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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"

Dwudziesta Niedziela Zwyczajna

August 18, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, August 18th – XX Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus wants to set the world on fire. This is the creative energy of God's love transforming our lives so as to transform our world.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22; **Tue.**, Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30; **Wed.**, Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16; **Thu.**, Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14; **Fri.**, Ruth 1:1.3-6.14b-16.22; Matthew 22:34-40; **Sat.**, Ruth 2:1-3.8-11, 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12

MONDAY, August 19th – *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

CLERGY RETREAT and CONFERENCE – The clergy of the Central Diocese will meet from **Tuesday, Aug. 20th** until **Thursday, Aug. 22nd**, 2013 for the Clergy Conference and for Summer Retreat at the Villa of Our Lady House, Mt. Pocono, PA. In the case of sacramental emergency you can reach Fr. Robert at 570-839-7217.

WEDNESDAY, August 21st

6:30PM – Choir practice before the Anniversary Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, August 23rd

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

SATURDAY, August 24th – *Weekday*

5:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for Sp. **Dorothy Halaburda**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Geroge Wycheck.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 25th – *XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Today we invite all Children of our Congregation to participate the Mass and receive the Special Blessing for the New Year of their education.

11:00AM – Holy Mass – intention: for Sp. William Zamonas Sr., of. by Mrs. Barbara Snyder.

^ Youth Sunday.

^ Collection for Youth Fund.

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.

BLESSING OF HERBS

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

R. Who made heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Let us pray: Almighty and Everlasting God Who by the power of Your Word has created out of nothing the heavens, the earth, the sea and all things, visible and invisible; and Who has ordained that the fertile earth bring forth her herbs, flowers and trees for the use of mankind, so that he fruits and harvests may serve as man's healthful food and wholesome remedy; we entreat You humbly on this day, to graciously **bless + these herbs, flowers and fruits**, an vouchsafe, by Your grace, to protect us and our homes from all evil and misfortune. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Let us pray: O God, Who by Your servant Moses, did command the people of Israel, to bring unto the Priests the first fruits of the harvest for a blessing, graciously hear our supplications, and bestow the bounty of Your **blessing + upon us**; and vouchsafe, that these herbs and flowers, with which You did adorn the earth, may serve to incite us to a greater love of You. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Let us pray: O God, Who on this day did receive unto Yourself the Mother of Your Son Jesus Christ, resplendently adorned in Your virtues and grace, grant in venerating Her we also may acquire Her attributes and thus attain to glory everlasting. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit descend on these things He has created.

R. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Psalms 139:7-8. 11-12a)

V. Where can I hide from your spirit? From Your presence, where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, You are there; if I lie down in Sheol, You are there too.

R. Surely darkness shall hide me, and the night shall be my light. Darkness is not dark for You, and night shines as the day.

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: Jeremiah 38:4-6.8-10

Jeremiah is a problem. Some want to kill him because he brings bad news. Others are afraid to kill him because he is a prophet of God.

GRADUAL (Hebrews 4:12; Psalms 139:23-24)

V. Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

R. Probe me, o God, know my heart; try me, know my concerns. See if any my way is crooked, then lead me in the ancient paths.

II Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Following the example of others before us, we are called to cast aside whatever prevents us from focusing on Jesus and follow Him, whatever the cost.

ALLELUIA (Psalms 97:3-4)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Fire goes before Him; everywhere it consumes the foes. Lightning illumines the world; the earth sees and trembles.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53

The Gospel is a sign of contradiction, bringing peace or division, like fire which can warm and enlighten, or consume and destroy.

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 the fire of God's love continue to burn brightly in your lives.

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. 23rd “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 Senior Claudio Bocca**, his family and parishioners of St. Stanislao Kostka Parish in Lucca, Italy.

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; **Nov. 24:** sp. Robert Hoppes and Charles Hoppes.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: August 23 – Margaret Kruszynski.



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.

AUGUST 15th – **Matki Boskiej Zielnej – Mother of God of the Herbs Feast** – Continuing a centuries-old tradition, Polish National Catholics will observe this Feast with a special Mass and blessing liturgy. Matki Boskiej Zielnej, or the Mother of God of the Herbs, was for our immigrant ancestors and for many of today’s Polish National Catholics, a day of thanksgiving when the first fruits of the harvest are properly offered to God. Herbs, flowers, wheat and vegetables are woven into wreaths and special bouquets. The bouquets, adorned with blue ribbons in **Mary’s** honor, are taken to the church for a blessing. Following the blessing, the bouquets are kept in the home as dried decorations enhancing the beauty of the interior; often they are hang on the porch, until the same day the following year. (from “Teacher’s Manual Central Diocese of the PNCC)

A HOUSEHOLD DIVIDED

Jesus Christ has been called "the prince of peace." Why does he say that he has come for "division"? One reason may be that too many people practice a passive religion. They express faith and go through the motions, but don't really commit themselves. Jesus calls for an active religion. Christianity is a revolution against the values of this world. Christians must be rebels. Jesus preaches a faith that must suit radicals. We will always be divided from those who want a "safe" faith.

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