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Polish National Catholic Church

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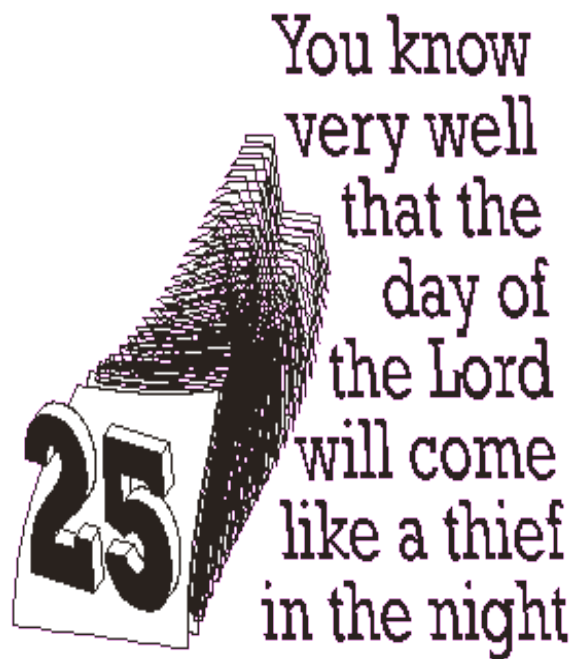
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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Trzydziesta Trzecia Niedziela zwykła

November 19, 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 19th - XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

Does God make unnecessary demands on us? A famous parable from near the end of Jesus' ministry tells us that we are asked to do no more than use what we have been given.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Maccabees 1:10-15.41-43.54-57.62-63; Luke 18:35-43; **Tue.**, Zechariah 2:14-17; Matthew 12:46-50; **Luke 19:1-10**; **Wed.**, 2 Maccabees 7:1.20-31; Luke 19:11-28; **Thu.**, 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44; **Fri.**, 1 Maccabees 4:36-37.52-59; Luke 19:45-48; **Sat.**, 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

MONDAY, November 20th – *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Patricia Abicunas...(All Souls).

TUESDAY, November 21st – Solemnity – Presentation of the BVM
Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

WEDNESDAY, November 22nd – *Weekday*
9:00AM - Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Paul Elsavage...(All Souls).

FRIDAY, November 24th - *Weekday*
Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Marianna Zaborowska...(All Souls).

NEXT SUNDAY, November 26th – Solemnity – Christ the King - XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Bernard Halaburda Jr., of. by Mrs. Sandra Elsavage.

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 3:19)

V. I had thought: How I should like to treat as sons, and give you a pleasant land, a heritage most beautiful among the nations!

R. You would call Me, “My Father,” I thought, and never cease following Me.

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: Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

This book's depiction of the perfect wife may cause eyebrows to rise nowadays, but the principle always applies: virtue entails us doing exactly what we are supposed to be doing – no more and no less.

GRADUAL (Luke 12:48b)

V. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much.

R. Still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.

II Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

This second reading reinforces the message of the first. If we live as we should, we need not fear what lies ahead, and certainly not the return of the Lord.

ALLELUIA (Luke 11:28)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

The famous parable of the talents has a surprising twist to it. People are rewarded for using what they have been given; not for the return they make.

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 God the Father keep you in His love. May God the Son be your constant companion throughout this day. May God the Holy Spirit protect you and guide you.

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. Decorating the church for Christmas, after 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 who are singing;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector;
- 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, 2017** 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 Maj Stanley Jasiurkowski** (US Army Chaplain Corps) and his family.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: November 20 – Julian Bednarek.



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.*

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 Parish Cemetery.

THE DAY OF THE LORD

Jesus spoke of his return from heaven, implying that it would happen within the lifetimes of some of his listeners. Paul preached this and stirred audiences with the notion of a forthcoming cataclysm. The congregation at Thessalonica, Greece certainly took him literally. Many quit their jobs, anticipating the end of the world. This earned Christians a reputation for laziness. Paul realized the error and wrote his first letter to warn his followers against panic. Even if the world--the Day of the Lord--should end suddenly, Christians must not worry. They are secure in their faith-relationship with Jesus. We will not be overcome unprepared. Still, we must be vigilant.