

<p><b>'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow Me.'</b></p>	<p><b>St. John the Baptist Parish</b>  Polish National Catholic Church  414 West Oak Street, Frackville, PA 17931  Rectory phone: 570-874-1960  Email: <a href="mailto:robertb1@ptd.net">robertb1@ptd.net</a>  <b>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – “A”</b>  Dwudziesta Druga Niedziela Zwyczajna</p> <p><b>September 3, 2023</b>  <i>100<sup>th</sup> year of service</i></p>
<p><b>Events for the week:</b></p> <p><b>Sun., 9/3/23 – XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for +John David’s family, of. by Ms. Barbara David.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Confession.</li> <li>➤ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Litany.</li> <li>➤ Collection for missions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tue., 9/5/23 – Weekday</b>  8:20AM – Holy Mass for health  11:00AM – Practice of songs for the parish anniversary.  1:00PM – Anniversary meeting</p> <p><b>Wed., 9/6/23 – Weekday</b>  8:20AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.  6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.</p>	<p>Today the prophet Jeremiah speaks of being seduced by the Lord. We too gather today, drawn by the love that the Lord has for us. As we give thanks for that love, we recommit ourselves to the path of love and service.</p> <p><b>I Reading:</b> Jeremiah 20:7-9  <b>II Reading:</b> Romans 12:1-2  <b>GOSPEL:</b> Matthew 16:21-27</p> <p>Jesus began to make it clear to His disciples that He was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking Him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with Him. ‘Heaven preserve you, Lord;’ he said ‘this must not happen to you.’ But He turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in My path, because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’ Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for My sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and, when He does, He will reward each one according to his behavior.’</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <p>Special <u>Thanks</u> go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.</p>

**Fri., 9/8/23 – Solemnity – Nativity of the BVM**

9:00AM – Holy Mass and lityany to the BVM.

**Next Sunday, September 10: XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Brotherly Love solemnity

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for +James Dean.

- *Collection for Spojnia, Inc., in support of the Bp. Hodur Retreat Center.*

**Next Sunday's Mass intentions:** Sep. 10: +James Dean; Sep. 24: PNU Members; Oct. 1: +James Dean; Oct. 8: +Patricia Abicunas; Oct. 22: +John David's family.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for - James Panco – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Marjorie Dean – Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause – Edward Jurewicz. *H & R Center Tremont*: Dolores Halaburda. *Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski. *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen.

**Our parish is looking for a person** who will be responsible for: cleaning the church (including: decorating the church for special events and seasons, washing altar clothes), beginning September 1, 2023. For information, please contact Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck.

- Hall for Rent is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.
- **October 15, at 4:00PM Anniversary Holy Mass** – Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of organizing our parish; dinner will be in the Roman's restaurant, Frackville, PA.

**“A wise son gives his father joy, but a foolish son is a grief to his mother. Ill-gotten treasures profit nothing, but justice saves from death”.** (*Proverbs 10:1-2*)