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Polish National Catholic Church
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

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Seconda Domenica nel Tempo Ordinario

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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, January 19th – II Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Claire Mallick**, of. by Mrs. Theresa Petrusky.

MONDAY, January 20th – Weekday

Holy Mass, intention for: **Father Mark Swoger**, his family and Parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Washington, PA.

TUESDAY, January 21st – Weekday

Requiem Holy Mass, intention for: those who are in Purgatory.

FRIDAY, January 24th – Weekday

Holy Mass and Litany to the Most Blessed Sacrament, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

SATURDAY, January 25th – **Fest – Conversion of St. Paul**

Week of prayer for Christian Unity ends

Holy Mass and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 26th – **III Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Music Scholarship Sunday

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

➤ Collection for the Music Scholarship Program.

6:00PM – Christian Unity Prayer Service at St. Ann's RCC.

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 (Isaiah 42:1)

V. Here is My Servant Whom I uphold, My chosen One with Whom I am pleased.

R. Upon Whom I have put My Spirit; He shall bring forth justice to the nations.

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 49:3.5-6

GRADUAL (Isaiah 49:8-9a)

V. Thus says the Lord: in a time of favor I answer you, on the day of salvation I help you, to restore the land and allot the desolate heritages.

R. Saying to the prisoners: Come out! To those in darkness: Show yourselves!

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 61:1a)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

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.
- **February 23 – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING!**
- **Ash Wednesday – February 26**

- **Palm Sunday – April 5**
- **Easter Sunday – April 12** – the liturgy begins at 10:00AM?...

THIS WEEK PRAYER for: - **Father Mark Swoger**, his family and Parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Washington, PA.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: Jan. 20 – Sherri Larson; Jan. 21 – Lucas Tokarczyk; Jan. 24 – Geraldine Panco.



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 – Marjorie Dean - 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.



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**.

SNOW and ICE ALERT – During winter days, please remember that we do not cancel our Worship Services. In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth.

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 **2020: *Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This will give us a better sense of ourselves as the Church. During 2020 we will examine the lives of the early disciples of our Lord and their discipleship to see what we can learn from them and apply to our daily living. Please, see the monthly Future Direction messages regarding this effort with reflections for living this out daily.***

JANUARY – JOHN the BAPTIST: Fortitude, humility – *John the Baptist called others to repent and prepare for the Lord Jesus. How can you, as a disciple, help others take their relationship with our Lord more seriously?* **“John the Baptist** was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God.

John began public ministry around **30 AD** and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, *“It is I who need baptism from you.”*

Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, *"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

John instructed his followers to turn to Christ, calling Him the *"Lamb of God"* and these people were among the first Christians.

Following his baptism of Christ, John's popularity grew so much that he alarmed King Herod. Herod ordered him arrested and imprisoned.

John spoke with Herod on several occasions and condemned his marriage to his half-brother's wife.

This condemnation would be his downfall as King Herod promised to grant a wish to his daughter. In revenge for John the Baptist's condemnation of her mother's scandalous marriage to Herod, she asked for John's head. King Herod reluctantly obliged. John the Baptist died sometime between **33 and 36 AD**.

John the Baptist's feast day is **June 24**, and the anniversary of his death is August 29 and is sometimes celebrated with a second feast. John the Baptist is the patron saint of Jordan, Puerto Rico, French Canada and many other places."

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.