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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle "C"

Osiemnasta Niedziela Zwykła

August 1, 2010

“Never take a vacation from God”

Events for the Week

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

Today, August 1st – XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul calls us to direct our thoughts to heavenly things not the things of this earth. May we turn our hearts and minds towards Christ as we celebrate this Eucharist today.

11:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Geraldine Andrews**, of. By Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky.

- Collection for missions.

- 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., Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21; **Tue.**, Jeremiah 30:1-2.12-15.18-22; Matthew 14:22-36; **Wed.**, Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23; **Fri.**, Daniel 7:9-10.13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36; **Sat.**, Habakkuk 1:12-2:4; Matthew 17:14-20

MONDAY, August 2nd - *Weekday*

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

TUESDAY, August 3rd – Feast – Finding the Body of St. Stephen

9:00AM – 4:00PM – Fr. Robert works in the Diocesan Chancery

7:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, August 6th – Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord

This feast became widespread in the West in the 11th century and was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1457 to commemorate Christendom's victory over Islam in Belgrade in 1456. Before that, the Transfiguration of the Lord was already celebrated in the Syrian, Byzantine, and Coptic rites. The Transfiguration prefigures the glory of the Lord as God, foretells His ascension into heaven, where we shall see God face to face.

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah, intention: for sp. **John Sakowski**, of. by Komara/Andruscavage family.

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

7:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for sp. **Peter and Mary Studlick**, of. by Mrs. Carol Blackwell.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 8th – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Geraldine Andrews, of. by Mrs. Loretta Kovalewski.

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: (*Psalms 39:6; 49:11*)

V. You have given my days a very short span; my life is as nothing before You. All mortals are but a breath.

R. Anyone can see that the wisest die, the fool and the senseless pass away too, and must leave their wealth to others.

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: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

The writer declares that all is vanity. People may strive all their life but have to give someone else everything they have worked for when they die.

THE GRADUAL: (*Psalms 31:11.15*)

V. My life is worn out by sorrow, my ears by sighing. My strength fails in affliction; my bones are consumed.

R. But I trust in You, o Lord; I say, “You are my God”.

II Reading: Colossians 3:1-5.9-11

St. Paul encourages his readers to think of heavenly things, not the things of this world. In Christ there is no distinction between people of different races, religions or social status.

ALLELUIA (Matthew 6:21)

- V. Alleluia, alleluia.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**
V. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

In answer to plea to sort out an inheritance, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who fills his barns with his goods and tells his soul his life will be easy. God calls his soul that night and all the man's hoard is useless.

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.

As we leave today, may we turn our minds away from the distractions of this world, turning instead to God's heavenly kingdom.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

- Sep. 12th "Chinese" Auction
Oct. 1st Food Sale

FRACKVILLE

- Aug. 6th "Bleenie" Sale
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
Oct. 4-8th 23rd General Synod (Canada)

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 greeter, the people working on fundraisers, the decorators, repair and maintenance people.

THANK YOU very much to **Mr. Jacob Komara, Joe Karvois, and Dylan Whitecavage** for your help during the Holy Mass last Sunday (July 25).

THANK YOU very much to **Mr. Stephen Karvois** who agreed to cut the grass in front of the rectory.

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 Frederic Mechowski**, his family, and parishioners of the Our Savior Parish PNCC in Lawrenceville, NJ.

LITURGICAL ROLES – Anyone interested in becoming a lector should see Father Robert after Mass or call him at the rectory. There will be preparation sessions held for those who are interested. Thank you.



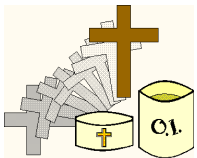
HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: August 5 – Nicole Sosna.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk – Maurice Curcio – James Panco – Catherine Marasco – Connie Sincavage. **Trinity Mission:** Margaret Kruszynski – Edward Ryszka Jr.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Sp. Geraldine Andrews:** Aug. 8, Aug. 29, Sep. 5, Sep. 12, Sep. 19, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24, 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:** Spojnia 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, 2011:** sp. Franciszek, Elzbieta Sroka; **Jan. 30, 2011:** sp. Jan Sroka.

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



Sacrament of Anointing

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.

“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.

CHINESE AUCTION – will be held on Sunday, **September 12th, 2010** in the parish hall. We are asking all parishioners to help with this 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.**

PARISH CATECHISM – *Why did God make man?* God made man to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world and to be happy forever in the next world.

How can you know, love, and serve God? You can know and serve God only by studying, and practicing the truths of religion as given to us by Christ Himself.

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!

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.



VANITY OF VANITIES

The word "vanity" usually refers to an excessive love of one's appearance, but in the book of Ecclesiastes it has a different meaning. The English word means "emptiness" or "nothing", so a "vanity of vanities" literally means "a complete waste of time." The author calls himself "Qoheleth," which is translated "one who assembles" or "teacher".

He is cynical about life, having lived a long time and seen the futility of much of his work. His book ends with a simple truth: the only worthwhile thing about life is the knowledge of God.



BARN BUILDING

Israel was a country ruled by religious laws. People often called upon a Rabbi to assist in legal decisions; hence a man asks Jesus to intervene in a matter of inheritance. Our Lord refuses and turns the conversation into a teaching against materialism. He illustrates this with a story about a prosperous farmer who decides to hoard his excess crops. The rich man decides to build extra barns or grain silos. Jesus seems to be suggesting that the farmer should have shared his extra grain with the poor. It is a variation on the motto, "you can't take it with you."

