

**St. John the Baptist Parish**

**Polish National Catholic Church**

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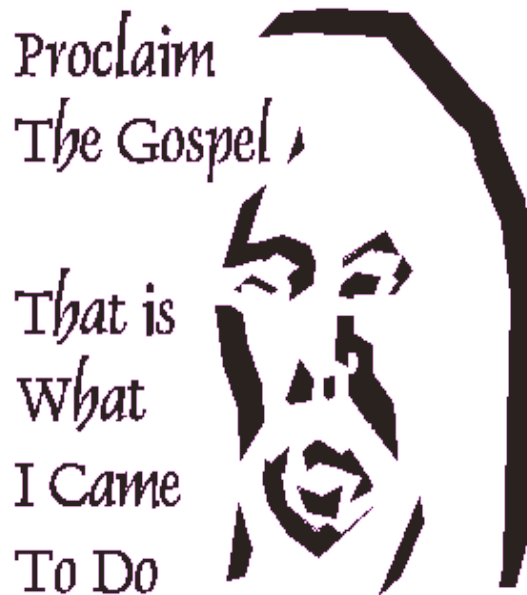
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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"**

Piąta Niedziela Zwyczajna

**February 4, 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, February 4<sup>th</sup> - V Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our world is marked by so much suffering. Christ comes to give us hope through the power of His healing touch.

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Stanley and Loretta Kovalewski**, of. by Sister, Theresa Petrusky.

- ⋄ Confession.
- ⋄ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⋄ Souper Bowl collection for Frackville Ministerium Food Bank.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, 1 Kings 8:1-7.9-13; Mark 6:53-56; **Tue.**, 1 Kings 88:22-23.27-30; Mark 7:1-13; **Wed.**, 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23; **Thu.**, 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30; **Fri.**, 1 Kings 11:29-32. 12:19; Mark 7:31-37; **Sat.**, 1 Kings 12:26-32. 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10

**MONDAY, February 5<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

**Holy Mass**, intention: for **Victoria** on her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**TUESDAY, February 6<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

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

**WEDNESDAY, February 7<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

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

**THURSDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

**Requiem Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Father Roman Kempisty**.

**NEXT SUNDAY, February 11<sup>th</sup> – VI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10:00AM** – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Christina Pukas, of. by Mr. & Mrs. George Wycheck.

^ 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 32:39, Psalm 6:3-4a)**

V. Learn then that I, I alone, am God, and there is no God besides Me. It is I Who bring both death and life, I Who inflict wounds and heal them and from My hand there is no rescue.

**R. Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak; heal me, Lord, for my bones are trembling. In utter terror is my soul.**

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: Job 7:1-4.6-7**

*Job gives free rein to express the suffering in his life.*

**GRADUAL (Psalm 39:13-14)**

V. Listen to my prayer, Lord, hear my cry; do not be deaf to my weeping! I sojourn with You like a passing stranger, a guest, like all my ancestors.

**R. Turn Your gaze from me, that I may find peace before I depart to be no more.**

**II Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23**

*St. Paul sees it is His duty to preach the Gospel and to offer it free of charge.*

**ALLELUIA (Psalm 30:3)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. O Lord, my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39**

*Jesus continues to bring God's rule among us by giving healing to the many sick people who seek Him out.*

### **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 God grant healing and peace in your lives this week, and in the lives of those you love.**

### **COMING EVENTS**

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

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 Adam Czarnecki**, his family, and Parishioners of St. Valentine's Parish in Northampton, MA [web: [stvalentinespncc.com](http://stvalentinespncc.com)].



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 5 – Victoria Plichta.



**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](mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org) to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

**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.

### **February – The importance of unconditional Love in the family**

**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.

### **WHAT I CAME TO DO**

Jesus is exhausted. His power to cure illness made him a free doctor. At the time physicians were primitive and usually ineffective. The sick were thought to be "possessed" by evil spirits, rather than germs. The devil has successfully side-tracked Christ's true ministry. This explains his somewhat strange response when Peter announces that "...everyone is looking for you." Jesus proclaims that it is time to move on to other areas. In effect, he is abandoning his home base in Caphernaum.

Our Lord reveals the real focus of his career. He is a teacher with the most important lessons that will ever be shared. He does not want to be a healer, but an educator. He came to teach the way to eternal life in God.