

St. John the Baptist Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

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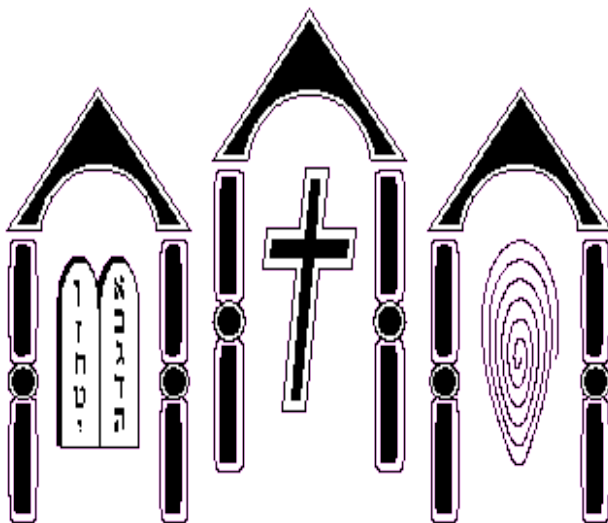
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Let us set up three tents

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Solemnity Transfiguration of the Lord

Uroczystość Przemienienia Pańskiego

August 6, 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, August 6th - Transfiguration of the Lord

On the way to Jerusalem, the disciples are given a „glimpse of glory”. Reflecting on the transfiguration of Jesus helps us, too, to grasp something of our true destination, which will take us beyond death to the glory of heaven.

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

- ⋈ Confession.
- ⋈ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⋈ Collection for Missions.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Numbers 11:4b-15; **Matthew 14:13-21**; **Tue.**, Numbers 12:1-13; **Matthew 14:22-36**; **Wed.**, Numbers

13:1-2.25-14:1.26a-29a.34-35; Matthew 15:21-28; **Thu.**, Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23; **Fri.**,
Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28; **Sat.**, Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20

MONDAY, August 7th – *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Jan and Marianna Zaborowski**, of. by Mrs. Janina Plichta & family.

WEDNESDAY, August 9th – *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for all **Deceased**.

THURSDAY, August 10th – *Weekday*

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

SATURDAY, August 12th – *Weekday*

Holy Mass, intention: for successful surgery and health for **Victoria**.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 13th – *XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

▲ Blessing of flowers & herbs.

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 (1 John 3:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18)

V. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

R. All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit.

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: Daniel 7:9-10.13-14

In his vision of heaven, Daniel sees a human being coming on the clouds of heaven who receives sovereignty, glory and kingship.

GRADUAL (2 Peter 1:3-4)

V. His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of Him who calle dus by His own glory and power.

R. Through these, He has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire.

II Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

St. Peter gives his version of what he saw and heard on the holy mountain.

ALLELUIA (Hebrews 1-3a)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Jesus is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and He sustains all things by His powerful word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of the disciples Peter, James and John.

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 let His face shine upon you. May you feel the comfort of His presence.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 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** 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 was held last Sunday, July 30, after the Holy Mass. Only **ten** parishioners were concerned and interested what is going on and where we are at this point in our parish. Thank you.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Bogdan Yurchishin**, his family and parishioners of Our Lord's Ascension Parish in Bethlehem, PA [web: ourlordascension.org; FB: Our Lord's Ascension Polish National Catholic Church].

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!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: August 9 – Barbara David; August 10 – Kenneth Payne.

– Gloria  **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus 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 8th, 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 to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

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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 24th, 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 16th, 2017. Send your entry to Spojnia Sub-committee, c/o Kathy Nemkovich, via email at kathynemkovich@gmail.com, or mailed to 37 Winthrop St.,