

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
**Polish National Catholic Church**  
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**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"**  
Dwudziesta Pierwsza Niedziela Zwykła  
Ventunesima domenica nel tempo ordinario

**August 25, 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 – Contemporary liturgy in English, p. 63**

**Today, August 25<sup>th</sup> – XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time – Youth Sunday**

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

- Collection – Youth Fund.

**MONDAY, August 26<sup>th</sup> - Solemnity – Our Lady of Czestochowa**

**3:00PM - Holy Mass**, intention: for

**TUESDAY, August 27<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

**Requiem Holy Mass** for those who are in purgatory.

**THURSDAY, August 29<sup>th</sup> - Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist**

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

**FRIDAY, August 30<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

**Holy Mass** and Litany to the Blessed Sacrament.

**SATURDAY, August 31<sup>st</sup>** - *Weekday*

**Holy Mass** and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday.

**NEXT SUNDAY, September 1<sup>st</sup>** – **XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time** – 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War II

**10:00AM** – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Charles & Helen Touchinsky, of. by Mrs. Betty Brazausky.

- Confession.
- Collection for missions.

### **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** (*Ecclesiastes 12:1; Sirach 1:26-27*)

V. Remember your Creator in the days of your youth.

**R. My children, if you desire wisdom, work for justice and God will give her to you. For the work of the Lord is wisdom and discipline.**

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:** *Isaiah 66:18-21*

Responsorial Psalm: **Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

**II Reading:** *Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13*

**ALLELUIA** (*John 14:6*)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through Me.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL:** *Luke 13:22-30*

### **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.

### **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH** [PAGE 71]

#### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**Celebrant:** Let us turn with confidence to our heavenly Father and put before Him our needs.

We offer to you, Loving God, the gifts and needs of youth. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bless them with your guiding grace as they face the challenges and opportunities in their lives. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Touch their hearts with the gentleness of your love, that they may know they are valued and valuable beings. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send your spirit of hope to their lives, that they may believe in themselves and know they are needed in this

world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grace them with the gift of joy that they may celebrate life through laughter and tears alike. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for parents and teachers of our children, may God send His many graces and blessings upon them, so they may worthily fulfill their teaching ministry. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the **President** of the **US** and for the entire **Government**: may they succeed in their mission to lead our nation wisely. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all of our needs...(PLEASE, NAME THEM NOW...) **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Guide us, as we continue to grow in appreciation of the many gifts of young people, in the ministry opportunities we offer to them, in the journey of faith we walk with them, in our shared mission as a community called to discipleship in the world. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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 20 – Polish Dinner** after 12:00 Noon Mass.
- **October 25 – Special Synod** in Scranton, PA.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: August 25 – Claire Mallick.



**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.**

**Thomas a Kempis** “*My Imitation of Christ*”: “The doctrine of Christ surpasses all the doctrines of the saints; and whosoever has His Spirit will find therein a hidden manna. But it happened that many, by frequent hearing of the Gospel, are very little affected: because they have not the spirit of Christ. But he who would fully and feelingly understand the words of must study to make his whole life conformable to that of Christ.”

**RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST** – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.



**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.

**PNCC Future Direction Message** - If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at [FutureDirection@pncc.org](mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org) to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

**PNCC 2019 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> General Synods**

Develop and emphasize Discipleship through 2019: *Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Getting back to basics. Discipleship is who we are – all this flows from being a disciple of Jesus.*

**September** – Disciples – ambassadors of Love and Mercy. **Series refresher on Gospels** – Soup, Sandwich & Sermon – Wine & Cheese. Gather – Book Club (Presentation). *Projected Outcome: Church members will genuinely live the two commandments of love and come up with a concrete way that they can show their love pf God and neighbor during each week of this month.*

