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Sixteenth 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 17th – XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we hear scripture stories of welcome and hospitality, in which the sharing of food and time are encounters with God and God's love for us. Let us gather in joy and in gratitude that the Lord offers us His hospitality week by week in the Mass.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Micah 6:1-4.6-8; Matthew 12:38-42; **Tue.**, Micah 7:14-15.18-20; Matthew 12:46-50; **Wed.**, Jeremiah 1:1.4-10; Matthew 13:1-9; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 2:1-3.7-8.12-13; Matthew 13:10-17; **Fri.**, Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23; **Sat.**, Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30

TUESDAY, July 19th – *Weekday*

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass – intention: for Sp. **James Dean**, of. by wife, Marjorie.

THURSDAY, July 21st – *Weekday*

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

FRIDAY, July 22nd – *Weekday*

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass – intention for: Sp. **Jasonlee Helwig** and **Martha Farnsworth**.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 24th – *XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Joseph Petrusky, of. by Jim & Stanley Pogash.

▲ Automobiles blessing at the parking.

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 (Matthew 6:33; Proverbs 16:3)

V. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.

R. Entrust your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.

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: Genesis 18:1-10

At the hottest, least hospitable time of day, Abraham goes out from the comfort and cool of his tent to offer rest and refreshment to travellers. In this simple work he and Sarah have their lives transformed, touched by God's promise.

GRADUAL (Psalms 104:23; 90:17)

V. People go forth to their work, to their labor till evening falls.

R. May the favor of the Lord our God be ours. Prosper the work of our hands!

II Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

In witnessing to the greatest mystery of God's love in the gospel, St. Paul discovers that his very bodily living, even in suffering, is a way of service and love.

ALLELUIA (John 8:31b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. If you remain in My word, you will truly be My disciples.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

In the Gospel we meet Jesus in a familiar, domestic setting, with familiar household chores and tensions.

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 heard God's call to us to be a people of welcome and simple hospitality. May we leave this celebration, where Christ himself is our host, and follow the Spirit into the places of loneliness and need in our world.

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

Aug. 27 – Deacon Wunderlich's Ordination – Scranton, PA (10:00AM)

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.

Sep. 24 - “Chinese” Auction

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.

The work on the shed was done Saturday, July 9. Thank you to **Mr. Julian Bednarek**, **Mr. George Wycheck** for everything what you have done. Thank you to **Mr. & Mrs. George Wycheck** for organizing materials to do this repairs!

We are inviting our Parishioners to come and prepare “bleenie boxes” for **Tuesday, July 26 at 6:00PM in the hall**. Thank you.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father John P. Kowalczyk Jr.**, his family and parishioners of St. Michael Archangel Parish in Cedar Lake, IN [web. Smapncc.org and stmichaelpncc.org, FB St. Michael the Archangel National Catholic Church] and Our Savior Mission Parish in Hobart, IN.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: July 17 – Theresa Petrusky; July 20 – Theresa Leonarczyk; July 21 – Jean Keim.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Joseph Walukiewicz. At **Nursing Homes:** NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. **Frackville Nursing Home** – John Etcho (302). **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 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**.

TEREBINTH OF MAMRE

The people of the Middle East have always had a fragile existence. They depend on agriculture and domesticated animals for their survival. Thus the fertility of crops and flocks is a serious issue. Equally important was the need for producing heirs. Without welfare or Social Security, the elderly needed offspring to provide for their senior years. Hence there were special rituals meant to guarantee fertility. Oak trees were considered symbols of fruitfulness. Their shower of acorns suggested propagation. Ancients believed that a barren couple would share in this richness by sleeping under an oak. These large trees were known as "Terebinths".

SAINT MARTHA

Jesus probably traveled to Jerusalem three times a year, throughout his life. He would have taken the safest route, through the Jordan river valley and up the eastern side of the Mount of Olives. Bethany would have been his last stop. He would wait here for Sunrise and the spectacular view of the Temple at dawn. It would seem that he visited the home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha to rest the night. As his fame grew, Lazarus' family would look forward to these arrivals. Martha wants to anticipate his every need. She seems overwrought and stuffy in this scene. She doesn't appear to be saint-material. However, of the three people in the family, she is the one who shows the greatest growth. When her brother dies she is the one who states, "I have come to believe..." Because of this, Martha is the only one of three who is honored by a universal feast day.