

**St. John the Baptist Parish**

**Polish National Catholic Church**

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

Dwudziesta Czwarta Niedziela Zwykła

**September 17, 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 17<sup>th</sup>** - XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we gather today to celebrate the mercy and generosity of our God, let us nurture compassion and reconciliation in our own lives.

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

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10; **Tue.**, 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17; **Wed.**, 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35; **Thu.**, Ephesians 4:1-7.11-13; **Matthew 9:9-13**; **Fri.**, 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3; **Sat.**, 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15

**MONDAY, September 18<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

**8:30AM – Holy Mass** for health of **Thomas Lill** and strength for his family.

**TUESDAY, September 19<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

**6:00PM** – Holy Mass for **Victims of hurricanes**.

**7:00PM** – Free Medicare Supplement Information Seminar.

**THURSDAY, September 21<sup>st</sup>** – *Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle/Evangelist*

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

**NEXT SUNDAY, September 24<sup>th</sup>** – *XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Spójnia Sunday*

**10:00AM** – **Holy Mass**, intention: for PNU of America Members.

▲ **Chinese Auction**; Doors open at 12:00Noon; the Auction begins at 2:00PM. Admission - \$3.00. Have fun!

### 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** (Sirach 10:6-7; Ephesians 4:32)

V. No matter the wrong, do no violence to your neighbor, and do not walk the path of arrogance. Odious to the Lord and to men is arrogance, and the sin of oppression they both hate.

**R. Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.**

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: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7**

*The Lord deplores resentment and anger, which can be readily found in sinners. Mercy and forgiveness are found in God's faithful followers.*

**GRADUAL** (Matthew 6:14-15)

V. If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you.

**R. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.**

**II Reading: Romans 14:7-9**

*Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

**ALLELUIA** (Luke 17:3)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35**

*Jesus uses the parable of the unmerciful servant to urge forgiveness and mercy.*

### **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.

**The Lord says: „Love one another, as I have loved you”; may we show that love in our lives.**

### **COMING EVENTS**

**FRACKVILLE** – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 6:00PM).

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 the **Sunday greeters**.

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

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Jan Kość**, his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity and St. Joseph Parish in Linden, NJ [web: pnccnj.org; FB: Polish-National-Catholic-Church-of-Holy-Trinity-and-St-Joseph].

**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 18 – James Abicunas.

**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. 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.

**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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**2017 EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMISSION RAFFLE** – As fall is quickly approaching and we are all getting ready for the start of a new school year, the Education & Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America is hosting a raffle to benefit our College Stipend Program, which is awarded to those college students based on the rules and regulations of this commission.

**The raffle will be held on December 14, 2017 @ the PNU Home Office, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa. Donations for these tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00.**

**First Prize – \$400 cash**

**Second Prize – Beats Pill + Bluetooth Speaker**

**Third Prize- Apple TV.**

*(raffle tickets can be obtained in your parish hall or the PNU Home Office)*

We greatly appreciate your support and generosity as we try to encourage our youth to become the future leaders within our parish community and the Polish National Union of America. Monetary donations are also graciously accepted towards the funding for this stipend program, and can be mailed directly to the following address: **Education and Youth Commission, c/o PNU of America, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505 (checks made payable to Education and Youth Commission).** *Thank you, if you have any questions in regards to this program or raffle, please contact Mary Ann Stankowski @ 570-341-0986, or Carol Mikovsky @ 570-344-0916, ,or email EYC@pnu.org.*

**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),