

"Spójnia"

Sunday

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
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**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – "A"**  
Dwudziesta Piąta Niedziela Zwykła  
**September 24, 2023**  
*100<sup>th</sup> year of service*

**Events for the week:**

**Sun., 9/24/23 – XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Wed., 9/27/23 – Weekday**

8:30AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners, and Litany to St. Joseph.

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

**Fri., 9/29/23 – Feast – St. Michael, the Archangel**

8:30AM – Holy Mass

**Next Sunday, October 1: XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

- Confession.
- This Sunday and October 8, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will be collected

There are many divisions in our world today, not least between rich and poor, between those who have a daily struggle to make ends meet and those who are comparatively well off. The Gospel tells us that our God is generous and has a special care for those who are in most need.

**I Reading:** Isaiah 55:6-9

**II Reading:** Philippians 1:20-24, 27

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to His disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

for Janet Kelly (our Diocesan Secretary), who lost her home.

- General practice of liturgy before the Anniversary Mass.

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



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**  
Anniversary best wishes are extended to: October 24 – George and Ann Marie Wycheck.

**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.

**Mr. Ronald Stabinsky** cleaned up stairs at the rectory's front porch. Thank you!

**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.

**In the wake of the terrible rains** very recently in the Scranton, PA area, our Diocesan secretary and administrator of the Diocesan Enlivening program, Janet Kelly, had her house condemned due to irreparable water damage to it. We will be collecting funds for her to replace domestic and personal items lost to the waters that destroyed her house. Donations to Janet in this venture can be made through the Prime Bishop's office with **checks payable to Janet Kelly** and mailed to:

Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky  
1006 Pittston Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18505.

Donors who prefer to remain **anonymous** can mail checks payable to: **Central Diocese PNCC**. These checks can be mailed to:

Central Diocesan Chancery  
515 East Locust Street  
Scranton, PA 18505.

Your help in this matter will be tremendously appreciated.

**“The mouth of the just is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence. Hatred stirs up disputes, but love covers all offenses”.**

*(Proverbs 10:11-12)*