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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"
Dwudziesta Druga Niedziela Zwyczajna
August 28, 2022
99th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 8/28/22 – Youth Sunday -
10:00AM – Holy Mass for Children and Youth.

- Collection for the Youth Fund.

Mon., 8/29/22 – Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist

8:00AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

Fri., 9/2/22 – **First Friday of the month** – 83rd Anniversary of the beginning of WW2

4:30PM – Holy Mass and SHofJ litany.

Sat., 9/3/22 – *Weekday* - Holy Mass and Litany to the BVM for God's blessing for the family.

Next Sunday, Sep. 4: XXIII Sunday – **10:00AM** – Holy Mass for +James Dean.

- Confession.
- Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- Collection for missions.

True greatness is humble and lies in our willingness to care for those who are vulnerable and less able to fend for themselves, and who cannot repay us.

I Reading: Sirach 3:17-18.20.28-29

II Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1.7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched Him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because He had noticed how they picked the places of honor. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honor. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honored. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbors, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

Thank you very much to everyone, who donate their work, money and health during the halushki sale project!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 2 – Michael Stetts.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK –

especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Helen Hopko - James Panco – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Marjorie Dean – Monika Dudek – Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda; **Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA** – Marie Demnitski, Carl Guzik; **Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA** – Thomas Justen.

Upcoming Mass intentions: Sep. 4: +James Dean; Sep. 11: Mass for America; Sep. 18: +John David’s family; Sep. 28: for PNU Members.

Let us pray for the fruitful and successful General Synod of the PNCC!

- Hall for Rent is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.

September 17 – Halupki (gołąbki) sale.

October 1 – Craft vendors & food truck fall event.

October 19-21 – XXVI General Synod in Scranton, PA.

November 5 – Chicken pot pie sale.

PNCC 2022 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods. Continue to develop and emphasize Discipleship through 2022: *Focusing on the importance of receiving our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist for the strength to faithfully follow Him in word and action. During 2022 we hope more will return in person worship and an active participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord in Holy Communion. As this is the central aspect of our worship – our Catholic Christian living will have its roots. We will reflect on different aspect of the Eucharist and how we can live daily as Eucharistic people.*

SEPTEMBER – THE EUCHARIST IN THE DECLARATION OF SCRANTON

Reflection and Action item: The Declaration of Scranton formulated and accepted by the PNCC Bishops on April 28, 2008 and later accepted by the Clergy Conference and the General Synod, helps guide the Church in its relationships with other Christian bodies. The document has allowed us to enter into fruitful and real ecclesial relations with the Nordic Catholic Church in Scandinavia and the rest of Europe. The largest and most vital paragraph of this document speaks to our faith in the Holy Eucharist and the celebration of Mass, which must be a part of any agreement that we have between Churches.

Important aspects of our faith are spoken of within this paragraph: *Holy Mass is “the true central point of Catholic worship.” We confess that we receive “the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.” When we gather for Mass we also know that we unite ourselves with “the one offering which Jesus Christ makes in Heaven.” During the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we participate in a true connection between heaven and earth.*

This paragraph also shows us that when we gather at Holy Mass as a parish, there is also something else that occurs. It allows us to come together and unite ourselves to each other. The Holy Eucharist is “at the same time, a sacrificial feast by means of which the faithful in receiving the Body and Blood of our Savior enter into communion with one another. This one body, our parish church, is also Christ present in the world today in another way. All then that the parish does, in the worship of God and in service to God’s people, especially those within our local communities, is participating in the work of Jesus Christ in the world today. What we do at Holy Mass allows us to extend the presence of Jesus Christ, outside our church walls.

**PRAY FOR
UKRAINE,**

AND FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD