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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Trzydziesta Pierwsza Niedziela zwykła

November 5, 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, November 5th - XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

God is the Father of all. Believing this, we live our lives in love for one another through the grace of Jesus our Lord.

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.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14; **Tue.**, Romans 12:5-16ab; Luke 14:15-24; **Wed.**, Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33; **Thu.**, Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10; **Fri.**, Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8; **Sat.**, Romans

16:3-9.16.22-27; Luke 16:9-15

MONDAY, November 6th – *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Father Stanisław Bogdanowicz**.

TUESDAY, November 7th – *Weekday*

9:00AM - Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Joseph Petrusky...(All Souls).

WEDNESDAY, November 8th – *Weekday*

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

THURSDAY, November 9th – *Weekday*

8:45AM - Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Touchinsky and Brazausky families (All Souls).

10:00AM – Funeral – Sp. **Joseph Edmondson**.

FRIDAY, November 10th - *Weekday*

9:00AM - Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Regina David...(All Souls).

NEXT SUNDAY, November 12th – XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Veteran's Day Prayer Service

10:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. John Etcho.

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 (Jeremiah 7:3)

V. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel:

R. Reform your ways and your deeds, so that I may remain with you in this place.

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: Malachi 1:14-2:2.8-10

A warning is sounded for all in authority, not to betray their trust.

GRADUAL (Proverbs 13:12, 15:33)

V. Before his downfall a man's heart is haughty, but humility goes before honors.

R. The fear of the Lord is training for wisdom, and humility goes before honors.

II Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.13

St. Paul reminds us that the Gospel is a living message from God.

ALLELUIA (Colossians 3:12)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12

Beware the temptations of power, Jesus says. Live as servants to one another.

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 living message of the Gospel speak to your hearts this day.

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 and decorating the church for Christmas.

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 who are singing;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector;
- to **Veronica** for her help at the altar;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2017 – covered dish, will be held in our church hall on **Sunday, December 10, 2011** after the Mass. Everyone are welcome! If you decide to join us at this celebration, please sign up the list in the vestibule and what kind of food would you like to bring for the party. Please, bring one inexpensive gift also. Parents and guardians are responsible to provide gifts for their children. The deadline to sign up is December 3.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Rafal Dadello** his children and parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish in Little Falls, NY [web: holyspiritpncc.org].



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.



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.*

PHYLACTERIES AND TASSELS

Jesus criticizes the religious leadership of his nation for arrogance. He singles out their love of religious costume. Among these are phylacteries and tassels.

Phylacteries are amulets in the form of small boxes. Inside were Scripture quotes from Ex 13:1-6 and Dt 6:4-9 and 11:13-21. The boxes were tied to the arm and forehead with long straps for morning prayer. The Pharisees affected extra-large versions.

The tassels were part of the prayer shawls also worn during prayer. The shawls represented the Meeting Tent used from the time of Moses. The tassels symbolized the tent ropes. Jesus wore simple garb.

HUMILITY

This week's Mass presents examples of humility. It is one of the most misunderstood virtues. It does not involve an attitude of submission or weakness. It is rather an attitude of willingness to accept help. No one is truly self-sufficient. We all lack some skill or ability, perhaps several. Arrogance is the feeling that we are totally in control and need no outside aid.

The priests and Pharisees wielded tremendous power in their day. They demonstrated this assumed authority in their dress, mannerisms and demand for attention. Paul shows humility in that he wishes not to burden anyone, but to serve. He willingly accepts help from others, but does not demand it.

Do you seek assistance or refuse to ask for it or accept it when proffered? The difference shows your humility or pride.

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2017.** Therefore, please, be responsible for your own church and fulfill your obligation to the Parish before that date. **THANK YOU.** A member, who fulfills the financial obligation to the Parish, by paying our yearly dues (**\$137.00**), is a financial good standing member of the Church. This means that he/she is a voting member of the Parish, can be elected to the Parish Committee, can be elected as a delegate for Synods and Seniorate Council, can be married in the church, and when time comes could be buried at the