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The Nativity of St. John the Baptist – Cycle “B”
Narodziny Św. Jana Chrzciciela

June 24, 2012

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 11:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English

Today, June 24th – Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Today we celebrate the birth of St. John the Baptist – it is the only birthday, apart from those of Jesus

and Mary, that is celebrated in the liturgy.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

^ Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 2 Kings 17:5-8.13-15a.18; Matthew 7:1-5; **Tue.**, 2 Kings 19:9b-11.14-21.31-35a.36; Matthew 7:6.12-14;
Wed., 2 Kings 22:8-13;23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20; **Thu.**, 2 Kings 24:8-17; Matthew 7:21-29; **Fri.**, Acts 12:1-11;
2 Timothy 4:6-8.17-18; Matthew 16:13-19; **Sat.**, Lamentations 2:2.10-14.18-19; Matthew 8:5-17

TUESDAY, June 26th - *Weekday*

7:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, June 28th - *Weekday*

7:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, June 29th – **Solemnity – SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles**

Ss. Peter and Paul are the principal pillars of the Church founded by Christ. Peter was chosen by Christ to be his first Vicar on earth; he was endowed with powers of the keys of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 16:13-19) and charged with the role of Shepherd of Christ's flock (John 21:15-17). St. Peter suffered martyrdom under Nero, in about the 64 A.D. He was buried at the hill of the Vatican. Paul was chosen to form part of the apostolic college by Christ himself on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-16). Selected to bring Christ's name to all peoples (Acts 9:15), he is the greatest missionary of all time, the advocate of pagans, the Apostle of the Gentiles. St. Paul was beheaded in the Tre Fontane along the Via Ostiens and buried nearby, on the site where the basilica bearing his name now stands.

11:00AM - ? - “Bleenie” Sale in Frackville.

7:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for growth of the PNCC.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 1st - **XIII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

^ Collection for missions.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – **Pokropisz mnie** Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE (Isaiah 49:1b,2; Psalm 92:2)

V. The Lord called me from birth, from my mother's womb He gave me my name. He made of me a sharp-edged sword and concealed me in the shadow of His arm. He made me a polished arrow.

R. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Your name, Most High.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

I Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

The Suffering Servant, who is called by God from His mother's womb, trusts in God while lamenting the sufferings He has to face.

GRADUAL (Jeremiah 1:5,9)

V. Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you.

R. Then the Lord extended His hand and touched my mouth, saying, “See, I place My words in your

mouth!”

II Reading: Acts 13:22-26

Speaking in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch, St. Paul describes the Baptist as the herald of Jesus, The Savior.

ALLELUIA (Luke 1:76)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:57-66.80

St. Luke records the events surrounding the birth of St. John the Baptist.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

OFFERTORY VERSE (Psalm 92:12)

V. The just shall flourish like the palm tree, shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

COMMUNION VERSE (Matthew 3:2b,3b)

V. Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand! A voice of one crying in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths.

May God the Father, who raised up John the Baptist, keep you always in His peace. May Jesus Christ, who was heralded by John, enable you to bear witness to Him in your daily life. May the Holy Spirit, who inspired the Baptist even in the womb, be to you a source of inspiration and courage.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 14th Bishops consecration (Scranton, PA)

CENTRAL DIOCESE

June 26 – June 29th Acolyte Retreat (Waymart, PA)

Oct. 11-13th Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA.

SHENANDOAH

July 8th Parish Committee meeting

July 29th Automobiles blessing (after the Holy Mass)

Aug. 4th Yard Sale

FRACKVILLE

June 29th “Bleenie” Sale (11:00AM - ?)

July 29th Automobiles blessing (after the Holy Mass)

Oct. 6th Animals blessing (2:00PM)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners and Friends for their donations, time and hard work this week to better our parish and Church. The Sunday greeters, the people working on fundraisers, the decorators, repair and maintenance people, and members of the choir.

THANK YOU – very much to **Joe Karvois** and **Dylan Whitecavage** for your help at the altar.

PLEASE CALL FR. ROBERT - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; ..if your phone number or address change; ..if you have a prayer concern.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Joseph Cyman**, his family, and parishioners of the Holy Cross Parish in Woodland Park, NJ.

THE PARISH MEMBERSHIP – to keep our parish membership list up to date – please pay your dues during the fiscal year, a deadline is December 31, 2012. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES. The Classes will start in **September 2012**. I'm asking the parents whose children were born in **2004** or older (age 8 and older) did not receive the Holy Communion, please encouraged your children to attend the classes. If your child will be at least **9** years old in **May 2013** is eligible to receive his/her First Holy Communion.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: June 25 – Joseph Karvois.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda. *Providence Palace Drums, PA* - Violet Cegielski. *Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)* - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221).



HOSPITAL VISIT. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification. Please remember that with privacy laws, the Parish is often not informed when someone enters. Please call the rectory so Fr. Robert can come for prayer.

UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS: Aug. 19: sp. William Zamonas Sr. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.*

SHOPPING at “REDNER” REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners and Friends that if you go shopping at *Redner's* please use your “Redner's card” for purchase. When you will do it the Parish can get a credit – Thank you!



WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship!



CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child's religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **10:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age should come to **private** Confession. If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come for private confession at least once a month. If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

MEMBERS DUES 2012. Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the ‘family plan’ method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the last General Synod. Each adult member will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at the Holy Ghost Parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

Total dues for 2012 per Adult Member: \$95.00 Per Year

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations: Sunday Collection, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Donations, Bleenie Sales (we had a great time last year, come out help out, join in the fun...), Chinese Auction, and Christmas Donations.

PRAYER FOR ONE'S SPOUSE

This day I come before You Lord, seeking Your blessings of health for my beloved spouse. Your love and providence has brought us together to share mutual love and bring new life into the world. At times, Lord, it was trying and not so easy, but we never gave up on Your kindness and divine aid. As our health is now grown weak and pains and hurts make us weaker, we call out to You to bless and comfort us. Please accept our sufferings and unite them with Your sufferings on the Cross. We beg You, Lord, to give us courage to carry our cross of suffering, and may none of it be lost through bitterness or anger. May our mutual love and support sustain us with the help of Your grace. We make this prayer through You, our Lord forever. **Amen.**

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Polish Proverbs

Nie suknia zdobi człowieka. It is not clothing that adorns a person.

