

**St. John the Baptist Parish  
Polish National Catholic Church**

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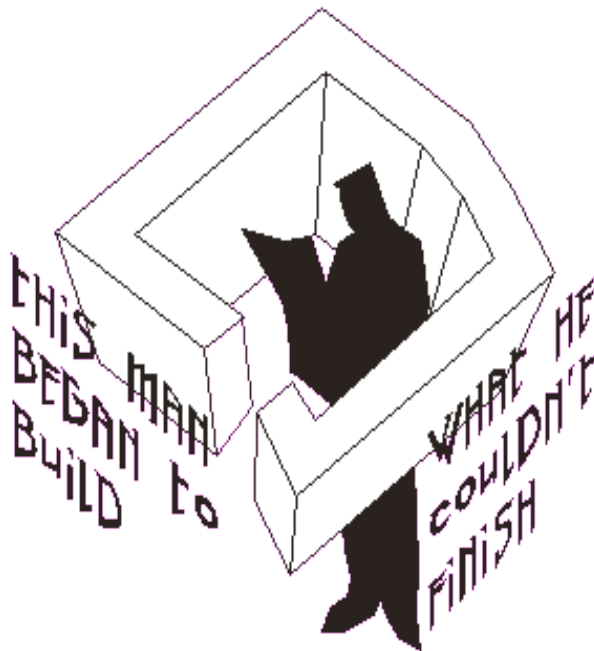
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**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"**

Dwudziesta Trzecia Niedziela Zwykła

**September 4, 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, September 4<sup>th</sup> – XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As Christians baptized into Christ's body, we are all His disciples. As we gather today to learn again what it means to follow Jesus, let us open our hearts to receive His call to us afresh.

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

- ⤴ Confession.
- ⤴ Collection for missions.
- ⤴ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⤴ 50/50 drawing in the hall.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, 1 Corinthians 5:1-9; Luke 6:1-11; **Tue.**, 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19; **Wed.**, 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26; **Thu.**, Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16.18-23; **Fri.**, 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22b-27; Luke 6:39-42; **Sat.**, 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

**TUESDAY, September 6<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

**6:00PM – Requiem Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Eugenia Tyrrell**, of. by Halaburda-Wycheck family.

**6:30PM** – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

**WEDNESDAY, September 7<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

**Holy Mass** for Health.

**THURSDAY, September 8<sup>th</sup>** – Solemnity – Nativity of the BVM

**9:00AM - Holy Mass**, intention: Sp. **Marianna Zaborowska**, of. by. Mrs. Janina Plichta & family

**FRIDAY, September 9<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

**9:00AM - Requiem Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Justin Kitsock**, of. by ANS.

**NEXT SUNDAY, September 11<sup>th</sup>** – XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Solemnity – Brotherly Love - 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11/01

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Dorothy Halaburda, of. by the Elsavage family.

**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** (Romans 11:34-35; Job 40:2)

V. For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Who has given him anything that he may be repaid?

**R. Will we have arguing with the Almighty be the critic? Let him who would correct God give answer!**

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 9:13-18**

*We are called to open our minds to God's gift of Wisdom if we want to learn the truth of God's intentions.*

**GRADUAL** (Job 36:22,23,26)

V. Behold, God is sublime in his power. What teacher is there like him? Who prescribes for him his conduct, or who can say, "You have done wrong"?

**R. Lo, God is great beyond our knowledge; the number of His years is past searching out.**

**II Reading: Philemon 9:10.12-17**

*From prison, St. Paul seeks to restore Onesimus to Philemon, no longer seen as the world sees him – as a slave – but as a dear brother.*

**ALLELUIA** (Luke 14:34)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Salt is good, but if salt itself loses its taste, with what can its flavor be restored?

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33**

*People crowd round to learn from Jesus. But He cautions them: to be a real disciple of His is costly.*

**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.

**The Lord has fed us with His own life and Spirit, in word, sacrament and fellowship. Strengthened by these great gifts, go out into the world with a greater love for all.**

## COMING EVENTS

### CENTRAL DIOCESE

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)

Sep. 25 - “Chinese” Auction

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

Oct. 22 – “Polish Happy Meal” Dinner

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 Senior Jaroslaw Nowak**, his family and parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Hamtramck, MI [web: [holycrosspncc.com](http://holycrosspncc.com); FB: Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church] and Resurrection of Our Lord Parish in Temperance, MI [web: [resurrectionpncc.net](http://resurrectionpncc.net)].



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 9 – Judith Touchinsky.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Raymond Drada - 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:** **Sep. 11** – Sp. Dorothy Halaburda; **Sep. 18** – Sp. James Dean; **Sep. 25** – PNU Members; **Oct. 2** – Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Oct. 9** – Sp. Joseph Petrusky; **Oct. 16** – Sp. Patricia Abicunas; **Oct. 23** – Sp. James Dean; **Oct. 30** – Sp. Eugenia Tyrrell Now - **Only Daily Masses are available.**



**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.**

**PNCC Future Direction Message** - Please remember to save the date of Wednesday – October 5th 2016 at 7 pm (EST) for a presentation by our Prime Bishop in the Solemnity of the Christian Family in our PNCC. The solemnity this year will be celebrated on Sunday – October 9th. Perhaps your parish could put together a community service project to focus and help families in your local community – remember we are asked to do a minimum of 3 service projects this year.

If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at [FutureDirection@pncc.org](mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org) to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

**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**.

#### HATING ONE'S FAMILY

In today's Gospel, Jesus says something shocking, "Anyone who comes to me without hating father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, cannot be my disciple." We should realize that it was intended to provoke a response. If we took his words literally, it would be the exact opposite of all that he preached. But are the words meant in the literal sense?

Jesus used what we might call "reverse psychology" to elicit a commitment from his disciples. Many came to him because he was a free physician. They had only a passing or no interest in his teachings. His words might be interpreted to say, "Anyone who wants to be my follower must love me far more than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters--yes, more than his own life--otherwise he cannot be my disciple."