

## Holy Ghost Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

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**Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord – Cycle “B”**

New Year's Day

**January 1, 2012**

“New Year's Day – a milepost on the way to eternity.”

### **EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, January 1<sup>st</sup> – Circumcision of our Lord – New Year's Day**

The Circumcision of Jesus is an event from the life of Jesus of Nazareth according to the Gospel of St. Luke, which states in verse 2:21 that Jesus was circumcized eight days after His birth (traditionally January 1).

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

⤴ Collection for missions.

### WEEKDAY READINGS:

**January 2:** Exodus 3:13-15; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 1:18-25; **January 3:** 1 John 2:29 – 3:6; John 1:29-34; **January 4:** 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42; **January 5:** 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51; **January 6:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a.5-6; Matthew 2:1-12; **January 7:** 1 John 5:14-21; John 1-11

### MONDAY, January 2<sup>nd</sup> - Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

*From apostolic times, the Church has professed that “at the name of Jesus every knee shall bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Through the particular efforts of St. Bernardine of Siena, devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus was promoted through the inscription monogram of the Holy Name (IHS) and the addition of the name Jesus to the Hail Mary.*

**9:00AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

### THURSDAY, January 5<sup>th</sup> - *Christmas Weekday*

**7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville**, intention: for Bp John Mack, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese, of. by Fr. Robert.

### FRIDAY, January 6<sup>th</sup> - Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord

#### *Blessing of chalk*

*The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan, and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi representatives of the neighboring pagans religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.*

**9:30AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.**

**11:00AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

### NEXT SUNDAY, January 8<sup>th</sup> - Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

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

⤴ Collection for Seminary.

⤴ Annual Parish Meeting.

### **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** (Genesis 17:10; Psalm 89:35-36a)

V. This is My covenant with you and your descendants after you that you must keep: every male among you shall be circumcised.

**R. I will not violate My covenant; the promise of My lips I will not alter. By My holiness, I swore once for all.**

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

**R. As it was in the beginning is now end ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

**I Reading: Genesis 17:9-14**

**GRADUAL (1 Peter 4:1-2)**

V. Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same attitude; for whoever suffers in the flesh has broken with sin.

**R. So as not spend what remains of one's life in the flesh on human desires, but on the will of God.**

**II Reading: Galatians 5:3-6**

**ALLELUIA (Philippians 3:3)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

V. For we are the circumcision, we who worship through the Spirit of God, who boast in Christ Jesus, and do not put our confidence in flesh.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:21**

**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.

**OFFERTORY VERSE (Romans 2:28-29a)**

V. One is not a Jew outwardly. True circumcision is not outward, in the flesh. Rather, one is a Jew inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart, in the spirit, not the letter.

**COMMUNION VERSE (Colossians 3:11)**

V. Here there is no Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all in all.

**May you go from here with hearts filled with peace and joy to begin a new and hope-filled year, secure in the love of God and in the care of the Mother of God.**

**COMING EVENTS**

**CENTRAL DIOCESE**

Oct. 11-13<sup>th</sup>, Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Pastors meeting (Wilkes-Barre, PA 1:00PM)

June 7<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

**SHENANDOAH**

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish meeting after the Holy Mass

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at 6:00PM

**FRACKVILLE**

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at 7:30PM

Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> "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.

**THANK YOU** to church operational fund donation: **Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes, Mrs. Helen Menzyk, Mrs. Mary Stukas, Mr. Lance Nelson, Mr. Julian Bednarek, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Savitsky, Mrs. Claire Mallick, Mr. Stanley Sawecki, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky; Ms. Maria Celso, Ms. Diane Jellen, Ms. Susan Bobbin, Mr. Frank Gill, Ms. Melissa Nahas; Anthony and Barbara Ideson; Mr. & Mrs. James Panco.** When you make a check for donations, please make them out to: **Holy Ghost PNCC.**

**THANK YOU: very much to all of our Parishioners who so beautifully decorated our church for Christmas.**

**Mr. John Golba and Ms. Mary Ann Hoppes** purchased the new Paschal Candle to our Parish. Thank you, very much!

**THANK YOU** – very much to **Joe Karvois and Dylan Whitecavage** for their help at the altar.

**HOLY GHOST PARISH** is looking for the additional voices to our **Choir:** both men and ladies. If you feel that you can help us, please join our Parish Choir. Thank you.

