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Polish National Catholic Church**

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"

Druga Niedziela Zwyczajna

January 14, 2018

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, January 14th - II Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings are centered on God's call and our response.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Flossie Bulcavage**, of. by Mrs. Sandra Elsavege.

^ Removing Christmas decorations after the Mass.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22; **Tue.**, 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28; **Wed.**, 1 Samuel 17:32-33.37.40-51; Mark 3:1-6; **Thu.**, 1 Samuel 18:6-9. 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12; **Fri.**, 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19;

Sat., 2 Samuel 1:1-4.11-12.19.23-27; Mark 3:20-21

MONDAY, January 15th - *Weekday*

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

Jan. 18 – Jan. 25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

THURSDAY, January 18th - Feast - St. Peter's Chair in Antioch

Holy Mass, intention: for Christian Unity.

6:30PM – Prayer for Christian Unity – St. Ann's RCC

NEXT SUNDAY, January 21st – III Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 (Isaiah 43:1b, 4a; Jeremiah 15:16)

V. Thus says the Lord: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; You are Mine. Because you are precious in My eyes and glorious, and because I love you.

R. When I found Your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart, because I bore Your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

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: 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

After being called four times by God, the boy Samuel understands who it is and responds: „Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

GRADUAL (Exodus 33:12b; Job 13:22)

V. You are My infinite friend, and also You have found favor with Me.

R. Then call me, and I will respond; or let me speak first and, answer me.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20

United with Jesus, we are one spirit with Him and our bodies become temples of the Holy Spirit.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 40:9)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. To do Your will, O my God, is my delight, and Your law is within my heart.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 1:35-42

John the Baptist points out Jesus as „the Lamb of God” and two of his followers become Jesus' first disciples.

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 Father give you strength to follow the way of the Lord. May the Son teach you how to do the Father's will. May the Holy Spirit sanctify you and give you courage.

COMING EVENTS

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

Jan. 18 – Prayer for Christian Unity Service – St. Ann's RCC at 6:30PM

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday

March 4 – Annual Parish Meeting

March 21 – Lenten Ecumenical Service (6:30PM here)

March 25 – Palm Sunday

April 1 – Easter Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to:

- to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** for preparing the altars, and the church for services, and thank you so much for you so many hours work during this week;
- 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**.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Fryderyk Banas**, his family, and Parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Ware, MA.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 20 – Sherri Larson.



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 – Al Gursky. 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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SNOW and ICE ALERT – During winter days, please remember that we do not cancel our Worship Services. In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth.

PNCC 2018 Future Direction Plan Committee

Complete at least five community service projects: One service project could be in conjunction with the Solemnity of Humble Shepherds and the other, selected by the local parish. It is important that the

five projects be done in the local community of the parish so that these efforts will create a greater presence of the parish in the community.

Various options include but are not limited to: A project to aid an assisted living facility, or other care facility i.e. nursing home, group home; volunteering for a special needs event; having a Mass or event for your local widow's group; aiding a family crisis center, Food Drives, serving a free meal for the community, providing a community breakfast/meal for First Responders – for Veterans; prayer blanket ministry, clothing drive for the community, sponsoring a local family in need, and/or responding to a particular need in the local community, etc.

DUES 2018. Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the 'family plan' method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the 2002 General Synod.

Each adult member (18 years old+) will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at St. John the Baptist parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

Total dues for 2018 per Adult Member: \$137.00 Per Year

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations:

Sunday Collection, St. Johns Fund, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Donations, Flower Funds, and Christmas Donations.

ORDINARY TIME

Last week we began what is called "Ordinary time" in the Church calendar. Ordinary does not mean plain or simple. It means "numbered" as in first, second, etc, the ordinal numbers. This was the original sense of the word. Since we are not celebrating major feasts like Christmas or Easter, this title has come to represent a less spectacular or more "average" period in Church celebrations. Because of the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we do not hold a specific 1st Sunday in Ordinary time. It is used for the weekday Masses where no feast or memorial is observed.

The numbers are meant to remind us that we are working toward a goal. Our life has a purpose. We are moving toward an ultimate