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Polish National Catholic Church**

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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"**

Dwudziesta Niedziela Zwyczajna

**August 14, 2016**

*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, August 14<sup>th</sup> – XX Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Enthusiasm for the Gospel is no guarantee of a peaceful life, but little by little we can work together to promote greater peace and mutual understanding.

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Joseph Petrusky**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. George Wycheck.

^ Blessing of flowers & herbs.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Revelation 11:19a.12:1-6a.10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56; **Tue.**, Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30; **Wed.**, Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16; **Thu.**, Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14; **Fri.**, Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40; **Sat.**, Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12

**MONDAY, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity – Dormition/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**9:00AM - Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Sophia Stetts**, of. by Ms. Carol Blackwell.

**Aug. 16-18** – Clergy Retreat & Conference at Mt. Pocono, PA

**FRIDAY, August 19<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

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

NEXT SUNDAY, August 21<sup>st</sup> – XX Sunday in Ordinary Time

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Joseph Petrusky, of. by Mary Eleanor Zukus.

#### 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 139:7-8. 11-12a)

V. Where can I hide from your spirit? From Your presence, where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, You are there; if I lie down in Sheol, You are there too.

**R. Surely darkness shall hide me, and the night shall be my light. Darkness is not dark for You, and night shines as the day.**

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: Jeremiah 38:4-6.8-10**

*Jeremiah's life is saved because someone pleads with the king on his behalf.*

**GRADUAL** (Hebrews 4:12; Psalms 139:23-24)

V. Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

**R. Probe me, o God, know my heart; try me, know my concerns. See if any my way is crooked, then lead me in the ancient paths.**

**II Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4**

*We have already started out on the journey towards Jesus; let us not lose sight of Him.*

**ALLELUIA** (Psalms 97:3-4)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Fire goes before Him; everywhere it consumes the foes. Lightning illumines the world; the earth sees and trembles.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53**

*Jesus, the Prince of Peace, declares that even families will be divided in their willingness to follow Him.*

#### **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 Lord who fills us with hope and courage accompany you as you journey through the coming days.**

#### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **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)

Aug. 26 - “Bleenie” sale.

Sep. 4 – 50/50 chances drawing

Sep. 24 - “Chinese” Auction

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

Nov. 13 - Veteran's Day Celebration

Dec. 11 – Cover dish Christmas Party after 1:00PM Holy Mass.

## 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**.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father John Kutek**, his family and parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Minneapolis, MN and St. Josaphat Parish in Duluth, MN.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: August 15 – Stephen Karvois; August 17 – Sandra Elsavege.



**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. At **Nursing Homes:** **NY** – Cecelia Pyzowski. **Frackville Nursing Home** – John Etcho (302). **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda.



**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. 21** – Sp. Joseph Petrusky; **Aug. 28** – Sp. Joseph Petrusky; **Sep. 4** – Sp. Joseph Petrusky; **Sept. 11** – Sp. Dorothy Halaburda; **Sept. 18** – Sp. James Dean; **Sept. 25** – PNU Members. Now - **Only Daily Masses are available.**

**50/50 Drawing** – will be on Sunday, September 4, 2016 (tickets were already sent). Pamela Klitsch was our last winner - \$410.00. Thank you for your support.



**CHINESE AUCTION** will be held on **Sunday, September 25, 2016** 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.

**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.**

## **JEREMIAH'S SAVIOR**

Iraq (Babylon) attacked Israel in the 6th century B.C. The prophet Jeremiah interpreted this as a punishment from God for the sins of the people. He warned them not to resist the enemy. They called him a traitor and defeatist. A group of leaders pressured the weak to allow them to kill Jeremiah. They threw him into an underground water tank. He was rescued by an official from Ethiopia (Cush). A black foreigner had more faith and compassion than Jeremiah's peers.

## **A HOUSEHOLD DIVIDED**

Jesus Christ has been called "the prince of peace." Why does he say that he has come for "division"? One reason may be that too many people practice a passive religion. They express faith and go through the motions, but don't really commit themselves. Jesus calls for an active religion. Christianity is a revolution against the values of this world. Christians must be rebels. Jesus preaches a faith that must suit radicals. We will always be divided from those who want a "safe" faith.

**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**.

**CLERGY RETREAT and CONFERENCE** – The clergy of the Central Diocese will meet from Tuesday, Aug. 16 until Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016 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 570-391-6203.