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LESSON: ISAIAH 22:19-23
LESSON: ROMANS 11:33-36
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20

21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 24th 2008



TODAY AUGUST 24th

9AM Mass for the soul of John Sydorak; 17th Anni of death.

MONDAY AUGUST 25th ST. BARTHOLMEW, APOSTLE, (RED)

8AM for an increase of Vocations to the Diaconate & Priesthood.

TUESDAY AUGUST 26th-28th CLERGY RETREAT

Father Carmen will away making his annual Retreat with the Clergy of the Central Diocese at the Villa of Our Lady in Mt. Pocono. In case of an emergency Fr. Carmen can be reached on his cell phone at **610-360-4014**. Fr. Carmen will return on Thursday. Please pray for our Bishop & all the priests on retreat as we pray for you.



St. Bartholomew
Apostle

FRIDAY AUGUST 29th BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIZER, (RED)

8AM Mass for the soul of Fr. Joseph Rekas (former Pastor); 27th Anni of death.

SUNDAY AUGUST 31st 22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN), YOUTH SUNDAY

LESSON: JEREMIAH 20:7-9 LESSON: ROMANS 12:1-2 GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-27

9:AM Mass for the soul of Joann C. Matla; 11th Anni of death. Also for God's blessing on our Children.

YOUTH FUND OFFERING TO BE TAKEN-UP, 2nd COLLECTION.

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE Y.M.S. of R.

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE

30 ATTENDED 28 COMMUNION



LECTOR: FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 31st NICHOLAS BOLOCK.

RECTORY DOORS: The work to replace the exterior doors on the Rectory has been delayed due to the fact that one of the doors was not ready. The work will begin after Labor Day.

BLUE MASS: A Blue Mass is celebrated to honor Firefighter, Police, & EMS Personal. We will pay honor to these men & women with a Mass on **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12th at 7PM**. You are invited to come & say thank you to them for all they do for our communities. The victims of 9-11 will also be remembered. A social will follow the Mass.

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SCHOOLS OPEN: Tomorrow will be the opening day of school for many districts in our area. Please be careful as you drive about. Be on the watch for school buses, crossing guards, & children walking to & from school. We pray for all children returning to school & college. We pray the Holy Spirit will inspire them to be open to the knowledge that is open to them.

YOUTH SUNDAY: Will be observed throughout our Church on **SUNDAY AUGUST 31st**. On that Sunday we will pray for the children of our Parish. Especially since they will be starting back to school or college, we will pray for "A's". As per tradition the Youth Fund Offering will be taken-up. The money collected helps to provide the many programs for our children, from Kurs & Convo. to Youth Retreats & the Track & Field & many more. Please be generous your gift for our children.

RUSSIAN DAYS: St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church will hold their **27th** Annual Russian Days Festival on the Parish grounds 980 Bridle Path Road **SEPTEMBER 5, 6, & 7**. The festival opens daily at **11AM**. The festival will feature traditional Russian food, Russian Treasures, clowns face painting & music for your dancing & listening pleasure. Friday evening **6-9PM** Jolly Joe Timmer; Saturday **Noon-3PM** Occasions; **4-7PM** Matty Rock Band Polkas Sunday **Noon-3PM** Occasions; **3:30-6:30PM** Pennsylvania Villagers. Father Dimitri & the Congregation of St. Nick's extend a warm welcome for you to come & enjoy the festival.

CAR WASH: We will hold a Car Wash as a fund raiser on **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13th** from **10AM-1PM** in the Church parking lot. Cost will be \$5.00 (exterior wash only). Invite your friends & neighbors. Proceeds to benefit the Parish Treasury.

END OF SUMMER SOCIAL: We will hold an End of Summer Social for our parishioners. This event is help promote more fellowship in our Parish. The social will be on **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13th** beginning at **1:30PM**. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, & beverages. We would ask that you bring a covered dish or dessert to share. There is no cost we invite to come & share the day as a Parish Family.

THANK YOU: All those who came & helped with the baking of rolls for the Fall Bazaar.

NEW SIGN: The installing of the new sign has begun & will take a few weeks to finish. **THANK YOU** to those who are giving their time in this project.

100 ANNIVERSARY: The Polish National Union of America is observing its 100th Anniversary. The celebration will be held on **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28th**. The afternoon will begin with Holy Mass in St. Stanislaus' Cathedral at **4PM**. Dinner will follow at the Radisson Inn 700 Lackawanna Ave. Scranton. The invitation have been sent to each Parish. The plan is that each parish will have a table or table of their own. Therefore you need to make reservations through Fr. Carmen. Meal choices are; stuffed chicken breast, sliced roast beef, flounder stuffed with crab meat. For children there is chicken fingers & fries. Cost of the dinner is **\$30.00** for adults & **\$15.00** for children. There will be a cash bar from **6-8PM** dinner served at **6:30PM**. Please see Fr. Carmen for reservations. Reservations need to be made with Fr. Carmen by **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13th** so that he may send in the response card by **SEPTEMBER 15th**.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Father Stanley Jasiurkowski (Capt.) Iraq, MSGT. Joseph Soska, Kuwait.

SACRED VOCATIONS: Please Pray for an increase of Vocations to the Diaconate and Priesthood.

REMEMBER THE SICK: Please pray for the sick & infirmed of our parish. Especially for Gertrude Gron, Anthony Getsko, Catherine Mathues, John Soltysiak, Monia Soltysiak, Jennie O'Callaghan, Kara Getsko, Irene Adams, Karen Godek, Georgine Kelhart, Mary Stefan, Amelia Stankus, Dorothy Villa, Beth Rutkowski, Elana Todd, Jim Branham, Gerry Matla. **Please let Father Carmen know when your loved ones are in the hospital so he may visit them. Also please let Fr. Carmen know when you have been released from the hospital.**