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Seventh 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 19th – VII Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are called to be holy, just as God is holy. We are to love one another, not just those who are close to us from afar and those we might even consider to be enemies.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29; **Tue.**, Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37; **Wed.**, Sirach 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40;

Thu., Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50; **Fri.**, Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12; **Sat.**, Sirach 17:1-15; Mark 10:13-16

TUESDAY, February 21st – *Weekday*

Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

FRIDAY, February 24th – Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle
Holy Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, February 26th – VIII Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. James Dean, of, by wife, Marjorie.

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 (James 2:1,9)

V. My brothers, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

R. But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

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: Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18

We are to be holy as God is holy.

GRADUAL (Romans 12:19,21)

V. Beloved, do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.

R. Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

The Spirit of God lives among us for we are God's temple.

ALLELUIA (James 2:8)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. However, if you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself", you are those who are kind to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48

We are to be perfect just as our heavenly Father is perfect.

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 we follow the Lord's commandment in our everyday lives this week, and so show to the world the love of God that extends to all people.

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 Senior Richard Seiler Jr.**, his wife and parishioners of All Saints Parish in Carnegie, PA [web: allsaintspnccpa.org], and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Canonsburg, PA [web: Sacredheartpncc.wordpress.com; FB: Sacred Heart of Jesus, Polish National Catholic Church].



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.

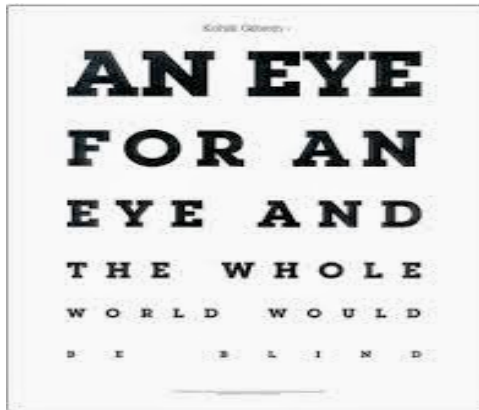
ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.



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.**

EASTER POPPY SEED & NUT ROLLS – Holy Cross Parish in Wilkes-Barre, PA are selling these cakes. Order form is in the vestibule, by **March 26**, price: **\$11.00** each. Thank you for your generosity and understanding.

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 integral part of a lived faith.

*Be
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Matthew 5:48