

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"
Dwudziesta Niedziela Zwykła
Ventesima Domenica nel Tempo Ordinario

August 18, 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 18th – XX Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- Blessing of flowers & herbs.

MONDAY, August 19th – *Weekday*

9:00AM - Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Sarah Powanda**, of. by Mr. Stephen Bobiak.

Tue., Aug. 20 – Thu. Aug. 22 – Clergy Retreat in Mt. Pocono, PA. *In the case of sacramental emergency, please call the Pastor at: 570-839-7217.*

FRIDAY, August 23rd - *Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the Holy Name of Jesus

SATURDAY, August 24th – Weekday

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

NEXT SUNDAY, August 25th – XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Children & Youth, God's blessing for the new school year.

- Collection – Youth Fund.

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 139:7-8. 11-12a)

V. Where can I hide from your spirit? From Your presence, where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, You are there; if I lie down in Sheol, You are there too.

R. Surely darkness shall hide me, and the night shall be my light. Darkness is not dark for You, and night shines as the day.

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 38:4-6.8-10

People resisted the uncomfortable truths spoken by Jeremiah and threw him into an empty well. He was rescued, not by someone of his own faith, but by a man, who was prepared to speak out for what was right.

GRADUAL (Hebrews 4:12; Psalms 139:23-24)

V. Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

R. Probe me, o God, know my heart; try me, know my concerns. See if any my way is crooked, then lead me in the ancient paths.

II Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Inspired by the saints who have gone before us, and especially by the sacrifice of Jesus, we persevere in the living out of our faith, however much people may oppose us.

ALLELUIA (Psalms 97:3-4)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Fire goes before Him; everywhere it consumes the foes. Lightning illumines the world; the earth sees and trembles.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53

Before He could baptize the world with the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit, Jesus knew He must undergo the ordeal of crucifixion. In people's responses to Him, many a household will be divided.

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 21 – Elaine Antalosky; August 22 – Barbara David.



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.**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES. The Classes will start in **September 2019**. I'm asking the parents whose children (age 8 and older) did not receive the Holy Communion, please encouraged your children to attend the classes. ATTENTION: Parents, who are not our parishioners, but who would like their children to enroll classes, are asking for donation of \$150.00 for using the church.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES. The Classes will start in **October 2019**. I'm asking the parents whose children was not confirmed, please encouraged your children to attend the classes. The minimum age for Confirmation is 14. Students who will be 14 years old or older in May 2021 are eligible to take confirmation classes. The course is two years, as required by the Church and will be completed in Spring of the year 2021. ATTENTION: Parents, who are not our parishioners, but who would like their children to enroll classes, are asking for donation of \$150.00/year, for using the church.

Thomas a Kempis “*My Imitation of Christ*”: ‘He that follows Me, walks not in darkness’, said the Lord. These are the words of Christ, by which we are admonished that we must imitate His life and manners, if we would be truly enlightened, and delivered from all blindness of heart. Let it then be our chief study to meditate on the life of Jesus Christ.”

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**.

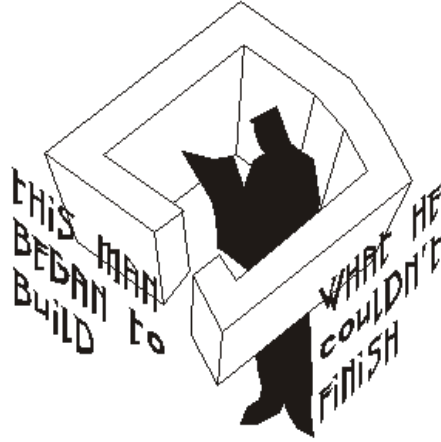
Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

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**.

JEREMIAH'S SAVIOR

Iraq (Babylon) attacked Israel in the 6th century B.C. The prophet Jeremiah interpreted this as a punishment from God for the sins of the people. He warned them not to resist the enemy. They called him a traitor and defeatist. A group of leaders pressured the weak to allow them to kill Jeremiah. They threw him into an underground water tank. He was rescued by an official from Ethiopia (Cush). A black foreigner had more faith and compassion than Jeremiah's peers.



A HOUSEHOLD DIVIDED

Jesus Christ has been called "the prince of peace." Why does he say that he has come for "division"? One reason may be that too many people practice a passive religion. They express faith and go through the motions, but don't really commit themselves. Jesus calls for an active religion. Christianity is a revolution against the values of this world. Christians must be rebels. Jesus preaches a faith that must suit radicals. We will always be divided from those who want a "safe" faith.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wiles and wickedness of the devil. Restrain him, o God, we humbly pray, and you, o Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin and destruction of souls. Amen.