

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"
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January 27, 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, January 27th – III Sunday in Ordinary Time – Music Scholarship Sunday

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

MONDAY, January 28th – *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

TUESDAY, January 29th – *Weekday*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Alicja Zaborowska, on her Birthday for good health and God's blessing.

1:00PM – Clean-up church hall gathering

FRIDAY, February 1st – First Friday of the month

4:15PM - Holy Mass and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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

SATURDAY, February 2nd – Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord

10:00AM – **Holy Mass** to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, and Litany; intention for Sp. **Marianna Zaborowska**.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 3rd – IV Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Eugene Wycheck Jr., of. by Mrs. Sandra Elsavage.

- Confession.
- Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- *Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise.*
- 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 (Psalms 147: 1-3)

V. How good to celebrate our God in song; how sweet to give fitting praise. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, gathers the dispersed of Israel.

R. Heals the brokenhearted, binds up their wounds.

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: Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10

Ezra reminds the people of Moses' Law. He tells them to go and eat and drink, taking care that they share what they have with those who have nothing,

Responsorial Psalm: **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

We are all different, but we are also one in Christ's body.

ALLELUIA (Luke 4:18)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

We hear Jesus' manifesto for His mission. In the great Jubilee text, Jesus situates His ministry in the ongoing promise and commitment of God to those who are vulnerable.

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.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH [PAGE 71]
GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Let us ask God to bless our Christian outreach to bring good news to the poor.

- For all homeless people and families struggling to make ends meet in our local area: may they retain hope; and may we support them through practical action. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray that we may embrace a sense of mission that calls us out of our comfort zones to engage with national and international issues of injustice and conflict. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for Christian organizations who work for peace and reconciliation in our world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for a deeper understanding and cooperation between Christians of different traditions that together we may reach out to those who are vulnerable. **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, Your kingdom is marked by love, compassion and tolerance. We ask You to hear the prayers we offer, as we work to build up Your kingdom in our world, 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** and **Friends** for decorating the church for Christmas last Sunday.

- **Hall for Rent** is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.
- **Upcoming liturgy events: Feb. 24, 2019 – Annual Parish Meeting** after the Mass.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 30 – Jiselle Petrusky.



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 – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen – Edward Jurewicz. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda (309); **Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA** – Marie Demnitski.



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.

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2019**. Therefore, please, be responsible for your own church and fulfill your obligation to the Parish before that date. **THANK YOU**. A member, who fulfills the financial obligation to the Parish, by paying our yearly dues (**\$137.00**), is a financial good standing member of the Church. This means that he/she is a voting member of the Parish, can be elected to the Parish Committee, can be elected as a delegate for Synods and Seniorate Council, can be married in the church, and when time comes could be buried at the Parish Cemetery.

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.

PNCC 2019 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods

Develop and emphasize Discipleship through 2019: *Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Getting back to basics. Discipleship is who we are – all this flows from being a disciple of Jesus.*

February – The Disciple: Teaching by example (Living the Virtues in our lives). ***Series refresher on Catechism*** – Soup, Sandwich & Sermon (Presentation) or Wine and spirit presentation format. **Projected Outcome:** *Church members will honestly reflect on themselves and come up with one way by which they can role model the life of Christian discipleship that month, at work, in school, etc.*

EZRA READS THE LAW

At the end of the 6th century B.C. the people of Israel returned home from exile in Iraq. They were embittered and despondent when they realized that Jerusalem was in ruins. This malaise effected their faith. After all, God had seemingly abandoned them. Something had to be done to revive the religion. Ezra, a priest at the site of the former Temple, decided to hold a mass public Bible reading. He set up a podium near one of the main gates of the city. Other Temple assistants followed his example. The words of Scripture so moved the people that they began crying. The Word of God inspired them to revitalize their faith.

THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST

Paul teaches that there is a spiritual link between all Christians. He illustrates this idea with an analogy to the human body. It is a composite of many different organs. Though each is technically independent they work together for the benefit of the whole person. The source of this unity is the soul. In the same way, the members of the Church are autonomous but harmonize because of the Holy Spirit. Though we do not all play the same or role or have the same talents we can work together for the good of the entire Community. Paul mentions some of the ministries that blend for this good: apostles, prophets, teachers, activists, healers, service, administration and preachers.