

Lord, Bless Our Families!

St. John the Baptist Parish
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Solemnity of the Christian Family
Święto Chrześcijańskiej Rodziny
October 8, 2023
100th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 10/8/23 – XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Solemnity of the Christian Family

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for +**Patricia Abicunas**, of. by the son, James.

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

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

Tue., 10/10/23 – Weekday

I Reading: Genesis 1:26-28,31 *or* Sirach 3:11-16
II Reading: Ephesians 6:1-9 *or* Colossians 3:12-21
GOSPEL: Luke 2:42-52

Each year His parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when He was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but His parents did not know it. Thinking that He was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard Him were astounded at His understanding and His answers. When His parents saw Him, they were astonished, and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for You with great anxiety.” And He said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what He said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

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.

8:30AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

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

Next Sunday, October 15: XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Heritage Sunday

4:00PM – 100th Anniversary Holy Mass celebrated by Prime Bishop Anthony A. Mikovsky with the invited Clergy.

Next Sunday's Mass intentions: Oct. 22: +John David's family; Nov. 5: +James Dean; Nov. 12: +John David's family; Nov. 26: +Bernard Halaburda Jr.; Dec. 3: +August & Anna Elsavege.

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.

Special **Thanks** go out to: Organist, Mrs. Janina for cleaning and decorating the church, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

Thank you very much to Members of the Fire Company for changing bulbs in our sanctuary!

- 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.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES. With the upcoming holidays of All Saints and All Souls in the not-too-distant future, we remind our parishioners and friends, to please submit the names of their departed loved ones for remembrance during this holy season. All Soul's Day remembrance request envelopes are placed next to the bulletins. Please fill them out (please: **PRINT**) and return them to the Pastor as soon as possible. (Thank you).

ALL SOULS PRAYER SERVICE will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023, after the Mass inside the church.

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.

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

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.

The Board of Directors of the Polish National Union of America wish to thank all the members, Districts, advertisers, and those who submitted articles and announcements for the past 115 years. *(Straż publication, Volume 138, Issue 11, p.3)*

**“The labor of the just leads to life, the gains of the wicked, to futility.
Whoever follows instruction is in the path to life, but whoever disregards
reproof goes astray”.** *(Proverbs 10:16-17)*