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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"**

Siedemnasta Niedziela Zwyczajna

**July 28, 2013**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, July 28<sup>th</sup> – XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God, high in heaven, is revealed by Jesus as our Father. A merciful Father, who knows us through and through, and who loves us with an everlasting love.

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

^ Automobile's blessing at the parking.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Exodus 32:15-24.30-34; Matthew 13:31-35; **Tue.**, Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5b-9.28; Matthew 13:36-43;  
**Wed.**, Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46; **Thu.**, Exodus 40:16-21.34-38; Matthew 13:47-53; **Fri.**, Leviticus

23:1.4-11.15-16.27.34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58; **Sat.**, Leviticus 25:1.8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

**MONDAY, July 29<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

12:00Noon – **Funeral Mass** in Frackville – Sp. **Leonard Tokarczyk Jr.**

**THURSDAY, August 1<sup>st</sup>** - *Weekday*

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

**FRIDAY, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** - **First Friday of the Month**

9:00AM – **Holy Mass** in Frackville; intention: God's blessing for the family.

5:00PM – 7:00PM – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Frackville.

**SATURDAY, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – **Feast – Finding the Body of St. Stephen**

9:00AM – **Holy Mass** in Frackville.

5:00PM – **Holy Mass** in Frackville; intention: for Sp. **Dorothy Halaburda**, of. by Mrs. Betty Brazausky.

**NEXT SUNDAY, August 4<sup>th</sup>** – **XVIII 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 Świątemu, 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**

*Abraham discovers that the justice of God is tempered by mercy.*

**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**

*Buried with Christ in baptism, we are raised to glorious new life.*

**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**

*The Lord's Prayer is our way of life.*

### **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 (Proverbs 15:29; 8b)**

V. The Lord is far from the wicked, but the prayer of the just He hears. The prayer of the upright is His delight.

## **COMMUNION VERSE (John 14:13-14)**

V. Whatever you ask in My name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of Me in My name, I will do it.

The Lord is revealed to us as “our Father”. May we live this day as His beloved children.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

Sep. 29<sup>th</sup> 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA  
Oct. ... 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Organizing SS. Peter & Paul PNCC in McAdoo, PA.

**FRACKVILLE** – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

**First Sunday** of each month – coffee & cake in the hall.

Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> “Bleenie” Sale (11:00AM - ?)

**Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup> 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Parish Organizing celebration (3:00PM)**

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Animals blessing at the parking (2:00PM)

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> “Chinese” Auction

## **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.

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

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS** – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Michael Selep**, his family and parishioners of the Holy Trinity Parish in McKees Rocks, PA.

**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, 2013. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS:** **Aug. 25:** sp. William Zamonas Sr.; **Sep. 1:** sp. Susan Berto Bednarek.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda – Donna Kolwicz. **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.

**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.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES.** The Classes will start in **September 2013**. I'm asking the parents whose children (**age 8** and older) did not receive the Holy Communion, please encouraged your children to attend the classes.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES.** The Classes will start in **October 2013**. I'm asking the parents whose children was not confirmed, please encouraged your children to attend the classes. The minimum age for Confirmation is 14. Students who will be 14 years old or older in May 2015 are eligible to take confirmation classes. The course is two years, as required by the Church and will be completed in Spring of the year 2015.

**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 2013.** 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 2013 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, and Christmas Donations.

**PNCC APPEAL** – for funds and assistance to the Żarki parish (birthplace of Prime Bishop Francis Hodur) was considered during the December 2012 PNU Borad meeting. This appeal related to necessary refurbishment and maintenance on the parish rectory and the church structure. Based on the appeal, the Board of Directors authorized PNU CEO Irene L. Jugan and PNU CFO John C. Andrzejewski to work with PNCC Prime Bishop Anthony A. Mikovsky to organize a fundraising campaign with a goal of **\$50,000 USD**. The PNU Board was the first to contribute **\$1,000 USD** toward this goal. On behalf of the Prime Bishop, the PNU Board of Directors, CEO Jugan and CFO Andrzejewski, this appeal is being sent to PNCC members asking for their participation in this important fundraising effort. Tax deductible contributions should be made payable in USD to: **PNCC – Zarki 50<sup>th</sup> Ann.**, and mailed to:

Polish National Union of America  
Attention: Zarki 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund  
1006 Pittston Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18505

#### ***BLESSING OF AN AUTOMOBILE***

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**R. Who 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 + these vehicles with Your right hand. Direct Your holy angels to accompany them, 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.**

