

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"
Dwudziesta Dziewiąta Niedziela Zwykła

October 18, 2020

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, October 18th – XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time – Heritage Sunday
Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Patricia Abicunas, of. by the Son, James Abicunas.

MONDAY, October 19th – Feast – St. Luke, Apostle & Evangelist
7:50AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak, his family, and parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Enfield, CT and St. Joseph's Parish in Westfield, MA.

TUESDAY, October 20th – Weekday
7:50AM - Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

THURSDAY, October 22nd – Weekday

7:50AM – Holy Mass for Health.

FRIDAY, October 23rd – Weekday

7:50AM – Holy Mass and Litany to the Holy Spirit, intention: to praise and glorify God for all His goodness and mercy.

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

8:45AM - Holy Mass and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 25th – XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Nora Burke, of. by Mrs. Sandra Elsavage.

Today's liturgy

ENTRANCE RITE (Romans 13:1. Daniel 4:14b)

V. Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been established by God.

R. The Most High rules over the kingdom of men: He can give it to whom He will.

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 45:1,4-6

GRADUAL (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

V. First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.

R. This is good and pleasing to God our Savior, Who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

II Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

ALLELUIA (Psalm 103:19)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord's throne is established in heaven; God's royal power rules over all.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21

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. 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.

THIS WEEK PRAYER for: - for Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak, his family, and parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Enfield, CT and St. Joseph's Parish in Westfield, MA.

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 on **Sunday, November 1, 2020** after the Mass inside the church.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: 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 – 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.

DEATH NOTICE – Sp. **Rose Kolos** (95) passed away on Oct. 3, 2020. Her funeral was on Wednesday, Oct. 7 and she was buried at our cemetery. *Eternal rest grant unto her, o Lord...*



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**.

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2020**. Therefore, please, be responsible for your own church and fulfill your obligation to the Parish before that date. **THANK YOU**. A member, who fulfills the financial obligation to the Parish, by paying our yearly dues (**\$137.00**), is a financial good standing member of the Church. This means that he/she is a voting member of the Parish, can be elected to the Parish Committee, can be elected as a delegate for Synods and Seniorate Council, can be married in the church, and when time comes could be buried at the Parish Cemetery.

PNCC 2020 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.*

OCTOBER – THE HOLY THEOTOKOS: HUMILITY, GENTLENESS, COMPASSION AND EVERY VIRTUE

Reflection Question: The Mother of God is the first and greatest disciple of her Son, faithful from the Annunciation to the Ascension and then still prayerfully present with the Church at Pentecost. How can you better emulate her consistent faithfulness to God when faced with both great sorrows and times of joy?

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.

The Fruitful Church

A church is just a building
Until it's filled with LOVE:
It then becomes a worship place,
With blessings from above.

A church is just a building,
Until there's JOY within;
And Christ, Who is the Keeper,
Gives victory from sin.

A church is just a building,
Until it's filled with PEACE:
Where bitterness has disappeared,
And deeds of love increase.

A church is just a building,
Till PATIENCE fills the air;
With tender guidance for the flock,
That everyone can share.

A church is just a building,
Until it's filled with trust;
With GOODNESS and with FAITHFULLNESS,
Forgiveness is a must.

A church is just a building,
With windows, doors and walls;
Till GENTLENESS and SELF CONTROL,
And KINDNESS fill the halls.

A church is really people,
Who love and serve the Lord;
And care for needs of others,
According to God's Word.

Ruth I. Jay