

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Solemnity of The Holy Trinity - "C"
Father's Day

Uroczystość Trójcy Przenajświętszej – Dzień Ojca
Solennita della Santissima Trinita – Festa del papa

June 16, 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, June 16th – Solemnity of the Holy Trinity – Father's Day

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Fathers**.

- Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

THURSDAY, June 20th – Solemnity – Corpus Christi

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

7:00PM – Seniorate Corpus Christi Service and refreshments.

FRIDAY, June 21st – *Within the Octave of Corpus Christi*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention for: Sp. **Irene Jagan** (PNU of America President).

SATURDAY, June 22nd - *Within the Octave of Corpus Christi*

Holy Mass to the BVM on Saturday, intention: for Sp. **Jan Zaborowski**, and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

NEXT SUNDAY, June 23rd – *Within the Octave of Corpus Christi*

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

- Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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 (Titus 3:4-6)

V. But when the kindness and generous love of God our Savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of His mercy.

R. He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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: Proverbs 8:22-31

The Wisdom of God was there at the beginning of creation and remains a guiding force in all creation and in human activity.

GRADUAL (Daniel 3:55)

V. Blessed are You Who look into the depths from Your throne upon the cherubim.

R. Praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

II Reading: Romans 5:1-5

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

ALLELUIA (Daniel 3:52)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Blessed are You, o Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

In the final days of His ministry, Jesus teaches how the Holy Spirit will work in His disciples, guiding them in truth and love.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners for preparing Mother's/Father's Brunch last Sunday!

- **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.**
- **September 28 – Crafters/Vendors & Food Trucks Fall Event**
- **October 25 – Special Synod in Scranton, PA.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: June 22 – Michael Tokarczyk.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Janusz Lucarz - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen – Edward Jurewicz. ***H & R Center Tremont:*** Dolores Halaburda (309); ***Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA*** – Marie Demnitski; ***Shenandoah Manor:*** Helen Menzyk (D14).



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.**

Scripture verse of the week: “Bless your persecutors; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same attitude toward all. Put away ambitious thoughts and associate with those who are lowly”. (Romans 12:14-16).

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**.

DEATH NOTICE – **Frank J. Savitsky Jr.** of Ringtown, PA passed away on June 10 in Lehigh Valley Hospital at Allentown, PA. His funeral was on Thursday, June 13, and he was buried at the Holy Ghost Cemetery, Shenandoah. ***Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord...***

My Father’s Voice in Prayer
(by May Hastings Nottage)

“In the silence that falls on my spirit
When the clamor of life loudest seems,
Comes a voice that floats in tremulous notes
Far over my sea of dreams.
I remember the dim old vestry,
And my father kneeling there;

And the old hymns thrill with the memory still
Of my father's voice in prayer.
I can see the glance of approval
As my part in the hymn I took;
I remember the grace of my mother's face
And the tenderness of her look;
And I knew that a gracious memory
Cast its light on that face so fair,
As her cheek flushed faint—O mother, my saint!—
At my father's voice in prayer.
'Neath the stress of that marvelous pleading
All childish dissensions died;
Each rebellious will sank conquered and still
In a passion of love and pride.
Ah, the years have held dear voices,
And melodies tender and rare;
But tenderest seems the voice of my dreams—
My father's voice in prayer.”



THE WISDOM OF GOD

Ancient Greek philosophers taught that true wisdom could be reached by unaided human mind power. To the people of the Old Testament, this was nonsense. They believed that the only real wisdom lay in the will of God. Human beings could only understand this wisdom by contemplating God's actions in history. Eventually they came to respect God's wisdom so much that they personified as a beautiful woman. Early Christians realized that this personification perfectly matched the qualities of the Holy Spirit, as revealed by Jesus. They treasured the Wisdom books of the Old Testament for this reason.

WHEN HE COMES, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

When we speak of God as "He" or "Him" we must remember that, strictly speaking, God does not have a gender. Animals and even some plants have gender differences. God is a spirit. God allows us to use gender-specific words--when referring to the Trinity--only for our convenience. Most human languages are rooted in gender-related words. Originally this probably came from the fact that certain items were used more by one gender than another. For example, "table" in French is feminine probably because dining tables were traditionally set and tended by women. Today such gender terms are becoming meaningless as traditional roles are breaking down. Still, it is difficult to refer to a person without some gender language. In Hebrew and Greek the word for "Spirit" is feminine. It was only when the Bible was translated into Latin that it took upon a masculine gender. The point is that God is people--grammatically incorrect, perhaps--but true.