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Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"
Solemnity – Christ the King

November 26, 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 – Contemporary liturgy in English.

Today, November 26th – Solemnity – Christ the King - XXXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ's kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this world. It is a kingdom of love and service, where like good shepherds we look out for and care for one another.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Bernard Halaburda Jr.**, of. by Mrs. Sandra Elsavege.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Daniel 1:1-6.8-20; Luke 21:1-4; **Tue.**, Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11; **Wed.**, Daniel 5:1-6.13-14.16-17.23-28; Luke 21:12-19; **Thu.**, **Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22; Fri.**, Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33; **Sat.**, Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

MONDAY, November 27th - Weekday

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Jan Zaborowski...(All Souls)

TUESDAY, November 28th - *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Helena Kurek-Bednarek...(All Souls).

WEDNESDAY, November 29th - *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Deceased of Cegielski & Kowalonek families (All Souls).

THURSDAY, November 30th - *Feast – St. Andrew, Apostle*

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

FRIDAY, December 1st - *First Friday of the month*

Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, December 3rd – *I Sunday of Advent*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Susan Berto-Bednarek, of. by Mr. Julian Bednarek.

- ⋈ 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 (Revelation 5:12; 19:16)

V. “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive the power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing!”

R. He has a name written on His cloak and on His thigh, “King of kings and Lord of lords.”

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 34:11-12,15-17**

Ezekiel's image of the Lord as a shepherd of the sheep is one that Jesus uses on many occasions, even in the vision of the last which St. Matthew presents to us today.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

II Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28**

With Christ's death, death itself is conquered. Now the way is open for all of us to be raised up as members of the kingdom He will hand over to the Father.

ALLELUIA (Mark 11:9-10)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: **Matthew 25:31-46**

In this last judgement passage we have the ultimate criterion by which we are judged: the willingness to recognize Christ in everyone.

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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: We come to the Father, praying that we may reach out to all those who need our prayers and our love. We beg Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to intercede for us.

- For all those entrusted with the responsibility of leadership in the Church and in society: may they be good shepherds to those entrusted to their care. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For people who are searching for meaning: may they discover the compassion of the good shepherd by the way we respond to them and treat them. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who have asked us to pray for them: may the Lord touch their lives, strengthening and healing them in their different needs. **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 those who continue to suffer the ravages of war or who are caught up in modern forms of slavery: may we never grow weary of praying and working for justice and peace on their behalf. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Celebrant: God our Father, we entrust these prayers to You with great confidence because we make them through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May we be good shepherds, looking out especially for those who are in need of our loving care.

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 of 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** 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 **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;

- to the **Sunday greeters.**

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Rev. Cpt Joseph Kolek**, US Army Chaplain, and his family.



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.

2018 HOME BLESSINGS – will start on after January 6. If anyone would like your home to be blessed, please sign up your name on the list at the vestibule; the deadline is December 3.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: November 28 – Joanne Plaxa; November 29 – Michelle Boychak.



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.



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*