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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"**  
Siedemnasta Niedziela Zwykła  
**July 30, 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 – Contemporary liturgy in English.**

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

What do we truly value in our lives? Let us cherish the beauty of human life, the splendor of creation and the joy of living in the love of God the creator.

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

⋄ Semi-Annual Parish meeting in the hall.

### **WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Exodus 32:15-24.30-34; Matthew 13:31-35; **Tue.**, Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5b-9.28; Matthew 13:36-43;  
**Wed.**, Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46; **Thu.**, Exodus 40:16-21.34-38; Matthew 13:47-53; **Fri.**, Leviticus  
23:1.4-11.15-16.27.34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58; **Sat.**, Leviticus 25:1.8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

**WEDNESDAY, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** - *Weekday*

**Holy Mass** for health.

**THURSDAY, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** - *Feast – Finding the Body of St. Stephen*

**Holy Mass** for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

**2:00PM** – Holy Mass at Nursing Home in Frackville.

**FRIDAY, August 4<sup>th</sup>** - *First Friday of the month*

**Holy Mass** to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

**5-6:00PM** – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**NEXT SUNDAY, August 6<sup>th</sup>** – *Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord.*

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

⋄ Confession.

⋄ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

⋄ Collection for Missions.

**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 (Proverbs 2:6-7; Wisdom 7:7)**

V. The Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He has counsel in store for the upright, He is the shield of those who walk honestly.

**R. Therefore I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.**

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: 1 Kings 3:5.7-12**

*God offers Solomon a gift and is pleased when he chooses the gift of wisdom and discernment.*

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love Your commands.

### **II Reading: Romans 8:28-30**

*God work in all things for good and intends us to be images of the Son.*

### **ALLELUIA (Matthew 11:25)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Blessed are You Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52**

*The kingdom of God is compared to a treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price and a plentiful haul of fish.*

### **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.

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#### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**Celebrant:** With trust in God's faithful love, let us turn to the Lord in prayer.

- We pray that we may truly recognize the treasure of all people with whom we interact this week. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for those who find it hard to feel God's Spirit inlives marked by hardship, bereavement or disappointment. May they find consolation in the Christian community and receive the gift of peace. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray that the Church may value God's creation and to work to protect it. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for those on holiday at this time: may we use this time to grow closer to God and to reflect on the choices we make in a society that doesn't always reflect kingdom values. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the **President** of the **U.S.** and for the entire **Government:** may they succeed in their mission to lead our nation wisely. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all deceased members of our families, especially **John Etcho**, and whose good deeds go with them: may they experience the fullness of life in Christ. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, we ask You to open us to receive Your Holy Spirit and live every day at peace with You and with our world. We make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

*May your joy in God's faithful love give you consolation, hope in the future and a desire to use wisely the gifts God has given.*

### **COMING EVENTS**

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

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** 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**.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Andrew Bieganowski**, his family, and parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Baltimore, MD [web: [holycrosspncc.org](http://holycrosspncc.org)].



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: August 2 – Ron Antalosky (Son).



**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.



**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**.

**RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST** – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

**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.**

**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.

**SPOJNIA SUNDAY – September 24, 2017** shall commemorate the historic association of the PNU and the Polish National Catholic Church and serve as reaffirmation of the commitment of the PNU in the many fields of Christian endeavor. *Article XXVI, Section 2 of the Constitution and By Laws of the Polish National Union.*

On Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – as the PNCC celebrates Spojnia Sunday – let us always remember to support the efforts of our sister organization as the PNU continues to support the members, clergy and parishes of the PNCC. For more information on the Polish National Union please contact your PNU Branch Secretary or call the PNU Home Office at 1-800-724-6352 for more information.



**HOW THE PNU HAS HELPED YOU Contest** - In conjunction with the 2017 celebration of Spojnia Sunday, the PNU is sponsoring a contest and we would love to hear “how the PNU has helped you!” Think of the many benefits the PNU has offered through the years and come up with a creative way to show others “How the PNU Has Helped You.” Create a short video, photo collage, musical performance, poster, or some unique way for you to demonstrate the benefit you’ve received as a member of the PNU. Participate as an individual, a family, a group, a branch of the PNU, or a parish of the PNCC. **Be creative!** The winner will receive \$500 and the runner-up will receive \$250. Deadline for submission is October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Send your entry to Spojnia Sub-committee, c/o Kathy Nemkovich, via email at [kathynemkovich@gmail.com](mailto:kathynemkovich@gmail.com), or mailed to 37 Winthrop St., Fall River, MA 02721. Winners