

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
**Polish National Catholic Church**  
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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"**  
Szesnasta Niedziela Zwykła  
Sedicesima domenica nel tempo ordinario

**July 21, 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, July 21<sup>st</sup> – XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Susan Berto-Bednarek, of. by Mr. Julian Bednarek.

- Blessing of vehicles at the parking after the Mass.

**TUESDAY, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – *Weekday***

**Holy Mass**

**THURSDAY, July 25<sup>th</sup> – *Feast – St. James the Greater, Apostle***

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

**FRIDAY, July 26<sup>th</sup> - SS. Joachim & Anne, parents of the BVM**

**Holy Mass** and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**SATURDAY, July 27<sup>th</sup> – *Weekday***

**Holy Mass** to the BVM and Litany on Saturday.

**NEXT SUNDAY, July 28<sup>th</sup> – XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

- Semi-Annual Parish Meeting in the hall.

**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** (Matthew 6:33; Proverbs 16:3)

V. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.

**R. Entrust your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.**

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: Genesis 18:1-10**

*Abraham gives his Lord a great welcome and is blessed by the Lord God in return.*

**GRADUAL** (Psalms 104:23; 90:17)

V. People go forth to their work, to their labor till evening falls.

**R. May the favor of the Lord our God be ours. Prosper the work of our hands!**

**II Reading: Colossians 1:24-28**

*The mystery of Christ, hidden for generations, is now revealed to us all.*

**ALLELUIA** (John 8:31b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. If you remain in My word, you will truly be My disciples.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42**

*Martha and Mary welcome Jesus into their home in their different ways.*

**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.

- **Hall for Rent** is available...**\$100.00 for 2 hours**/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and **\$50.00** returnable deposit.
- **September 28 – Crafters/Vendors & Food Trucks Fall Event**
- **October 25 – Special Synod** in Scranton, PA.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: July 21 – Jean Keim.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Janusz Lucarz - 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:** “What does the Lord, your God, ask of you but to fear the Lord, your God, and follow His ways exactly, to love and serve the Lord, your God, with all your heart and all your soul?” (Deuteronomy 10:12).

**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**.

### TEREBINTH OF MAMRE

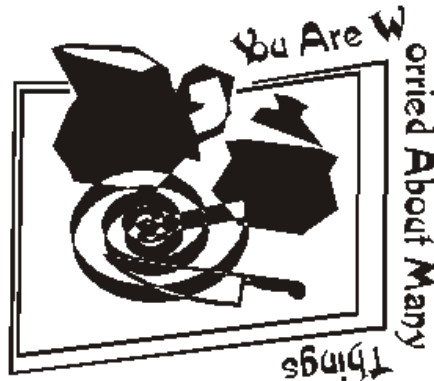
The people of the Middle East have always had a fragile existence. They depend on agriculture and domesticated animals for their survival. Thus the fertility of crops and flocks is a serious issue. Equally important was the need for producing heirs. Without welfare or Social Security, the elderly needed offspring to provide for their senior years. Hence there were special rituals meant to guarantee fertility. Oak trees were considered symbols of fruitfulness. Their shower of acorns suggested propagation. Ancients believed that a barren couple would share in this richness by sleeping under an oak. These large trees were known as "Terebinths".



The Lord Appeared  
To Abraham

## WHAT IS LACKING IN CHRIST'S AFFLICTIONS

At first glance, Paul's claim to be "filling... what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ" seems to be a vain boast. What could be worse than Jesus' sufferings? He was abandoned, beaten, and nailed to a cross. Jesus accepted this torture to build a bond with all people suffer anywhere in any time. The best bond would be love, but since we fail so badly in that virtue, the alternative is a bond of pain. The missing element in Jesus' suffering is our own involvement. When we "offer up" our own afflictions, we relate to Christ in a way that makes our pain a saving act. We can suffer for others who cannot endure the burden.



## SAINT MARTHA

Jesus probably traveled to Jerusalem three times a year, throughout his life. He would have taken the safest route, through the Jordan river valley and up the eastern side of the Mount of Olives. Bethany would have been his last stop. He would wait here for Sunrise and the spectacular view of the Temple at dawn. It would seem that he visited the home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha to rest the night. As his fame grew, Lazarus' family would look forward to these arrivals. Martha wants to anticipate his every need. She seems overwrought and stuffy in this scene. She doesn't appear to be saint-material. However, of the three people in the family, she is the one who shows the greatest growth. When her brother dies she is the one who states, "I have come to believe..." Because of this, Martha is the only one of three who is honored by a universal feast day.

