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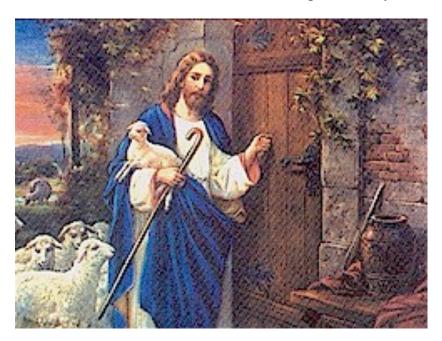
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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle "C" Siedemnasta Niedziela Zwykła July 25, 2010

"What if God were to take a vacation in His care of you"

Events for the Week

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

Today, July 25th – XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time

How much effort do we put into developing our relationship with God throughout our daily lives? We learn today that the more we connect with our Creator, the more blessings will come our way.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Ann Kowalonek (Grande), of. by Children.

• Blessing of the automobiles (after the Holy Mass).

• The second weekly collection – second, third, fourth or fifth Sunday in the month - (after the Holy Mass) is for operation of the Holy Ghost parish – **THANK YOU!**

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28; Tue., Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43; Wed., Jeremiah 15:10.16-21; Matthew 13:44-46; Thu., Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53; Fri., Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58; Sat., Jeremiah 26:11-16.24; Matthew 14:1-12

July 26 – July 30th – YOUTH CONVO – Monmouth University, Long Beach, NJ



MONDAY, July 26th – Feast – St. James the Greater, Apostle

Often called "the Greater" because of Mark's reference to the other apostle James as "the younger James" (Mark 15:40), he was the son of Zebedee, and was called by Jesus together with his brother John. James was one of the three apostles, along with Peter and John, who witnessed the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-2) and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:37-46). James was condemned to death by Agrippa I and beheaded in the year 42, the first martyr among the apostles. The supernatural dignity of our vocation as Christians requires fortitude in our dedication. Even in the midst of difficulties, we should not get discouraged but should go to God with confidence, telling him like the apostle, "We can!" (Matthew 20:22).

9:00AM – **Holy Mass** in Frackville, intention: for **Bishop, Priests and Deacons** of the Central Diocese (God's blessing).

THURSDAY, July 29th – Weekday

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Polish, at Frackville; intention: for sp. Jan Sroka.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 1st – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Geraldine Andrews, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky.

• Collection for mission.

Today's liturgy

<u>ASPERGES</u> – **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

(Wisdom 12:15-16)

- V. But as you are just, you govern all things justly; you regard is as unworthy of your power to punish one who has incurred no blame.
- R. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.
- 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: Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord permits Abraham to stand before Him and petition foe mercy for the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

THE GRADUAL

(Psalms 103:8-9.13)

V. Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, abounding in kindness. God does not always rebuke, nurses no lasting anger.

R. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful.

II Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

God loves us, forgives us, and fulfills our lives.

THE ALLELUIA

(Jeremiah 29:12)

- V. Alleluia, alleluia.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia.
- V. When you call Me, when you go to pray to Me, I will listen to you.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

Jesus urges His followers to connect with God through prayer, receiving many blessings in return.

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.

May your joy in God's faithful love give you consolation, hope in the future and a desire to work for God's kingdom here on earth.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

Sep. 12th "Chinese" Auction

Oct. 1st Food Sale

FRACKVILLE

Aug. 6th "Bleenie" Sale (every 2 weeks)

Oct. 2nd Blessing of the animals at the parking (2:00PM)

Oct. 24th "Chinese" Auction

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Oct. 11th Pastor's meeting (Wilkes-Barre, PA) 1:00PM

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Sep. 11th ANS Convention in Scranton, PA

GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 4th Annual YMSofR Track & Field Meet (Scranton, PA)

Oct. 4-8th 23rd General Synod (Canada)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>THANK YOU</u> 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.

<u>THANK YOU</u> to Mr. Jacob Komara and Dylan Whitecavage for your help during the Holy Mass last Sunday (July 18).

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 the Father Bogdan Jurczyszyn, his family, and parishioners from Our Lord's Ascension PNCC in Bethlehem, PA.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: Sp. Geraldine Andrews: Aug. 1, Aug. 8, Aug. 29, Sep. 5, Sep. 12, Sep. 19, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 21, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Dec. 19, Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 2011, Jan 9, 2011; Aug. 15: Thanksgiving Mass; Aug. 22: sp. William Zamonas Sr.; Sep. 26: Spójnia Members; Nov. 7: sp. William and Josephine Zamonas; Nov. 14: sp. Charles Hoppes; Jan. 16, 2011: sp. Susan Bednarek, Helena Bednarek, Julian Bednarek Sr.; Jan. 23, 11: sp. Franciszek, Elżbieta Sroka; Jan. 30, 11: for sp. John and Dolores Sroka.

Please, do not order the Holy Mass intention until October 2010. If you would like to order the Mass, it will be celebrated in Frackville, during the week.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Curcio – James Panco - Catherine Marasco - Connie Sincavage. Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.) - Margaret Kruszynski -Edward Ryszka Jr.



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 Sacrament of Anointing laws, the Parish is often not informed when someone enters. Please call the rectory so Fr.

Robert can come for prayer.

"Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord..." (James 5:14). If you, or a member of your family are sick and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home, please notify the rectory.

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!



CHINESE AUCTION will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2010 in the parish hall. We are asking all parishioners to help with the fundraiser by donating **new items** for this event. We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone's help is needed especially on the day of the auction. THANK YOU.

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 is placed on the tongue, not in the hand.



SODOM AND GOMORRAH

Sometime after 1800 B.C. Abraham entered Palestine with his extended family. This group included his nephew, Lot and his family. Because the area was small—about the size of Vermont—the two groups split. Lot settled in the area south of the Dead Sea. It was the site of two cities, Sodom and Gomorrah. God comes to warn Abraham about the impending destruction of the region. The patriarch bargains with God like a wily trader bartering over the price of a sheep.

BURIED IN BAPTISM

Saint Paul believed that Baptism was a symbolic death and resurrection. The death-like aspect involved total immersion and resembled drowning. It was seen as a parallel to Christ's crucifixion and revival. He uses this concept to teach that Christians, having been restored to life in Jesus, are freed from the legal formalities of Judaism. He specifically rejects the requirement of circumcision.

Automobile's Blessing

- V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- R. Who has made heaven and earth.
- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Lend a willing ear,
Lord God,
to our prayers,
and bless this vehicle with Your holy right hand.
Direct Your holy angels to accompany it,
that they may free those who ride in it from all dangers,
and always guard them.
And just as by Your deacon Philip You gave faith
and grace to the man of Ethiopia
as he sat in his chariot reading the Sacred Word,
so, point out to Your servants the way of salvation.
Grant that,
aided by Your grace,

and with their hearts set on good works, they may, after all the joys and sorrows of this journey through life, merit to receive eternal joys, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.