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Polish National Catholic Church**

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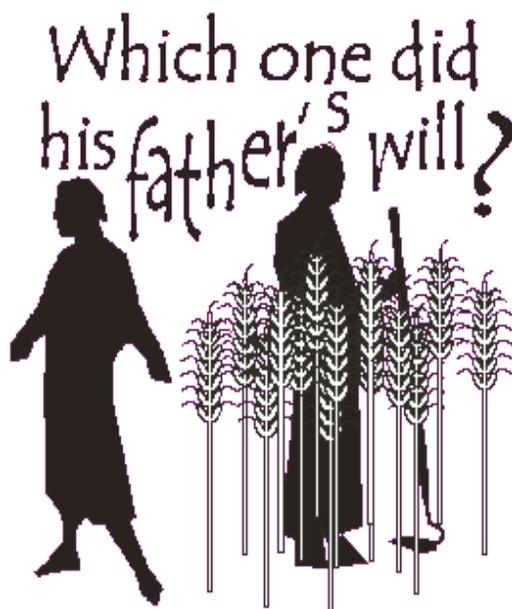
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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Dwudziesta Szósta Niedziela Zwyczajna

October 1, 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, October 1st - XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

A rather alarming extract from Matthew's Gospel is presented to us today to meditate on and give some to the fact that tax collectors and prostitutes may be entering heaven before us.

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.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Exodus 23:20-23; Matthew 18:1-5.10; **Tue.**, Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56; **Wed.**, Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62; **Thu.**, Nehemiah 8:1-4a.5-6.7b-12; Luke 10:1-12; **Fri.**, Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16; **Sat.**, Acts 1:12-14; Luke 1:26-38

MONDAY, October 2nd – Feast – Guardian Angels

Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

WEDNESDAY, October 4th – Weekday

Holy Mass for Health.

THURSDAY, October 5th – Weekday

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

FRIDAY, October 5th – First Friday of the month

Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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

SATURDAY, October 7th – Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary

Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Michał and Maria Zaborowscy, of. by Mrs. Janina Plichta.

2:00PM – Animals Blessing at the parking lot.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 8th – XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Solemnity – Christian Family

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

- ▲ 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. Thank you.

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 (Hebrews 13:20a,21)

V. May the God of peace, furnish you with all that is good, that you may do His will.

R. May He carry out in you what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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: Ezekiel 18:25-28

The Lord's ways are fair and just, ours are not.

GRADUAL (Jeremiah 5:5a,b)

V. I will go to the great ones and speak with them;

R. For they know the way of the Lord, their duty to their God.

II Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Though Christ was in the form of God, He emptied himself.

ALLELUIA (Sirach 11:20)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. My son, hold fast to your duty, busy yourself with it, grow old while doing your task.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32

Two sons were asked by their father to go out and work. One says he will not go, but later changes his mind, the other says yes, but does not go.

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.

May the Lord uphold you as you journey on the way.

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

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners and Friends for helping us to organize the Chinese Auction: for bringing gifts, for all donations, for preparing tables, food, deserts, and for help during the auction. A special *Thank you* to **Victoria** and **Veronica**, for your assistance and help. May God Bless You All!

Mr. Julian Bednarek painted and repaired the rectory's foundation this week. Thank you very much.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES. With the upcoming holidays of All Saints and All Souls in the not too distant future, we remind our parishioners and friends, to please submit the names of their departed loved ones for remembrance during this holy season. All Soul's Day remembrance request envelopes are placed next to the bulletins. Please fill them out (please: PRINT) and return them to Father Robert as soon as possible. (Thank you).

ALL SOULS SERVICE will be held in the church on Sunday, October 29, 2017 after the Holy Mass.

HOLY MASS FOR HEALTH with the Sacrament of Holy Anointing is scheduled for **Sunday, October 22**. We invite everyone in need to participate in worship our Heavenly Physician, Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Andrzej Koterba**, his family and parishioners of St. Francis Parish in East Meadow, LI, NY [web: stfrancispncc.org].

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: October 3 – Mary Ann Hoppes.

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 – 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.

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 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*