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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle "C"

Dwudziesta Pierwsza Niedziela Zwykla

August 22, 2010

"Prayer is the connecting link between this life and that which is soon to be."

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Holy Mass - 8:45AM - Traditional Liturgy in English

<u>Today</u>, <u>August - 22nd</u> - XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

The invitation to be a member of God's family is offered to everyone, whatever their nationality or status. This is good news, and it is the news that we are told to go and proclaim to the nations.

11:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for sp. William Zamonas Sr., of. by his family.

- The second weekly collection 3rd, 4th or 5th Sunday in the month (after the Holy Mass) is for operation of the Holy Ghost Parish Thank You!
- 1:00PM 5:00PM Ice Cream Social in St. Joseph's parish, Middleport, PA

WEEKDAY READINGS

Mon., 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5.11-12; Matthew 23:13-22; Tue.,

Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51; **Wed.**, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10.16-18; Matthew 23:27-32; **Thu.**, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51; **Fri.**, 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13; **Sat.**, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

MONDAY, August 23rd - Weekday

6:00PM - Holy Mass in Frackville, intention for: sp. **Marianna, Michal** and **Alfons Zaborowscy**, of. by Janina Plichta & family.

TUESDAY, August 24th - Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Bartholomew was from Cana in Galilee. Mentioned in the gospels as one of the twelve apostles, he is identified with Nathanael. His friend, the apostle Philip, brought him to Jesus. According to tradition, St. Bartholomew preached the Gospel in India and died there a martyr.

9:00AM - Holy Mass in Frackville, intention for: **Bishop, Priests** and **Deacons** of the Central Diocese, of. by Fr. Robert.

WEDNESDAY, August 25th

9:00AM - 4:00PM - Fr. Robert works in the chancery

<u>THURSDAY, August 26th</u> - Solemnity - Our Lady of Czestochowa **6:00PM - Holy Mass** in Frackville, intention for: **Victoria** and **Veronica Plichta**, of. by parents.

Next Sunday, August 29th - Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - YOUTH SUNDAY 11:00AM - Holy Mass, intention for: sp. Geraldine Andrews, of. by Mrs. Jiselle MacDonald. Collection - 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.

ENTRANCE RITE (Psalms 65:2-5)

V. To You we owe our hymn of praise, o God, in Zion; to You must vows must be fulfilled, You who hear prayers. To You all flesh must come with its burden of wicked deeds.

R. We are overcome by our sins; only You can pardon them. Happy the chosen ones You bring to dwell in Your courts. May we be filled with the good things of Your house, the blessings of Your holy temple!

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.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord is coming to gather all peoples to Himself so that all will be witnesses to His light and His love.

GRADUAL (Psalms 117:1-2)

V. Praise the Lord, all you nations! Give glory, all you peoples!

R. The Lord's love for us is strong; the Lord is faithful forever. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us that suffering is a part of life, but the lessons we learn from it can lead us to grow in compassion and love of others

ALLELUIA (John 10:9a)

- V. Alleluia, alleluia.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia.
- V. I am the gate. Whoever enters through Me will be saved.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

Those who assume they have some right to a place in the kingdom of God before others are in for a nasty shock. The invitation goes out to all nations and excludes no one; but there are those who may miss out because of their arrogance or complacency.

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 power of God's all-embracing love strengthen you in the coming week.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

Sep. 12th "Chinese" Auction

Sep. 19th Parish Committee meeting

Oct. 1st Food Sale

FRACKVILLE

Sep. 3rd "Bleenie" Sale

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

Oct. 24th "Chinese" Auction

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Oct. 11th Pastors 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

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

<u>PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY</u> - 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.

<u>THIS WEEK PRAYER</u>: for Father Mariusz Zochowski and parishioners of the Church of the Nativity Parish in Howell, NJ; Resurrection of Christ Parish in Dunellen, NJ; and SS Cyril & Methodius Parish in Perth Amboy, NJ.

<u>UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</u>: **Sp. Geraldine Andrews:** 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; **Sep. 26:** Spojnia members; **Nov. 7:** sp. William & Josephine Zamonas; **Nov. 14:** sp. Charles Hoppes; **Jan 16, 2011:** sp. Susan Bednarek, Julian Bednarek Sr., Helena Bednarek; **Jan. 23, 2011:** sp. Franciszek & Elzbieta Sroka; **Jan 30, 2011:** sp. Jan Sroka; **Feb. 6, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: August 23 - Margaret Krusinski; August 25 - Claire Mallick; August 28 - Debbie Whitecavage.

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK</u> - especially for: Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio - James Panco - Catherine Marasco - Connie Sincavage. *Trinity Mission:* Margaret Krunisnky - Edward Ryszka Jr.

HOSPITAL VISIT - if you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing home facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification.

<u>CHINESE AUCTION</u> - 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.

SHOPPING at "REDNER" REMINDERS - We would like to remind our Parishioners and Friends that if you go shopping at "Render" please use your "Redner's" card for purchase. When you will do it the parish can get a credit. Thank you.

<u>WELCOME OUR VISITORS</u> - 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.

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 hand.

<u>THE PARISH CATECHISM</u> - *Can we see the result of this lack of religion in the world today?* Lack of knowledge or failure to practice religion is perhaps the root cause for most of the unhappiness in the world today.

DISCIPLINE

1.It's a rough world out there. There is an evil one who would love to see you lose. How can you survive? The answer is found in two words: grace and discipline. God will never allow you to be tempted beyond the ability to resist—with his help. The help is called "grace". Equally important is discipline. "The Lord disciplines the people he loves." The army sends people to boot camp to form them into fighters. This discipline could later save their lives and those of their comrades. It teaches them to follow orders and to work together. God's discipline has the same goal.

I will set a
sign among
them; from
them I will
send fugitives to the
nations: to Tarshish, Put,
and Lud, Mosach, Tuba and
Javan, to the distant
coastlands that have never
heard of my
fame, or
seen my
glory; and
they shall
proclaim
my glory

THE NATIONS

1.God chose the Jewish people for special blessings. This choice was not an end in itself. God selected them to bring salvation to the whole world. This is the theme of the first reading. Isaiah mentions several foreign lands around the Mediterranean, including Tarshish, which is probably Spain. As Christians we believe that this prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus and his command to "go out to all the world and proclaim the good news."