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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"
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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, August 27th – XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time – Youth Sunday

One component of love it is easy to forget about is trust. If we do not trust, then we do not allow others to grow. Christ showed His love for St. Peter by entrusting His Church to him.

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.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5.8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22; **Tue.**, Jeremiah 1:17-19; Mark 6:17-29; **Wed.**, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32; **Thu.**, 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51; **Fri.**, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13; **Sat.**, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30

TUESDAY, August 29th - Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist

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

FRIDAY, September 1st - First Friday of the month

4:30PM – Private Confession for children.

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

Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 3rd – XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Edward Halaburda, of. by Mr. Joseph Skibiel.

- ⤴ 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 (Deuteronomy 32:3-4)

V. For I will sing to the Lord's renown. Oh, proclaim the greatness of our God!

R. The Rock – how faultless are His deeds, how right all His ways! A faithful God, without deceit, how just and upright He is!

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 22:19-23

A peg to hang on, a throne to sit on. Often the most important people in God's eyes seem the most abused.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, Your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of Your hands.

II Reading: Romans 11:33-36

We don't need to know the mind of God. We just need to know that we are coming to God.

ALLELUIA (Matthew 16:18)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. You are Peter and upon this rock I will build My Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

When St. Peter proclaims Jesus as the Christ, he speaks both for humanity and about humanity. Jesus is the meaning of the human race.

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.

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GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Let us ask the Lord to help us to support each other in our prayers.

- For all bishops, priests and leaders of the Church: that they may show to the world that leadership and service are the same thing to those who follow Christ. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For every member of the Church: that they may find nourishment in the life of the Church. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For children and youth: that Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph will guide them to a deeper relationship with Jesus. May God guide and bless them during an entire school year. **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 **Regina David**, and whose good deeds go with them: may they experience the fullness of life in Christ. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant us in our prayers to acknowledge that all things are given to us in Christ Your Son. We make our prayers through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

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** 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 Mariusz Mularczyk**, his family, and parishioners of St. Valentine's Parish in Philadelphia, PA [web: stvalentinespncc.org; FB: St. Valentine'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!

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. Thank you to everyone who already donated gifts for this event!

We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone's help is needed especially on the day of the auction.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 2 – Michael Stetts.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Janusz Lucarz - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - 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.

DEATH NOTICE – **Florence “Flossie” Bulcavage** passed away last Sunday, August 20. Her funeral was on Thursday, August 24, and she was buried at our cemetery. ***Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her, O Lord ...***



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.

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.

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.,