

**"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart"**

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**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – "B"**  
Dwudziesta Szósta Niedziela Zwyczajna  
**September 29, 2024**  
*101<sup>st</sup> year of service*

**Events for the week:**

**Sun., 9/29/24 – XXVI Sunday**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention for:  
+Paul Elsavage, of. by wife, Sandra.

- *Confirmation Class after the Mass.*

**Mon., 9/30/24 – Feast – St. Michael, Archangel**

8:15AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

**Wed., 10/2/24 – Feast – Guardian Angels**

8:15AM – Holy Mass

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

**Thu., 10/3/24 – Weekday**

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for fruitful ministry of the PNCC Clergy and God's blessing for them.

We gather to be nourished but also challenged by the Word of God. The savior who died for the forgiveness of our sins is present for us both in His Word and in the great sacrament of His sacrificial love. Let us welcome Him with open and trusting hearts.

**I Reading:** Numbers 11:25-29

**II Reading:** James 5:1-6

**GOSPEL:** Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-49

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Fri., 10/4/24** – First Friday of the month

**8:15AM** – Holy Mass to the SHofJ and Litany.

**Next Sunday, October 6: XXVII Sunday on Ordinary Time**

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

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 30 – Mark Tomczyk; October 3 – Mary Ann Hoppes.



**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).

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**October 12** – Central Diocesan Synod - zooming

**November 1** – Solemnity – All Saints

**November 2** – Commemoration of All Souls

**November 3** – All Souls Prayer Service inside the church after the Mass

**December 1** – First Sunday of Advent

**PLANNED FUNDRAISERS:**

- 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.

**ALL SOULS ENVELOPES.** With the upcoming holidays of All Saints and All Souls in the not-too-distant future, we remind our parishioners and friends, to please submit the names of their departed loved ones for remembrance during this holy season. All Soul's Day remembrance request envelopes are placed next to the bulletins. Please fill them out (please: PRINT) and return them to the Pastor as soon as possible. (Thank you).

ALL SOULS PRAYER SERVICE will be held on Sunday, **November 3, 2024** after the Mass inside the church.

**Next Sunday's Mass intentions:** Oct. 6: +John David's family; Oct. 13: +Patricia Abicunas; Oct. 20: +James Dean; Oct. 27: +Ronald Antalosky; Nov. 24: +Bernard Halaburda Jr.