



“...whoever does not
carry their cross and
follow me cannot be
my disciple.”
~ Luke 14:27

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - “C”

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September 4, 2022

99th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 9/4/22 – Youth Sunday -
10:00AM – Holy Mass for +James Dean,
of. by wife, Marjorie.

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

Wed., 9/7/22 – *Weekday*
6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

Thu., 9/8/22 – Solemnity – Nativity of the BVM

7:00PM – Holy Mass, intention for +Marianna Zaborowska (21st Anniversary of the beginning of eternal life)

Sat., 9/10/22 – *Weekday* - Holy Mass and Litany to the BVM for God’s blessing for the family.

Next Sunday, Sep. II: XXIV Sunday – Solemnity of Brotherly Love

Human reasoning is unsure, but Wisdom, the light of the Holy Spirit, teaches us what pleases God. St. Paul speaks about Onesimus, a runaway slave whom he converted to Christianity; he asks his master to take him back not as a slave anymore but as a “dear brother”. Jesus commends a radical life without possessions and human ties, providing we weigh up the costs.

I Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

II Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on His way and He turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to Me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be My disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.” Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

10:00AM – Holy Mass for America.

- Collection for Spójnia Inc. in support of the Bp. Hodur Retreat Center.

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. 11: Mass for America; Sep. 18: +John David's family; Sep. 28: for PNU Members.

Lord, forgive our sins, and save America!

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

**PRAY FOR
UKRAINE,
AND FOR THE PEACE OF THE
WORLD**

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

- 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.