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Fourteenth 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, July 9th - XIV Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus reveals to us the tenderness of the Father, inviting us into a loving embrace. We, in turn, can emulate this by being a people of compassion and hospitality.

10:30AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Julian Bednarek Sr., of. by son, Julian.

A Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26; **Tue**., Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38; **Wed**., Genesis 41:55-57, 42:5-7a,17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7; **Thu**., Genesis 44:18-21.23b-29, 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15; **Fri**., Genesis 46:1-7.28-30; Matthew 10:16-23; **Sat**., Genesis 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33

MONDAY, July 10th – Weekday

Requiem Holy Mass for Sp. Bishop Thomas Gnat.

TUESDAY, July 11th – Weekday

Requiem Holy Mass for Sp. Very Rev. Stanley Skrzypek.

WEDNESDAY, July 12th – Weekday

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for all Deceased.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 16th – XV Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Lucille Greenman Sr., of. by Ms. Elizabeth Greenman & Mr. James Abicunas.

Today's liturgy

<u>ASPERGES</u> – **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 (Revelation 5:10; Matthew 6:10)

- V. You made them a kingdom and priests for our God, and they will reign on earth.
- R. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
- 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: Zechariah 9:9-10

The prophet shares a vision of the forthcoming joyful reign of a servant king and calls all to be jubilant in anticipation.

GRADUAL (Psalms 145:1-2)

V. I will extol You, o my God and King, and I will bless Your name forever.

R. Every day will I bless You, and I will praise Your name forever.

II Reading: Romans 8:9.11-13

We are called to live a life according to the spirit of the living God, who resides in each one of us and makes us God's sons and daughters.

ALLELUIA (John 1:17)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus knows the heart of the Father and reflects that tenderness to all, who, drawn low by the pressure of life, trust in 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 our loving Father, who reveals himself to us in Jesus, help you to reflect His great goodness.

COMING EVENTS

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

July 23 – Automobiles blessing after the Mass.

Sep. 4 - 50/50 Chances Drawing.

Sep. 24 - "Chinese" Auction.

Oct. 7 – Animals blessing (2:00PM at the parking).

Oct. 14 – Polish Dinner. Holy Mass in Polish at 3:30PM; Dinner will be served from 4:30 – 7:30PM.

Nov. 4 – Free Community luncheon in the hall.

Dec. 10 – Covered Dish Christmas Party.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to:

- to Mrs. Janina Plichta for 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.

The rectory's dining and living rooms were painted by Mrs. Janina Plichta this week.

- ▲ <u>50/50 Drawing winner</u> July 4 **Abby Elsavage \$203.00**. Correction: Easter Sunday winner received **\$215.00**. Thank you for all your support.
- <u>SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</u> is scheduled for **Sunday**, **July 30** immediately after the Mass in the hall. Our Chairperson, **Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck** calls this meeting in regard of the FUTURE DIRECTION of our parish. We hope to see Everyone mark you calendar.

<u>FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS</u> – Boscov's Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 25% off Shopping pass. Cost of pass is only \$5.00 and all money collected stays in the church. Please, see **Mrs. Marjorie Dean** to get your passes. Thank you!

<u>THIS WEEK PRAYER</u>: for Father Boguslaw Janiec, his family and parishioners of St. John the Baptist parish in Hazleton, PA [web: stjohnthebaptistpncc.wordpress.com; FB: St. John the Baptist National Catholic Church PNCC] and of SS. Peter & Paul parish in McAdoo, PA.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Janusz Lucarz - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Marcia Hessert – Frank Savitsky – Jean Keim – Victoria Plichta. 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.

<u>Our Chinese Auction</u> will be held on <u>September 24, 2017</u> in the parish hall. We are asking all parishioners to help with the fundraiser by donating <u>new items</u> for this event.

We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone's help is needed especially on the day of the auction.

LOCAL INFO – on Thursday afternoons from 2 to 5:00PM beginning June 8th, the Frackville Farmer's Market starts again at location: Frack Street and Lehigh Avenue.

<u>ATTENTION PARISHIONERS</u> – 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.

<u>WELCOME OUR VISITORS</u> – 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.**

<u>PNCC Future Direction Message</u> - 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.

<u>PARISH INFORMATION.</u> 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.

Members of the PNCC have two major duties:

- 1) Spiritual duties a) partaking of the Sacraments (active participation in them will help strengthen members to live a Christian life; b) loving God (members should accept and obey Christ's teachings, maintain a personal relationship with God, pray to Him often and give Him glory by living a good life; c) sharing faith (members should actively take part in Church worship and listen sincerely to God's word; d) obeying the 10 Commandments (by obeying them, Church members help strengthen the kingdom of God on earth.
- 2) 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.*