

"Which of the two did the father's will?"

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – "A"
Dwudziesta Szósta Niedziela Zwykła
October 1, 2023
100th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 10/1/23 – XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for +James Dean, of. by wife, Marjorie.

- Confession.
- **This Sunday and October 8, the 2nd Collection will be collected for Janet Kelly (our Diocesan Secretary), who lost her home.**
- General practice of liturgy before the Anniversary Mass.

Mon., 10/2/23 – Feast – Guardian Angels

8:30AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

6:00PM – Holy Rosary (*Joyful mysteries*) with the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Wed., 10/4/23 – St. Francis of Assisi
8:30AM – Holy Mass

We can always change. There is no value in merely talking about how we are going to do good. What matters is that we do it.

I Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

II Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We aren't going to celebrate the Holy Mass on Sunday, October 15 at 10:00AM! The ONLY Mass will be at 4:00PM.

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

Mr. Julian Bednarek painted the stairs on the rectory's front porch last Wednesday. Thank you!

Mr. John Davis trimmed bushes in the front of the church. Thank you!

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

Thu., 10/5/23 – First Thursday of the month

6:00PM - Holy Mass for Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the PNCC asking God's graces for their ministry.

Fri., 10/6/23 – First Friday of the month

8:30AM – Holy Mass and SHofJ litany.

Sat., 10/7/23 – Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary

9:00AM – Holy Mass Litany to the BVM

Next Sunday, October 8: XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Christian Family Solemnity

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for +Patricia Abicunas.

- 2nd Collection will be collected for Janet Kelly (our Diocesan Secretary), who lost her home.

3:00PM – 100th Anniversary Mass in SS. Peter & Paul Parish at McAdoo, PA celebrated by Bishop Bernard Nowicki.

This parish invites us for this celebration. The reception with homemade dinner will follow the Holy Mass in the parish hall. There

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 100th 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.

STRAŽ PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

– The PNU of America is saddened to announce that the September 2023 edition of the Straž will be the final edition printed by the Union. For the past 115 years the Straž has been the official publication of the PNU. 11 years prior to that, the Straž was the official publication of the PNCC.

On **August 29, 2023**, the PNU signed the final documents to merge with the Polish National Alliance (PNA). As the PNU transitions to the PNA the official publication of the PNA is the **Zgoda**. In the merger agreement, the PNA agreed to return the Straž back to the PNCC.

is **no charge for the dinner** and no RSVP for the faithful is necessary.

The address: **44 E. Adams Street, McAdoo, PA**

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday best wishes are extended to: October 3 – Mary Ann Hoppes.

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.

Currently, Prime Bishop Mikovsky along with the Supreme Council of the PNCC is determining how and when the Straż will be published. While the Straż has been continuously printed for the past 126 years the future editions are yet not to be determined, so stay tuned.

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“The wise store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool is imminent ruin”.

(Proverbs 10:14)