

**'And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'**

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
Polish National Catholic Church  
414 West Oak Street, Frackville, PA 17931  
Rectory phone: 570-874-1960  
Email: [robertb1@ptd.net](mailto:robertb1@ptd.net)  
**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – “A”**  
Dwudziesta Czwarta Niedziela Zwyczajna  
**September 17, 2023**  
*100<sup>th</sup> year of service*

**Events for the week:**

**Sun., 9/17/23 – XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

- Practice ceremony for the anniversary Mass.

**Wed., 9/20/23 – Weekday**

8:30AM – Holy Mass for the remissions of sins asking for God’s mercy, and Litany to St. Joseph.

10:30AM – Practice of songs of the parish anniversary.

**Thu., 9/21/23 – Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

6:00PM – Holy Mass

**Next Sunday, September 24: XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for the PNU Members.

In the Our Father we pray, “forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us”. Today’s readings show us the gift of God’s abundant gift of mercy and invite us to mirror this in our lives by forgiving others.

**I Reading:** Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

**II Reading:** Romans 14:7-9

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. ‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me time” he said “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me” he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 18 – James Abicunas.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Father Richard Wosiak** donated us such generous gift, which is the “permanent” Paschal Candle (directly from Poland). Thank you!

**Recent expenses:**

**\$154.00** – plumbing work in the rectory's kitchen sink.

**\$350.00** – cutting of the broken tree in the church's yard.

**\$350.00** – washing the carpet in the church.

**Our parish is still 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.

**“Whoever walks honestly walks securely, but one whose ways are crooked will fare badly” . (Proverbs 10:9)**