

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
414 West Oak Street, Frackville, PA 17931
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"
Szósta Niedziela Zwykła

February 17, 2019

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 17th – VI Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Carolyn Boychak**, of. by Mrs. Sandra Elsavage & family.

MONDAY, February 18th – *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass

TUESDAY, February 19th – *Weekday*

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

THURSDAY, February 20th – *Weekday*

9:00AM – Preparing onions for Friday's "babka" sale.

FRIDAY, February 22nd – *Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SATURDAY, February 23rd – *Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the BVM on Saturday, intention: God's blessing to the family.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 24th – VII Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- Annual Parish meeting.

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 1:1-3)

V. Happy those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, nor go the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the Lord is their joy; God's law they study day and night.

R. They are like a tree planted near streams of the water, that yields its fruit in due season; Its leaves never wither; whatever they do prospers.

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 17:5-8

GRADUAL (Psalms 146:3-5)

V. Put no trust in princes, in mere mortals powerless to save. When they breathe their last, they return to the earth; that day all their planning comes to nothing.

R. Happy those whose help is Jacob's God, whose hope is in the Lord, their God.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-16-20

ALLELUIA (Psalms 84:13)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. O Lord of hosts, happy are those who trust in You.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17.20-26

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Hall for Rent** is available...**\$100.00 for 2 hours**/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and **\$50.00** returnable deposit.
- **June 20 at 7:00PM** – Seniorate Corpus Christi Service in our church.

POTATO BABKA/KUEGEL SALE – Friday, February 22, 2019; cost is **\$5.00** a loaf pan. Pick up: **11:00AM** – **1:00PM** and **4:00PM** – **6:00PM**. To order, please call: 570-874-0119 or 570-205-3111.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: 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 – 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 (223).***

Scripture verse of the week: “Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ”. (Ephesians 4:31-32).

HEALING MASS – will be celebrated on **March 17**. We are inviting everyone to participate. During this Mass, the pastor will impart the Sacrament of Holy Anointing to every person, who would like to receive it.

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.

In Order of the Resurrection Day Procession the church needs the help of parishioners to carry: Processional Cross.... Paschal Candle... Resurrection Statue..., Resurrection Cross..., Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society with candles..., Parishioners... If anyone is interested to be a part of this liturgy, please contact the pastor ASAP. **Following items** is needed to be carry at the procession: *Processional Cross.....Paschal Candle...Resurrection Statue...Resurrection Cross...*

PARISH INFORMATION. **Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God’s Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. **Only practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

The parish bulletin - is made on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

19TH ANNUAL MISSION and EVANGELISM WORKSHOP - This year’s theme is **“Identity: Who We Are in Christ”** and will be hosted by the Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT **Friday, March 29 - Sunday, March 31, 2019**

Greetings from the Mission and Evangelism Commission of the Polish National Catholic Church. Over the past nineteen years the National Commission on Mission and Evangelism has presented to the faithful and clergy of the Church an opportunity to explore one of many faith-driven aspects of the Church on a National level, as well as experiencing the Church on a local Parish level. Our goal for each Mission Workshop has been that the Faithful come away with a burning desire to bring faith-driven work of the Workshop back to their parishes and be a light to that local Community of Faith, the Parish, and the communities in which they live. This year’s Mission Workshop will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, Connecticut. Our accommodation is at **Comfort Suites** located at 64 Knotter Dr, Southington, CT 06489.

The guaranteed **room rate of \$105.00** plus tax. Please use the **code: “Polish National Catholic Church”** when making your reservation. The **deadline** cut - off date for obtaining this guaranteed room rate is **Friday, March**

8, 2019. When you fill out your registration form, send it along with a check for the **Workshop Registration Fee of \$75.00** per person. Please make the check payable to: Holy Trinity Parish. The **deadline for registering is March 15, 2019.** For registrations post-marked after March 15, 2019, the registration fee is \$95.00. We pray that you will consider joining us for the Nineteenth National Mission & Evangelism Workshop of the P.N.C.C., and we look forward to your attendance. If you have any questions, please contact: Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Commission Chairman Parish Phone: (313) 365-5191 email: nowak@netscape.com.



YOUR FAITH IS VAIN

When we read the pious words of Paul's first letter to the Christians of Corinth we miss the reality. The Greek city was a battleground between two very different ideas. Greek philosophy was concerned with the mind. It considered the body relatively unimportant. The physical world was only a poor copy of a spiritual reality. The spiritual world--what we might call heaven--existed beyond this one and could only be reached by the mind.

Biblical philosophy was exactly the opposite. The physical world was the only reality. There was little belief in a spiritual world. A person was not so much a combination of body and soul but of body and breath.

The real point of contention between the two views centered on the resurrection of the body. Greek philosophers saw it as unnecessary, since the body was not important. Biblical philosophy insisted on a physical resurrection. Paul argues for this philosophy. He says that if there is no rising of the body after death, Christian faith is in vain. Eventually St. Augustine would strike a harmony between the two beliefs.

THE SERMON ON THE PLAIN

One of the highlights of Matthew's Gospel is Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount". It is a summary of Christ's teachings about the way to sanctity. There is a parallel event in Luke's Gospel, but it is in a different setting, a level area. Our Lord probably gave similar messages in several places.

Matthew arranges the message in eight beatitudes or "blessings". They say that you will be happy if you: don't get attached to material possessions, make peace, etc. Luke's version renders them as four blessings and four "woes" or statements that you will be unhappy if you: cling to wealth, etc.

The message in both cases is that the values approved by this world are exactly the opposite of Christian ideals.