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Polish National Catholic Church**

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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"**

Szesnasta Niedziela Zwykła

**July 23, 2017**

*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 23<sup>rd</sup>** – XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

What do we do with the evil in our midst? We may need to confront it, but sometimes we must wait patiently, confident that God will bring justice in the end.

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **James Dean**, of. by wife, Marjorie.

♣ Vehicles blessing after the Mass at the parking.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42; **Tue.**, 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28; **Wed.**, Exodus 16:1-5.9-15; Matthew 13:1-9; **Thu.**, Exodus 19:1-2.9-11.16-20b; Matthew 13:10-17; **Fri.**, Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23; **Sat.**, Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:24-30

**July 26-28** – National United Choirs Convention & Music Workshop – Holy Trinity Cathedral, Manchester, NH

**TUESDAY, July 25<sup>th</sup>** – Feast – **St. James the Greater, Apostle**

**Holy Mass**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

**NEXT SUNDAY, July 30<sup>th</sup>** – XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. John Etcho.

♣ **Semi-ANNUAL** Parish Meeting in the hall.

**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 86:5-6)**

V. Lord, You are kind and forgiving, most loving to all who call on You.

**R. Lord, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help.**

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 12:13.16-19**

*God is mild in judgement and governs with great lenience.*

**GRADUAL (Wisdom 11:26-12:1-2)**

V. But You spare all things, because they are Yours, o Lord and lover of souls, for Your imperishable Spirit is in all things!

**R. Therefore You rebuke offenders little by little, warn them, and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in You, o Lord!**

**II Reading: Romans 8:26-27**

*The Spirit expresses our prayer in a way that could never be put into words.*

**ALLELUIA (2 Peter 3:9a,c)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. The Lord does not delay His promise, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-43**

*God is patient with sinners so that they may repent before the final harvest of judgement.*

**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 help us in our weakness, and grant us patience in times of trouble.**

**COMING EVENTS**

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

**July 30 – SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 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 **Veronica** for her help at the altar last Sunday;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

- ☆ **SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** 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.

**RECTORY'S NEWS** – **Mrs. Janina Plichta** painted all cabinets in the kitchen. Thank you!

**FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS** – 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!

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Andrew Bieganowski**, his family and parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Baltimore, MD.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: July 28 – Joseph D. Tokarczyk.

**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.

**Our Chinese Auction** will be held on **September 24, 2017** 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.

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

**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](mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org) to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

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**FROM THE CATECHISM of the PNCC** – “**Matrimony** is the Sacrament which makes a Christian man and woman husband and wife, gives them grace to be faithful to each other and to bring up their children in love and devotion to God. To receive the Sacrament of Matrimony worthily the couple must: 1) be free to marry; 2) freely consent to the vows of marriage; 3) be married by the priest and in the presence of two witness; 4) be in state of grace. Christian marriage is governed by the laws of God and His Church. To prepare for a happy marriage I should: 1) pray, that God will direct my choice of a life partner of my own faith; 2) seek the advice of my spiritual counselor; 3) practice virtues, especially purity; 4) go to confession and Holy Communion frequently. Some marriages prove unhappy when husband and wife: 1) marry hastily or with unworthy motives; 2) do not ask God's help in their marriage difficulties; 3) neglect the duties of married life.”

**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**.

### ***BLESSING OF AN AUTOMOBILE***

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**R. Who made heaven and earth.**

V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

**Let us pray:** Assist us mercifully o Lord in these our supplications and prayers, as we ask You to **bless** + these automobiles/vehicles. Command Your holy Angels to be ever near, to safeguard and protect from every danger all those who travel in it. Through Your deacon Philip You gave grace and faith to the Ethiopian as he sat in his chariot and read Your sacred law, likewise show Your servants the way of salvation, that those who by the help of Your grace ever strive to do good works. May they, through all the changes and chances of this mortal life, be made worthy to obtain eternal joy. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**