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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

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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, February 12th – VI Sunday in Ordinary Time

To live a good life is well within our grasp, says the Lord, but in a wicked world virtue needs deep roots.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Lauren Feudale**, of, by Mrs. Theresa Petrusky.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Genesis 4:1-15.25; Mark 8:11-13; **Tue.**, Genesis 6:5-8, 7:1-5.10; Mark 8:14-21; **Wed.**, Genesis 8:6-13.20-22; Mark 8:22-26; **Thu.**, Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33; **Fri.**, Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34-9:1; **Sat.**, Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13

MONDAY, February 13th – *Weekday*

Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

THURSDAY, February 16th – *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass for Sp. **Prime Bishop Francis Hodur** (64th).

SATURDAY, February 18th – *Weekday*

10:00AM – First Holy Communion Class.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 19th – VII Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Edward Bulcavage, of, by wife, Flossy.

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 34:15-16)

V. Turn from evil, and do good; seek peace, and follow after it.

R. The Lord has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry.

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: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Goodness is possible for everyone. No one has permission to sin.

GRADUAL (James 1:13-14)

V. No one experiencing temptation should say: "I am being tempted by God"; for God is not subject to temptation to evil, and He himself tempts no one.

R. Rather, each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

True wisdom of life is found in Christ Jesus.

ALLELUIA (John 14:15)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-37

Goodness is never skin-deep. Virtue is not cheap.

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 God of all wisdom keep you firm in faith.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 6:00PM).

March 1 – Ash Wednesday.

March 5 – Annual Parish meeting.

March 12 – The Oath of the Parish Committee Officers.

March 19 & 26 – Lenten Spiritual Retreat.

April 9 – Palm Sunday.

April 16 – Easter Sunday.

May 14 – Mother's Day Celebration.

May 21 – First Holy Communion Day Celebration.

June 18 – Father'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 Parishioners for help to sing;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

DIOCESAN CHURCH DUES – has been increased to \$25.00; therefore beginning January 2017, our church dues will be \$137.00 per adult member.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Scott Lill**, his family and parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Lilly, PA [FB: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Polish National Catholic Church]; and St. Barbara Parish in Houtzdale, PA [FB: St. Barbara's PNCC].



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 17 – Joelle Karvois.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: February 17 – Stephen and Joelle Karvois.



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 – Carl Guzik – Marcia Hessert – Frank Savitsky. At **Nursing Homes:** NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. ***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.

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 - 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 to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

P.N.C.C. Future Direction - Action Plan for P.N.C.C. Parishes in 2017: Year of Commitment

February – Our Financial Commitment and Stewardship

^ **Members of the PNCC have some material duties to support the Church:**

Material duties – **a)** to society: members should: practice Christ's ideals in their everyday lives, be tolerant of others' faith, recognize everyone's right to equality and opportunity, be loyal to their country, work for the good of all human society, rear children in the name of God and set a Christian example for them; **b)** to the Church: members should: follow the principles of the PNCC, give their time and talents to further church and parish goals, contribute financially to the support of the Church. *Members should participate actively in church affairs, vote on parish matters, serve on committees, etc.*

- I. Growth and Membership
- II. Increase Spirituality
- III. Lifelong Learning
- IV. Sacred Vocations
- V. Community Involvement

Complete at least four community service projects: One service project could be in conjunction with the Institution of the P.N.C.C. in March 2017 and the others, selected by the local parish. It is important that these three projects be done in the local community of the parish so that these efforts will create a greater presence of the parish in the community.

Various options include but are not limited to: Food Drives, serving a free meal for the community, providing a community breakfast/meal for First Responders – for Veterans, prayer blanket ministry, clothing drive for the community, sponsoring a local family in need, responding to a particular need in the local community, etc.

Stewardship component: To increase our financial commitment to our parishes, diocese and national church components will be developed. A Pamphlet will be shared with all parishes. We then encourage parish committees to communicate this with the people and stress to them that stewardship is an