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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Heritage Sunday

October 15, 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 15th - XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Heritage Sunday

The kingdom of heaven is like a wedding feast to which the Lord invites us, not because we are worthy but because He loves us and wants us to be His guests.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32; **Tue.**, Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41; **Wed.**, 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9; **Thu.**, Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54; **Fri.**, Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7; **Sat.**, Romans 4:13.16-18; Luke 12:8-12

WEDNESDAY, October 18th – Feast – **St. Luke, Evangelist**

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

FRIDAY, October 20th – *Weekday*

Holy Mass, intention: for all

NEXT SUNDAY, October 22nd – XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 (Romans 15:7, 16:16a)

V. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

R. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

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 25:6-10

The prophet recounts what God has done for us, inviting us to God's banquet and causing us to rejoice.

GRADUAL (Psalm 67:4)

V. May the peoples praise You, God;

R. May all the peoples praise You!

II Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

In the hardships of his life St. Paul knows that God gives him strength.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 67:5)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. May the nations be glad and shout for joy; for You govern the peoples justly, You guide the nations upon the earth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The wedding feast is ready and we have been invited to it.

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.

May the Lord, who has invited you to His wedding feast, fill you with joy.

COMING EVENTS

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

Oct. 22 – Holy Mass with the Sacrament of Holy Anointing.

Oct. 29 – All Souls Prayer Service after the Mass in the church.

Dec. 10 – Covered Dish Christmas Party.

Dec. 17 – Advent Penitential Service begins before the Mass.

Dec. 24 – Sunday Mass – 10:00AM; Christmas Vigil Mass – 4:00PM; Christmas Mass (Pasterka) – 10:00PM.

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass – 11:00AM.

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** for her 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 **EVERYONE**, who were involved and very active in preparing the Polish Dinner fundraiser. Especially – to few people who worked actively since last Wednesday: for your hard work in cooking, baking and preparing our hall, so that our Polish Happy Meal Dinner could be successful. May God Bless You All!

HURRICANE DONATIONS - **\$185.00**, thank you for your great hearts! The money were sent to the Prime Bishop's Office.

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 Senior Marian Pociecha**, his family and parishioners of All Saints Parish in Rome, NY [web: allsaintsnyc.org; FB: All Saints Parish Polish National Catholic Church]; and Holy Cross Parish in Syracuse, NY [web: holycrossncc.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 15 – Michelle Shinn; October 18 – Joanna Keim; October 20 – Cody Larson; October 21 – Ann Marie Wycheck, Deborah 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 – 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 @ 570-344-0916, ,or email EYC@pnu.org.*

WITHOUT A WEDDING GARMENT?

The last section of today's gospel doesn't seem to fit. It may have been a separate story, but the author of Matthew's gospel sees it as a unit.

The first section describes a king's disappoint at the response to an invitation. This probably refers to God's sadness at people's indifference to Jesus. Others are invited in their place--all of those who will come to Christ. The final part of the story presents the king's anger at one of the guests who isn't properly dressed. How could the guest be ready if he's been dragged in at the last minute? If you just came off the street, would you be likely to have one? The answer may be that God provides the right clothes for all of us: a suit of love. If we accept an invitation without caring about the guest of honor, why should we bother?

“Remember that in your veins flows the blood of great heroes, great leaders, great poets, statesmen and noble, sturdy workmen. Be proud and try to show with your own life that you are worthy of your heritage.”