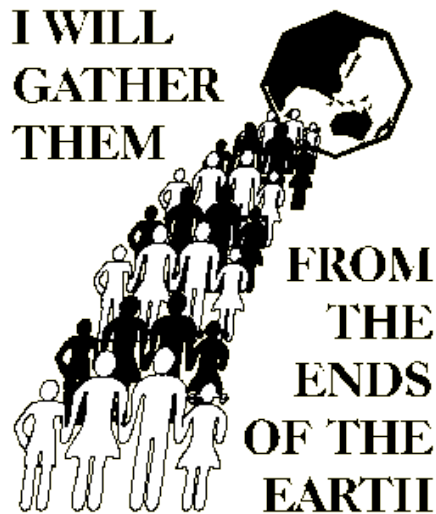


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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"**  
Trzydziesta Niedziela Zwykła

**October 28, 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 – Contemporary liturgy in English.**

**Today, October 28<sup>th</sup> – XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**MONDAY, October 29<sup>th</sup> - Feast – SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles**

**9:00AM - Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Abp Tadeusz Gocłowski**.

**THURSDAY, November 1<sup>st</sup> - Solemnity of All Saints – (holy day of obligation)**

**10:00AM - Holy Mass**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

**FRIDAY, November 2<sup>nd</sup> - All Souls Day**

**9:00AM - Holy Mass** for all **Deceased**, with the reading of the *Memorial List*.

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

**SATURDAY, November 3<sup>rd</sup> - *Weekday***

**9:30AM – Holy Mass** to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

**12:00Noon – 2:30PM** – Free Community Luncheon

**NEXT SUNDAY, November 4<sup>th</sup> – XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10:00AM – Holy Mass** with the reading of the *Memorial List*, intention: for Sp. William & Josephine Zamonas, of. by Mrs. Theresa Petrusky.

- Confession.
- All Souls Prayers after the Mass. *Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament – on November 11.*
- 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 (2 Peter 1:3.9)**

V. God's divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of Him Who called us by His own glory and power.

**R. Anyone who lacks them is blind and shortsighted, forgetful of the cleansing of his past sins.**

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: Jeremiah 31:7-9**

*God promises salvation for the scattered remnant of Israel, return from exile and a joyful homecoming.*

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

**II Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6**

*Jesus is for ever our great high priest, a kingly priesthood bestowed by God the Father.*

**ALLELUIA (2 Timothy 1:10)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52**

*A blind beggar cries out to Jesus in faith and out of need, and Jesus cures him.*

**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.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**Celebrant:** Let us bring our prayers to God, reminding ourselves that we live in society as people of faith, promoting the values God has given us.

- For the leaders in the Church: that concern for those who are poor and vulnerable will always be central to the mission of the Church. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our parish: that we may open our eyes to the needs of our local community and respond with energy and enthusiasm. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who do not know God: that they may one day experience God's healing and compassionate love. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
  - For who bear infirmities such as blindness: that they may be consoled by God's love and compassion for them. **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 all deceased members of our families – especially for **James Dean** – and whose good deeds go with them: may they experience the fullness of life in Christ. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
  - For all of our needs...(PLEASE, NAME THEM NOW...) **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant:** God our Father, hear our prayers and bless us in our daily lives as we strive to be faithful followers, through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

**THANK YOU** to our Parishioners who by your work, help and donations showed your dedication to our parish preparing the dinner last Sunday! May God Bless You All! Thank you to our Parishioners who purchased dinner, as well.

**PNCC FUNERAL POLICY** – Bishop Bernard Nowicki (Ordinary Bishop of the Central Diocese) said that there is **NO VIEWING IN THE CHURCH** for the lay member of the Church. The proper place for it is the funeral home.

**Hall for Rent** is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.

**ALL SOULS ENVELOPES.** All Soul's Day remembrance request envelopes are placed next to the bulletins. Please fill them out (please: PRINT) and return them to the pastor as soon as possible. (Thank you).

**ALL SOULS PRAYER SERVICE** will be held on **Sunday, November 4, 2018** after the Holy Mass.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: October 29 – James Panco; November 1 – Carl Guzik, Frederick Boychak.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Bishop Stanley Bilinski - 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 – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross. At **Nursing Home: in Frackville** – Thomas Justen; **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](mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org) to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

### **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.

**November – Family Gratitude – stress the importance of giving thanks and doing it as an individual and parish family.**

### **Melchizedek**

Most Christians would take it for granted that Jesus is a priest. He offered his life as a sacrifice on the cross. In the first century this was not such a simple idea. Jews believed that the priesthood was hereditary--one had to be the son of a priest to be a priest.

The author of Hebrews defends Jesus' priesthood by noting an obscure twist of fate.

An obscure figure named Melchizedek played a small but important role. He was the priest-king of Salem (later, Jerusalem). He offered a sacrifice to God with Abraham that was accepted.

Many centuries later the Jewish priesthood began with the sons of Moses' brother Aaron (of the tribe of Levi). They flourished until the time of David. As the great king lay dying, his sons squabbled over the right to succession. The Levitical priests chose the wrong side, while the local Jerusalem priests sided with Solomon. When he became king, Solomon promoted the local priests. He based their claim to the priesthood on their descent from Melchizedek, a more ancient lineage. Christians taught that Jesus had the same kind of right.

### **A Blind Runner**

Here's a simple experiment to try: go out into your backyard or into a park. Close your eyes and run in any direction. How far do you think you would get? Maybe a matter of a few feet before you stumble into something, a tree, a bush, a rock, or another person. The whole thing sounds impossible, but that is precisely what happens in today's Gospel.

Jesus is passing through Jericho, one of the lowest spots on earth. It is an oasis surrounded by desert, rocks and mountains. It is a stopover on the route to Jerusalem. Suddenly a blind man clamors for Jesus' attention. The lord calls him to come to him. Instantly the man jumps up and runs to Christ.

Jesus tells the man that his faith has already given him the power to see what the crowd does not. Immediately the man follows Jesus' way...to the cross.