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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"
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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, October 29th – XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time

What a difference it would make in the world if all Christians were faithful to their baptismal calling. Let us pray today that our lives may give witness to the new world that Jesus came to establish, the kingdom of God.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Patricia Abicunas**, of. by the Son, James Abicunas.

^ All Souls Service inside the church after the Mass.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17; **Tue.**, Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21; **Wed.**, Revelation 7:2-4.9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a; **Thu.**, Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; Matthew 25:31-46; **Fri.**, Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6; **Sat.**, Romans 11:1-2a.11-12.25-29; Luke 14:1.7-11

MONDAY, October 30th - *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Florence Bulcavage**, of. by John & Betty Pellup.

TUESDAY, October 31st - *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Florence Bulcavage**, of. by Betty Leske.

WEDNESDAY, November 1st - *Solemnity of All Saints*

5:45PM - Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

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

THURSDAY, November 2nd - *All Souls Day*

7:00PM - Holy Mass with reading of the Memorial List, intention: for all **Deceased**.

FRIDAY, November 3rd - *First Friday of the month*

Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, November 5th – *XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time – Daylight Saving Time Ends*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. William and Josephine Zamonas, of. by Mrs. Theresa Petrusky.

- ⋈ 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 (Deuteronomy 6:5, 1 John 4:21)

V. Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

R. This is the commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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: Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Responsorial Psalm: I Love You, Lord, my strength.

II Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

The Thessalonians are the great example to all believers.

ALLELUIA (John 14:23)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Whoever loves Me will keep My word, says the Lord, and My Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

The greatest commandment of the Law.

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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: As we gather in the peace and security of our own community of faith, let us remember other Christian communities and families that have been traumatised by war and violent persecution.

- For the peace in the world: that the faith of all people may be respected and supported. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For real refugees and for those who work to relieve their suffering: that solutions may be found to give them hope of rebuilding their lives in security and peace. **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 Christian unity: that the different Christian communities may find ways of working together to witness to the saving love of God. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For children: that they may experience all the love they need and deserve to enable them to grow and find fulfillment for their lives. **R. Lord, hear us.**

- For all deceased members of our families – especially for **Patricia Abicunas** – and whose good deeds go with them: may they experience the fullness of life in Christ. **R. Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we come to You in our weakness and pain, and we pray for our world that You may help us to build Your kingdom of peace, justice and love. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

The Lord has touched your lives with His healing presence and the power of His Gospel. Wherever you may go the love of God remain in your hearts.

COMING EVENTS

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

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** 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 James Konicki**, his family, and parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Schenactedy, NY [web: holynamenc.org; FB: Holy Name of Jesus – Schenactedy, NY].



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: November 1 – Carl Guzik, Frederic Boychak.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: November 4 – John and Joanne Plaxa.



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.



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.

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).



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.

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.*

WHY DOES GOD COMMAND US TO LOVE HIM?

Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to love God totally. If you stop and think about it, this seems a strange demand. Is God such an egotist that He has to order us to love Him? Or is it rather that love is essential to our salvation?

Human beings are born without knowing how to love. We have to learn this from others: parents, friends, relatives, etc. One of the results of love is that we link with others in a personal relationship.

Heaven is achieved through our bonding with God. It's nothing that we can earn or achieve. It can only come when we intimately know God on a personal level. Hence, love is necessary for our future survival. God commands us to love Him for our benefit, not