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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"

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Ventiseiesima domenica nel tempo ordinario

September 29, 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, September 29th – XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Josephine Studlick**, of. by Mr. Daryl Davis.

MONDAY, September 30th – Feast – St. Michael Archangel

7:45AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Bishop John Mack, Rev. Gary Spencer, their families and faithful of Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral in Lancaster, NY.

TUESDAY, October 1st - Weekday

7:45AM - Requiem Holy Mass for those who are in purgatory.

WEDNESDAY, October 2nd - Feast – Guardian Angels

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

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

THURSDAY, October 3rd - *Weekday*

Holy Mass, intention: for Clergy of the Central Diocese (God's blessing).

FRIDAY, October 4th – **First Friday of the Month**

7:45AM - **Holy Mass** and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

5-6:00PM – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

SATURDAY, October 5th - *Weekday*

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

NEXT SUNDAY, October 6th – **XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

- Confession.
- Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- 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 (Psalms 146:9-10)

V. The Lord protects stranger, sustains the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the way of the wicked.

R. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, Zion, through all generations. Hallelujah!

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: Amos 6:1.4-7

Responsorial Psalm: **Praise the Lord, my soul.**

II Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

ALLELUIA (2 Corinthians 8:9)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

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.

Celebrant: In the presence of God, who has a special concern for those who are poor and distressed, we raise our hearts in prayer.

We pray for wealthy nations: that they may not close their eyes and harden their hearts to the poor people of this world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers who struggle to provide for themselves and their families: that they may be supported by our prayers and practical action. **R. Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for all, whether poor or rich, who are sick or anxious or fearful: that they may be comforted and given new heart. **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.**

We pray for those who have died and gone before us – Sp. **Josephine Studlick**: may our prayers help raise them to the fullness of love. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Celebrant: Father of love and compassion, we beg You to hear our prayers, which we offer confidently in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to our **Parishioners** and **Friends**: to those who **initiated** yesterday's Craft/Vendors & Food Truck fest, to those who organized it, who donated their work, money, cakes, cookies, beverages, Italian wedding soup, who came to support our church, and who helped us last Wednesday, Friday and Saturday – during this event.

Thank you to **Ms. Barbara David** for donating the lawn mower for our cemetery.

Hall for Rent is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.

- **October 5 - One Day Women's Retreat:** At any Age, At Any Stage, Celebrating the Christian Life (9:30AM – 2:30PM) in St. Stanislaus Cathedral at Scranton, PA.
- **October 20 – Polish Dinner** after 12:00 Noon Mass.
- **October 25 – Special Synod** in Scranton, PA.

CURRENT WEEK PRAYERS are offered for **Bishop John Mack, Father Gregory Spencer**, their families and **faithful of Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral** in Lancaster, NY – for God's blessing and good health.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 29 – Thomas Justen; September 30 – Mark Tomczyk; October 3 – Mary Ann Hoppes.



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 (223); **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.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES. All Soul's Day remembrance request envelopes are placed next to the bulletins. Please fill them out (please: PRINT) and return them to the Pastor as soon as possible. (Thank you).

ALL SOULS PRAYER SERVICE will be held in the church on **Sunday, November 3, 2019** after the Mass.

FUTURE SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: - October 13 – Sp. Patricia Abicunas.



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*”: “Often remember that proverb: ‘*The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor is the ear filled with hearing.*’ [Eccl. 1:8] Study, therefore, to withdraw your heart from the love of visible things, and to turn yourself to things invisible. For they that follow their sensuality defile their conscience and lose the grace of God.”

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.

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 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 24th and 25th 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.*

October – The Cost of Discipleship. *Projected Outcome: Church members will more fully understand that Christian discipleship means being willing to “take up our crosses” to follow Jesus and what this means in our every day lives.*

WOE TO THE COMPLACENT

After the death of Solomon about 931 B.C. the country of Israel split in two. The north kept the name "Israel" while the south called itself "Judah" from the name of it's largest clan. In 722 Israel was conquered by invaders from Assyria (Iraq). The leaders of Judah were indifferent to this disaster. Isaiah condemned this and the excess luxury of Judah's ruling class. They lounge on ivory couches and gorge on fancy food and drinks.

BOSOM OF ABRAHAM

For the perennially starving people of the Middle East, heaven was often pictured as a lavish meal. In the Roman style of banqueting, the diners lay on flat couches with their heads facing the table. Two or three people would recline on each couch. The place of honor was beside the host. Hence the "bosom—or side of—Abraham" meant the lap of luxury. The beggar in today's Gospel enjoys this favored position presumably because of his trust in God. The wealthy man is sometimes known as "Dives", a Latin word meaning "rich". He is in hell— separated from heaven by a vast chasm.