

**St. John the Baptist Parish**

**Polish National Catholic Church**

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**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"**

Dwudziesta Druga Niedziela Zwyczajna

**September 3, 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, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** - XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our minds need to be renewed by God's grace, then we can begin to understand the significance of the cross of Christ and our own cross too.

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

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

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30; **Tue.**, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6.9-11; Luke 4:31-37; **Wed.**, Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44; **Thu.**, Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11; **Fri.**, Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; **Matthew 1:1-16.18-23**; **Sat.**, Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

**TUESDAY, September 5<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

**9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Florence (Flossie) Bulcavage, of. by Ms. Sally Meade.

**7:00PM – Holy Mass** for Victims of the hurricane in Texas.

**WEDNESDAY, September 6<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

**Holy Mass for Health.**

**6:30PM** – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

**THURSDAY, September 7<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

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

**FRIDAY, September 8<sup>th</sup>** – Solemnity – Nativity of the BVM

**9:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Marianna Zaborowska** (13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of death), of. by Mrs. Janina Plichta & family.

**NEXT SUNDAY, September 10<sup>th</sup>** – XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Solemnity of Brotherly Love

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

**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 (Jeremiah 17:10; Psalm 63:9)**

V. I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart, to reward everyone according to the merit of his deeds.

**R. My soul clings fast to You; Your right hand upholds 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: Jeremiah 20:7-9**

*Jeremiah has been overpowered by God's word and can find no rest unless he proclaims it.*

**GRADUAL (John 12:25-26)**

V. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

**R. Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, there also will My servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves Me.**

**II Reading: Romans 12:1-2**

*St. Paul reminds us that our minds can be renewed by Christ and we can look at the world in a new day.*

**ALLELUIA (Luke 24:26)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into His glory?

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27**

*Jesus emphasizes the certainty of the cross in His own life and in ours.*

**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.

**Having heard the word of life and enjoyed heavenly gifts, may we go joyfully into the world, bearing witness to the cross and resurrection of the Lord.**

**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 **Joe** 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 Edward Czudak**, his family and parishioners of Church of the Nativity Parish in Howell, NJ, Heart of Jesus Parish in Bayonne, NJ and Resurrection of Christ Parish in Dunellen, NJ.

**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: September 9 – Judith Touchinsky.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** Anniversary best wishes are extended to: September 3 – Father Robert and Janina Plichta (18<sup>th</sup>)



**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. **Seton Manor, Orwigsburg, PA:** Christina Pukas (102).




**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 mailed to 37 Winthrop St.,