled to God.

ALLELUIA (Jeremiah 50:5b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Come, let us join ourselves to the Lord with covenant everlasting, never to be forgotten.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

In response to the challenge of a lawyer, Jesus gives us the parable of the good Samaritan, which shows us who our neighbor is.

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 compassion and love of God enter into your lives and give you the strength and courage to serve those in need.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

July 25-29 – Youth Convo – St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Aug. 16-18 – Clergy Retreat & Conference – Mt. Pocono, PA
Oct. 6-8 – Diocesan Synod in Wallington, NJ

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

July 24- Automobiles Blessing (after the Mass)

July 29 - “Bleenie” sale.

Aug. 26 - “Bleenie” sale.

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

Nov. 13 - Veteran's Day Celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to:

- to **Mrs. 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 the **Sunday greeters**.

PARISH INFO – At the last Parish Committee meeting, members decided to not have our St. John's monthly newsletter. Now, the newsletter will be printed quarterly.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Zbigniew Wsul**, his family and parishioners of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Chicago, IL [web.: cmpncc.org].



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – John Etcho - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Joseph Walukiewicz. At **Nursing Homes: NY** – Cecelia Pyzowski. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda. **Ridgeview (Shen. Hts.)** - Margaret Kruszynski (311).



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: **July 17** – Sp. Joseph Petrusky; **July 24** – Sp. Joseph Petrusky; **July 31** – Sp. Joseph Petrusky; **Aug. 7** – Sp. Joseph Petrusky; **Aug. 14** – Sp. Joseph Petrusky; **Aug. 21** – Sp. Joseph Petrusky; **Aug. 28** – Sp. Joseph Petrusky. Now - **Only Daily Masses are available.**

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! If you are new to our parish, please submit your name, address and telephone number to **Father Robert**. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. WELCOME! You are always welcome to join us in worship. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend.**

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**.

THE IMAGE OF GOD

Try to imagine meeting an alien being who is pure energy; who has no physical form; who is pure intellect; and who is immortal. How would you be able to relate to such a being? How would you communicate? How would you be able to love such a being? This is not science fiction. It is a description of the problems we have in dealing with God. Of course, God is not an alien. God is an infinitely loving creator. But we are so unlike God that we might as well be aliens ourselves.

God solved the problem by appearing on earth in the person of Jesus. We can relate to God because we can relate to God's human form. Paul tells us that Jesus is the "image of the invisible God." In other words, the qualities of love and mercy and humility that we see in Christ are a perfect reflection of the same qualities in God. Jesus is God made visible.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Jesus answers this question with a parable about a person who should be an enemy but who demonstrates compassion.

Samaritans were foreigners who had moved into Israel several centuries before Jesus. They were allies of the Assyrians who had conquered the country. They commandeered not only the land of the Israelites but even many of their religious institutions. The bitterness between the two peoples only grew aggravated in the following centuries.

Both the Jewish priest and the Levite (a temple aide) avoid the apparently dead victim. They would become ritually impure by touching a corpse. This would prevent them from doing their religious duties.

The hated Samaritan has no such obligations and shows true love for the injured stranger. There are still a small number of Samaritans left in Palestine.