

St. John the Baptist Parish
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"
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Diciottesima domenica nel tempo ordinario

August 4, 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, August 4th – XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Mildred Paniakarchuk**, of. by Mrs. Betty Brazausky.

- Confession.
- Collection for missions.

TUESDAY, August 6th – Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord

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

WEDNESDAY, August 7th

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

FRIDAY, August 9th - *Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the Holy Name of Jesus.

SATURDAY, August 10th – Weekday

Holy Mass to the BVM and Litany on Saturday.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 11th – XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Ronald Zimmerman, of. by Mrs. Betty Brazausky.

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 39:6; 49:11)

V. You have given my days a very short span; my life is as nothing before You. All mortals are but a breath.

R. Anyone can see that the wisest die, the fool and the senseless pass away too, and must leave their wealth to others.

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: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

“Vanity of vanities”. Possibly the most striking introduction to any biblical book. The writer has come to realize that material things give no lasting joy.

GRADUAL (Psalms 31:11.15)

V. My life is worn out by sorrow, my ears by sighing. My strength fails in affliction; my bones are consumed.

R. But I trust in You, o Lord; I say, “You are my God”.

II Reading: Colossians 3:1-5.9-11

A focus on the things of the life beyond this is the non-negotiable center of life for those who believe in Christ.

ALLELUIA (Matthew 6:21)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

A family is aired in public. Jesus is not impressed at being drawn into the argument.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: August 9 – Barbara David; August 10 – Kenneth Payne.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – 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: “But understand this: there will be terrifying times in the last days. People will be self-centered and lovers of money, proud, haughty, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, callous, implacable, slanderous, licentious, brutal, hating what is good, traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, as they make a pretense of religion but deny its power. Reject them” (2 Timothy 3:1-6).

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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**.

VANITY OF VANITIES

The word "vanity" usually refers to an excessive love of one's appearance, but in the book of Ecclesiastes it has a different meaning. The English word means "emptiness" or "nothing", so a "vanity of vanities" literally means "a complete waste of time." The author calls himself "Qoheleth," which is translated "one who assembles" or "teacher".

He is cynical about life, having lived a long time and seen the futility of much of his work. His book ends with a simple truth: the only worthwhile thing about life is the knowledge of God.



BARN BUILDING

Israel was a country ruled by religious laws. People often called upon a Rabbi to assist in legal decisions; hence a man asks Jesus to intervene in a matter of inheritance. Our Lord refuses and turns the conversation into a teaching against materialism. He illustrates this with a story about a prosperous farmer who decides to hoard his excess crops. The rich man decides to build extra barns or grain silos. Jesus seems to be suggesting that the farmer should have shared his extra grain with the poor. It is a variation on the motto, "you can't take it with you."