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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"

Osiemnasta Niedziela Zwyczajna

August 4, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, August 4th – XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

The new life offered by Christ asks us to place God firmly in our plans, particularly to focus on loving and caring for one another. Here lies our ultimate fulfillment and peace.

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

^ Collection for missions.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21; **Tue.**, Daniel 7:9-10.13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36;
Wed., Numbers 13:1-2.25-14:1.26a-29a.34-35; Matthew 15:21-28; **Thu.**, Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23;

Fri., Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28; **Sat.**, Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20

MONDAY, August 5th – *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

TUESDAY, 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.

7:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, August 7th – *Weekday*

6:30PM – Choir practice in Frackville before the Anniversary Mass. Choir members and those who would like to help to sing are invited.

THURSDAY, August 8th – *Weekday*

6:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, August 9th

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

SATURDAY, August 10th – *Weekday*

5:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for Sp. **Stanley Bulcavage**, of. by the Boychack's Family.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 11th – XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 RITE (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 attitude of the affluent towards their possessions is called “vanity”.

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

A warning against materialism, greed and intolerance.

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

The parable of the rich fool, highlighting the futility of greed.

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 (Sirach 14:19)

V. All man's works will perish in decay, and his handiwork will follow after him.

COMMUNION VERSE (Matthew 6:19-20)

V. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal.

May the love of God for all people and creation inspire you to be compassionate and generous to all you meet this coming week.

COMING EVENTS

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Sep. 29th 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA
Oct. ... 90th 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. 9th “Bleenie” Sale (11:00AM - ?)

Sep. 22nd 90th Anniversary of our Parish Organizing celebration (3:00PM)

Oct. 5th Animals blessing at the parking (2:00PM)

Nov. 3rd “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 Mark Swoger**, his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Washington, 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 Board 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 – Żarki 50th Ann.**, and mailed to:

Polish National Union of America
Attention: Żarki 50th Anniversary Fund
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Scranton, PA 18505