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

Szósta Niedziela Zwykła

**February 11, 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 11<sup>th</sup> - VI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

It's one thing to bring healing to someone who is ill. It is even more to change places with the sufferer. In Jesus, we have God's complete acts of solidarity with humanity. In the Eucharist, we celebrate this solidarity.

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

♣ Collection for missions.

✠ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

### **WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13; **Tue.**, James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21; **Ash Wednesday:** Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2; Matthew 6:1-6.16-18; **Thu.** after Ash Wed., Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25; **Fri.** after Ash Wed., Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15; **Sat.** after Ash Wed., Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

### **TUESDAY, February 13<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14<sup>th</sup>** - *THE HOLY SEASON OF GREAT LENT begins today. As Jesus fasted for 40 days in the desert, the Church traditional fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christian reminds us of our total dependence on and love for God. Please remember that Fridays are days of abstinence from meat. **Fasting:** all those of post-confirmation age are to fast on **Fridays, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals.*

*Our Lenten regulations are recommended for healthy adults. Children under First Holy Communion age, the infirm, those on restrictive medication and the elderly are exempt from the obligation of fasting.*

**10:00AM - Holy Mass** with distribution of ashes.

**12:00Noon** – Prayer Service with distribution of ashes.

**4:00PM** – Prayer Service with distribution of ashes.

**7:00PM - Holy Mass** with distribution of ashes.

### **FRIDAY, February 16<sup>th</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday*

**Requiem Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Prime Bishop Francis Hodur** (65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of death).

**6:00PM** – Stations of the Cross.

### **NEXT SUNDAY, February 18<sup>th</sup>** – *I Sunday of Lent*

**10:00AM** – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Lauren Feudale, of. by Grandmother, Theresa Petrusky.

### **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** (Luke 4:27; Psalm 41:5)

V. There were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.

**R. Once I prayed, “Lord, have mercy on me; heal me, I have sinned against You.**

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:** Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46

*Laws are imposed on Israel regarding leprosy. We can understand the fear in a community when a skin complaint which looks like decomposition is found in the camp: dire measures are enforced.*

### **GRADUAL** (Sirach 38:9-11)

V. My son, when you are ill, delay not, but pray to God, Who will heal you. Flee wickedness; let your hands be just, cleanse your heart of every sin.

**R. Offer your sweet-smelling oblation and petition, a rich offering according to your means.**

**II Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

*St. Paul insists that whatever is done should be done in the name of the Lord, and that nothing offensive should be done to anyone.*

**ALLELUIA (Matthew 8:2b)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Lord, if You wish, You can make me clean.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45**

*Jesus does the unthinkable. He not only cures a leper, He touches him, thereby incurring the life of a leper: exclusion and isolation from people.*

**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 and Lord of life bless you. May God the Son, our brother and our savior, be always with you. May God the Holy Spirit, the comforter, the advocate, teach you.

**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 **Joe Karvois** for his help at the altar last Sunday;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

**THANK YOU** for supporting our Frackville Ministerium Food Bank. Last Sunday we took „Souper Bowl” collection in the amount of **\$53.00**.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Paul Dudek**, his family, and Parishioners of Holy Savior Parish in Union City, CT and Church of Transfiguration in New Britain, CT.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 11 – Jesse Keim; February 17 – Joelle Karvois.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** Anniversary best wishes are extended to: February 17 – Stephen and Joelle Karvois.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – 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

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