

**"He who does justice
will live in the presence
of the Lord"**

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – "B"
Dwudziesta Druga Niedziela Zwyczajna
September 1, 2024
101st year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 9/1/24 – XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

85th Anniversary of the beginning of WWII in Gdansk, Poland

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention for: +Julian Bednarek Sr., of by son, Julian.

- *Confession.*
- *Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.*
- *Collection for missions.*

Tue., 9/3/24 – Weekday

8:00AM – Holy Mass

Wed., 9/4/24 – Weekday

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

Thu., 9/5/24 – Weekday

6:00PM – Holy Mass asking God's blessing and fruitful ministry of the PNCC Clergy.

We are never too old to play, never too young to benefit from the wisdom of others. Life isn't about *looking* good but about *being* good.

I Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

II Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of His disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do Your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honors me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to Him again and said, 'Listen to Me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Fri., 9/6/24 – First Friday of the month
6:00PM – Holy Mass and Litany to the
SHoff for all Parishioners.

**Next Sunday, September 8: Solemnity –
Brotherly Love**

10:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for
+John David's family.

- *Collection for Spojnia Inc. in
support of the Bp Hodur Retreat
Center.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday best wishes are
extended to: September 2 –
Michael Stetts, Antoinette Freas.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Anniversary best wishes are
extended to: September 3 – The
Pastor & Janina

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK –
especially for: Father Carmen Bolock -
Jean Keim – Marjorie Dean – Elaine
Antalosky – Josephine Hause. *H & R
Center Tremont.* Dolores Halaburda.
Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA
– Thomas Justen. *Shenandoah Manor* –
Betty Brazausky (A-I4).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Organist, Mrs. Janina for cleaning and decorating the church, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Sep. 8 – our parish plans to have lunch/dinner together in *Cracker Barrel Restaurant* at Frackville, PA immediately after the Mass. Everyone are welcome, and participants are responsible for their own expenses.

September 15 – Confirmation Class begins.

October 12 – Central Diocesan Synod

PLANNED FUNDRAISERS:

- 50/50 chances drawing: September 2.
- Chicken dinner – August 24.
- Halushkie sale – September 2024.
- Pot pie sale – November 2024.

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.

Next Sunday's Mass intentions: Sep. 8: +John David's family; Sep. 15: +Susan Berto-Bednarek; Sep. 22: +James Dean; Sep. 29: +Paul Elsavage; Oct. 6: +John David's family; Oct. 13: +Patricia Abicunas; Oct. 20: +James Dean; Nov. 24: +Bernard Halaburda Jr.