

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
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**I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS  
OF THE KINGDOM OF  
HEAVEN**

**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"**

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**August 23, 2020**

*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.**

**Following the rules – the Country and the Church – faithful attend services on their own responsibility. Red phase:10 people (no more!) could be in the church; yellow phase – 25, keep at least 6 feet social distance, you have to wear the face mask, use sanitizers; Holy Communion will be distributed to those who would like to receive the Sacrament.**

**Today, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Mass, intention: God's blessing for Children of our Congregation.**

- Blessing of Children for the new school year.

**MONDAY, August 24<sup>th</sup> – Feast – St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

**8:15AM - Holy Mass**, intention for: **Father James Konicki**, his wife, and parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus parish in Schenectady, NY.

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

**8:15AM - Holy Mass**, intention: to praise and glorify God for all His goodness and mercy.

**FRIDAY, August 28<sup>th</sup> – Weekday**

**8:15AM – Requiem Holy Mass** for **Grandparents of Jaskowiak and Zaborowski family**, and Litany to the Holy Spirit.

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

**8:45AM - Holy Mass** and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

**NEXT SUNDAY, August 30<sup>th</sup> – XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Youth Sunday**

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

➤ *Collection for the Youth Fund*

### **Today's liturgy**

**ENTRANCE RITE (Deuteronomy 32:3-4)**

V. For I will sing to the Lord's renown. Oh, proclaim the greatness of our God!

**R. The Rock – how faultless are His deeds, how right all His ways! A faithful God, without deceit, how just and upright He is!**

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 22:19-23**

**GRADUAL (Psalm 18:32-33.47)**

V. Truly, Who is God except the Lord? Who but our God is the Rock? This God Who girded me with might, kept my way unerring.

**R. The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Exalted be God, my Savior!**

**II Reading: Romans 11:33-36**

**ALLELUIA (1 Samuel 2:2)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. There is no Holy One like the Lord; there is no Rock like our God.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20**

### **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.

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

*(To be used at the time of communion when not receiving the sacrament or anytime we wish to be united with our Lord)*

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflammate my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. 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.
- **Sep. 14** – Consecration of the Very Rev. Jerry Rafalko.
- **Sep. 26** – Craft Vendor & Food Truck Fall event.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER for:** - Father James Konicki, his wife, and parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus parish in Schenectady, NY.



**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 - Jaden Leiby. ***H & R Center Tremont:*** Dolores Halaburda (309); ***Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA*** – Marie Demnitski (223).



**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 2020**. 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 **September 2020**. 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 2022 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 2022. 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 2020 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 **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.*

## **AUGUST – THE CANAANITE WOMAN: PERSISTENCE, HUMILITY**

*Reflection Question: The Canaanite woman persisted in her request for healing even when Jesus tested her faith. How do you respond when you petition the Lord through prayer but don't receive an immediate response?*

**Just a reminder** – The church IS NOT RESPONSIBLE for maintaining the burial plots in the cemetery. The ONLY THING THE CHURCH IS RESPONSIBLE for is the cutting of the grass. We have PERPETUAL GRASS CUTTING! ALSO, a new grave will be leveled off and grass seed will be put on it. Other than that, it is the responsibility of the loved ones to maintain the individual lots. If you have someone buried there and the condition of the lot doesn't meet your approval please fix it or hire someone to fix it. We will be trying to get the trees all around the perimeter of the cemetery trimmed since they are beginning to hang over the road and the gates need to be painted since they are beginning to rust. Very few cemetery donations come into the cemetery fund so our funds are limited but we are trying to do the best we can. Thank you for your help with these matters!

### **A PRAYER in OUR TIME of the CORONAVIRUS**

*(adapted from the monthly publication, America)*

O Jesus Christ, my Savior and healer, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help, who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. **Amen.**



### **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.