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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"
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August 30, 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 – Contemporary liturgy in English, p. 63

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 30th – XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Youth Sunday

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

➤ *Collection for the Youth Fund*

MONDAY, August 31st – Weekday

8:15AM - Holy Mass, intention for: **Father Rafal Dadello**, his children and parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus parish in New York Mills, NY.

TUESDAY, September 1st – *Weekday* – 81st Anniversary of the beginning of WW2.

8:15AM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention for: those who are in Purgatory.

WEDNESDAY, September 2nd – *Weekday*

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

THURSDAY, September 3rd – *Weekday*

Holy Mass, intention for: God's graces and blessings for 21st Anniversary of wedding.

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

8:15AM – Holy Mass and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SATURDAY, September 5th – *Weekday*

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

NEXT SUNDAY, September 6th – **XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

- Collection for missions.
- Benediction and Litany to the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Today's liturgy

ENTRANCE RITE (Jeremiah 17:10; Psalm 63:9)

V. I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart, to reward everyone according to the merit of his deeds.

R. My soul clings fast to You; Your right hand upholds me.

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: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: **My soul is thirsting for You, o Lord my God.**

II Reading: Romans 12:1-2

ALLELUIA (Ephesians 1:17-18)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Like the psalmist raising hands in prayer, we lift up our hearts confidently to God who receives our petitions.

- We pray for our spiritual leaders: that by word and example they may show us how to accept suffering in the spirit of Christ. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for nurses, doctors and all who look after those who are sick: that they may come to see that in caring for others they are caring for Christ himself. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For young people in our world today, especially those searching for meaning in their lives: that they may find what most deeply satisfies the human spirit. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for human traffickers, for drug pushers and for all who cause harm to others: that they may recognize the evil they do and be brought to a change of heart. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

- For those who have died that they may be welcomed into the peace of our true homeland in heaven. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for those who fight coronavirus in these days, may God bless all efforts to take away from us this sickness. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord God, as we give thanks for the example of Your Son, we pray that we may have courage to follow Him as true disciples; we make our prayers through the same Christ our Lord. **R. 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. In flame 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 Rafal Dadello**, his children and parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus parish in New York Mills, NY.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: Sep. 2 – Michael 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 – Jaden Leiby - Marjorie Dean. **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 **the Pastor**. He 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**.

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 2020 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods.

Continue to develop Discipleship through 2020: Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord Jesus Christ. During 2020 we will examine the lives of some of the early disciples of our Lord and their discipleship virtues to see what we can learn from them and apply to our daily living.

SEPTEMBER – ST. BARNABAS: GENEROSITY, FORTITUDE

Reflection Question: Barnabas was called “son of encouragement” by the Apostles. In what ways can you follow his example and encourage others this month on their own journeys as disciples of Jesus?

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.