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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"
Dwudziesta Piąta Niedziela Zwyczajna

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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, September 24th – XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Spójnia Sunday

God is generous in showing mercy to the whole of humanity. Today we give praise and thanks for such immense love revealed to us in Jesus.

8:30AM – Holy Mass in Middleport, PA.

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

^ Second special collection will be taken to support those who suffer after hurricanes. These collections should be sent to the diocesan treasurer or to Prime Bishop's office directly. Second collection will be taken on October 8. Thank you.

12 Noon – Doors open for Chinese Auction; Begins at 2:00PM; Admission **\$3.00**.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18; **Tue.**, Ezra 6:7-8.12b.14-20; Luke 8:19-21; **Wed.**, Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6; **Thu.**, Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9; **Fri.**, Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22; **Sat.**, Zechariah 2:5-9.14-15a; Luke 9:43b-

MONDAY, September 25th - *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Pawel i Antonina Jaskowiak**, of. by Mrs. Janina Plichta & Family.

FRIDAY, September 29th - *Feast – Michael, Archangel*

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

NEXT SUNDAY, October 1st – *XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30AM – Holy Mass in Middleport, PA.

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

- ^ 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 (Psalm 145:8-9)

V. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love.

R. The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature.

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 55:6-9

We are not to hesitate in turning our hearts to God, who is rich in mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him.

II Reading: Philippians 1:20-24.27

St. Paul exhorts us to recognize that Christ is our very life and that, living according to this calling, we give our all.

ALLELUIA (Acts 16:14)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Open our hearts, o Lord, to listen to the words of Your Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

We are called to rejoice in God's generosity towards the whole of humanity.

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: Turning to the Lord, who shows love upon saint and sinner alike, let us pray.

- For the Church throughout the world: that she may recognize ever more deeply the wonder of God's saving love for all. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all those who govern and lead us: may they do so with justice and integrity ever in mind. **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 victims of recent hurricanes and earthquakes: may God guard them in this time of tragedy. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for our sister organization, the PNU, that its management and members may fulfill the important responsibilities entrusted to them and through their efforts the mission and fraternalism of the PNU may touch lives, we pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear us.**

- We remember those who have died, Bishop Francis Hodur, the deceased bishops, priests, deacons and faithful of our PNCC and of the PNU...and also for all those who have lost a loved one and find it especially difficult to cope with their loss, we pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant: Almighty Father, we ask You to hear these prayers, and give us the grace to keep choosing You, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May our loving Father, who reveals himself to us in Jesus, keep you firmly on the path to eternal life.

COMING EVENTS

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

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.

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 **Veronica** for her help at the altar last Sunday;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters.**

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Marian Tarnowski**, his family, and parishioners of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish (Slovak) in Passaic, 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 25 – Helen Hopko; September 29 – Tom Justin; September 30 – Mark Tomczyk.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: September 24 – George and Ann Marie Wycheck (40th).



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. 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.



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