

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C" – Heritage Sunday
Dwudziesta Dziewiąta Niedziela Zwyczajna – Niedziela Dziedzictwa Narodowego
Ventinovesima Domenica del Tempo Ordinario – Domenica patrimonio

October 20, 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, October 20th – XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time – Heritage Sunday

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

- *Collection: outreach to Poland.*
- Meeting about organizing the Polish dinner – after the Mass in the hall.

MONDAY, October 21st - *Weekday*

7:45AM - Holy Mass, intention: for **Father Matthew Kawiak**, his family and faithful of Holy Family Parish in North Java, NY.

TUESDAY, October 22nd - *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass for those who are in purgatory.

THURSDAY, October 24th – Feast – St. Raphael, Archangel

7:45AM - Holy Mass and Litany to the Most Blessed Sacrament.

SATURDAY, October 26th – Weekday

Holy Mass and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 27th – XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

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 (Romans 15:7, 16:16a)

V. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

R. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

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: Exodus 17:8-13

GRADUAL (Psalm 67:4)

V. May the peoples praise You, God;

R. May all the peoples praise You!

II Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

ALLELUIA (Psalm 67:5)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. May the nations be glad and shout for joy; for You govern the peoples justly, You guide the nations upon the earth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

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.
- **October 25** – Special Synod in Scranton, PA.
- **November 10** – **Polish Dinner** after 12:00 Noon Mass; tickets for sale - **\$9.00** are available; deadline to order: **November 3**.

CURRENT WEEK PRAYERS are offered for **Father Matthew Kawiak**, his family and faithful of Holy Family Parish in North Java, NY.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: October 20 – Cody Larson; October 21 – Ann Marie Wycheck, Deborah Stetts.



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.



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**.

FUTURE SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: Nov. 3 – Sp. William & Josephine Zamonas; Nov. 10 – Sp. James Dean; Nov. 17 – Sp. John & Mary Ann Etcho; Nov. 24 – Sp. Bernard Halaburda Jr.

Thomas a Kempis *“My Imitation of Christ”*: “The more and better you know the heavier will be your judgment unless your life be also more holy. Be not, therefore, puffed up with any art or science: but rather fear because of the knowledge which is given you.”

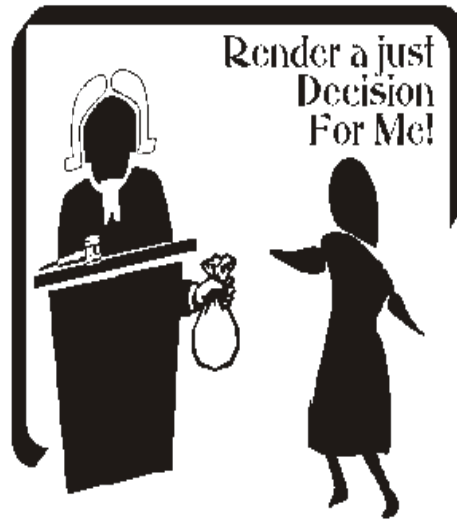
Prayer to St. Michael

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.

From “Future Direction Committee” - Being a disciple of our Lord can cost you much – friends, even family, comfort and worldly pleasures, but if we live our lives in loving service as our Lord's disciples then we will find true purpose, meaning and happiness in our life. Even as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Christian Family this month, we are reminded by Jesus who our brothers and sisters are. *“While Jesus was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, “Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” And pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.” Matthew 12:46-50*

Our society and world tell us in so many ways to take care of yourself first and don't worry about taking responsibility for things – a message diametrically opposed to the Gospel and teaching of Jesus. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life and no one comes to the Father but through Him (John 14:6). So, what sacrifices

have we made to grow closer to Jesus? To become a more genuine Disciple? As disciples we are all to preach the Gospel and only use words when necessary. Are we doing this?



To Imitate and Obtain: The Rosary within Family Discipleship
by Rev. Scott J. Lill

“The Mysteries of the Holy Rosary recount the work that the Lord Jesus, God the Son who emptied Himself of eternal glory and assumed our nature, undertook to reconcile us to the Father and to bestow the Holy Spirit and also how others responded by cooperating in that wondrous undertaking. When we prayerfully contemplate them while reciting the prayers represented by the beads, we come to more clearly see the road of discipleship as it was travelled by the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and all the other disciples before us. We hear the call to embrace the challenge of discipleship, to take up our own crosses and become faithful coworkers with Him to proclaim the Gospel and build the Kingdom. In this sense, the Holy Rosary is not just a form of prayer; it becomes our way of life.

Just as the Father’s plan for our salvation took shape and the universal pathway of discipleship was illumined within the Holy Family, so God’s plan for each of us and our earliest formation as disciples takes place within our individual families. Therefore, during this month when we pay special attention to the great value of the Rosary, all of the families within the Church should make (or reaffirm) their commitment to praying the Holy Rosary together every day. There is no more powerful a way—save attending and participating in the Holy Mass together every Sunday and on other holy days—to grow as disciples of Jesus together...to clearly see and gain the grace to walk *the pathway of virtue and holiness* as exemplified by the Lord and the others who have gone before us...to live the very Mysteries contained therein that “we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise”...and thus to more fully become a truly Christian Family.”