

**St. John the Baptist Parish  
Polish National Catholic Church**

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

Dwudziesta Niedziela Zwyczajna

**August 20, 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 20<sup>th</sup>** - XX Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church's mission, like Christ is a mission to the whole world.

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

^ Baptism: Karter James Solnoki.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22; **Tue.**, Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30; **Wed.**, Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16; **Thu.**, Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51; **Fri.**, Ruth 1:1.3-6.14b-16.22; Matthew 22:34-40;  
**Sat.**, Ruth 2:1-3.8-11, 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12

**THURSDAY, August 24<sup>th</sup>** – Feast – St. Bartholomew, Apostle

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

**SATURDAY, August 26<sup>th</sup>** – Solemnity – Our Lady of Czestochowa

Holy Mass, intention: for...

**NEXT SUNDAY, August 27<sup>th</sup>** – XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time – Youth Sunday

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Regina David, of. by Ms. Barbara David.

⬆ Collection – Youth Fund.

⬆ Blessing of children before the new school year.

### 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** (Baruch 5:5; Psalm 122:1-2)

V. Up, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

**R. I rejoiced when they said to me: “Let us go to the house of the Lord”. And now our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem.**

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: Isaiah 56:1.6-7**

*Foreigners will be brought to God's house in Jerusalem.*

**GRADUAL** (Tobit 14:6)

V. All the nations of the world shall be converted and shall offer God true worship.

**R. All shall abandon their idols, which have deceitfully led them into error and shall bless the God of the ages in righteousness.**

**II Reading: Romans 11:13-15.29-32**

*St. Paul hopes that his mission to the Gentiles will ultimately lead to the conversion of the Jews.*

**ALLELUIA** (Isaiah 45:22)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Turn to Me and be safe, all you ends of the earth, for I am God; there is no other!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28**

*The persistent faith of a pagan woman wins the healing of her sick child.*

### **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 Father, who created you, continue to lavish His blessings upon you. May the Son, who died for you, keep you always in His care. May the Holy Spirit, who was poured into your heart, be your unfailing friend.**

### **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 and Dylan** for their help at the altar last Sunday;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

**CONFESSION FOR CHILDREN** – is held every first Saturday of each month at 11:00AM.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Senior Edward Ratajack**, his family and parishioners of St. Stephen Parish in Reading, PA [web: ststephensncc.org; FB: St. Stephen's 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 21 – Elaine Antalosky; August 22 – Barbara Davis; August 25 – Claire Mallick.



**WELCOME NOTICE** – We would like to introduce you our new Parishioners: **William and Kellie Solnoki**, and their **three Children**, who joined our Parish family. We wish them all the best and God's blessing!

**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 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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**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](mailto:kathynemkovich@gmail.com), or

