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Polish National Catholic Church

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Dziewiętnasta Niedziela Zwyczajna

August 13, 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 13th - XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time

Storms are frequent in the course of life and often threaten to overwhelm us. The Lord is with us in the storms and strengthen us to face them.

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

^ Blessing of flowers & herbs.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27; **Tue.**, Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5.10.12-14;

Wed., Revelation 11:19a.12:1-6a.10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56; **Thu.**, Joshua 3:7-10a.11.13-17;

Matthew 18:21-19:1; **Fri.**, Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12; **Sat.**, Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

TUESDAY, August 15th – Solemnity – Dormition/Assumption of the BVM

Holy Mass (?), intention: for all **Parishioners**.

THURSDAY, August 17th – *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Helena** and **Edward Zaborowski**, of. by Fr. Robert & family

NEXT SUNDAY, August 20th – XX Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Frances Hummel, of. by Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society.

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 (Psalm 69:1,3b; 42:8)

V. Save me, o Lord, for the waters have reached my neck. I have gone down to the watery depths; the flood overwhelms me.

R. Here deep calls to deep in the roar of Your torrents. All Your waves and breakers sweep over 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 19:9.11-13

After storm and earthquake, the voice of the Lord is heard in the breeze.

GRADUAL (Psalm 107:29-30)

V. The Lord hushed the storm to a murmur; the waves of the sea were stilled.

R. They rejoiced that the sea had grown calm, that God brought them to the harbor they longed for.

II Reading: Romans 9:1-5

St. Paul is distressed in spirit for his sisters and brothers of Israel.

ALLELUIA (Psalms 89:10)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. You rule the raging sea; You still its swelling waters.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

A storm at sea reveals the Lord of the storm.

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.

May the Lord be close to you in all trials and challenges of life.

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**.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Donald Wunderlich**, his family and parishioners of Our Savior Parish in Lawrenceville, NJ [web: oursaviorpncc.org; FB: Our Savior PNCC].

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 13 – Frank Savitsky; August 15 – Stephen Karvois; August 17 – Sandra Elsavage.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: August 13 – Frank and Rose Mary Savitsky.



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 – 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., Fall River, MA 02721. Winners will be announced in November 2017.

BLESSING OF HERBS

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

R. Who made heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Let us pray: Almighty and Everlasting God, by the power of Your Word You created out of nothing the heavens, the earth, the sea and all things, visible and invisible. You made the earth bring forth herbs, flowers and trees for the use of humanity that these may serve as healthful food and wholesome remedy. We humbly ask You to bless + these herbs, flowers and first fruits, and by Your grace, to protect us and our homes from all evil and misfortune.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.

Let us pray: O God, by Your servant Moses, You commanded the people of Israel to bring to the priests the first fruits of the harvest for a blessing. Graciously hear our prayers and bestow Your blessing + on us. May these herbs and flowers that adorn the earth serve to incite us to a greater love of You. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Let us pray: O God, on this day You welcomed into Your presence the Mother of Your Son Jesus Christ, resplendently adorned in Your virtue and grace. Grant that in venerating her we also may acquire her attributes and thereby attain glory everlasting. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit descend on these things He has created.