**THANK YOU very much** to our Parishioners for sending Christmas wishes to the rectory. Thank you to everyone who remember Fr. Robert and his family sending cards and all gifts during this Christmas time! May God bless you!

**CHURCH SERVICES** – we stop shaking hands during the Holy Mass due the flu conditions. Thank you.

**PLEASE CALL FR. ROBERT** - ..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.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father John Cramer**, his family and parishioners of the Our Savior Parish in Dearborn Heights, MI.

**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, 2012. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 2 – Calli Renee Whitecavage.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage. Eugenia Halaburda – Dolores Halaburda. **Shenandoah Manor** – Violet Cegielski (B2). **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.

**SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of OUR LORD** – Epiphany means “manifestation” and speaks of the “light of the world” manifesting itself to the Gentiles represented by the Magi who came to adore the Christ Child. This feast is celebrated by both Eastern and Western Christianity and goes back to the third century. On this feast the traditional blessing of incense and chalk is held. (from “Rites and Ritual” – a liturgical handbook for the PNCC). In the *PNCC* as well as other catholic churches on January 6, the priest blesses incense (one of the

gifts of the Wise Men), and chalk, which is used for the marking of the door-frame of parishioners homes with the initials of the Three Kings and the year: +20+K+M+B+12+. Beginning with this day, and ending on February 2 (*Presentation of the Lord*), the parish priest will make Epiphany pastoral visits to as many parishioners as possible. There he will bless the home and its inhabitants.

**A properly-prepared home displays** a white linen cloth, upon which is placed a crucifix, a blessed candle, holy water and chalk; the sweet scent of blessed incense fills the air.

**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!

**THE MANOR AT WAYMART** – a personal care facility, is located in beautiful waymart, PA near the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center. We invite you to contact us at **570-488-6829** or [manoratwaymart@echoes.net](mailto:manoratwaymart@echoes.net) for rates, room availability, or to arrange a tour of our facility. Also these are our **room rates**: Semi-Private - \$2,097.00; Private - \$2,646.00; Private Deluxe - \$3,087.00.



**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.

**THE HOLY GHOST PARISH CONCERNS** - In this blessed land of the United States of America, no community is complete without its House of Worship. For this, full credit must be justly given to the Founding Fathers of our Country. Our forefathers were of a thoroughbred spiritual stock. Being God fearing, religious and church going people they built our national structure upon the foundation of God. Judging by the results, God was with them in all their civic undertakings with a blessing that was as constant as it was generous. If there is any truth whatever in the proverb, “like father, like son,” then it is easy to understand why the present generation intends to keep God in its midst today, tomorrow and forever. To God’s glory and His name the people of the United States have built beautiful temples and churches, large or small, stately or simple, according to the means of the community and the needs of the congregation they were intended to serve. Inspired with this motive and impelled with this same purpose a group of citizens of Polish descent and emigrants from Poland residing in Shenandoah area united in a resolve to build for them a House of Worship. Early in the 1920’s residents of Shenandoah turned for guidance and advice to the Most Rev. Franciszek Hodur in Scranton, PA. An organizational meeting was held in May 1922 in the presence of the Rev. Father Leon Grochowski and the Rev. Father Jan Gritenas who helped to organize the Holy Ghost Polish National Catholic Church. The church records state that the first Mass was celebrated in the Russian Hall on Center Street by the Rev. Father Stanisław Cybulski and for the first time the Mass was celebrated in the Polish language. Later, property was purchased at West Lloyd and Chestnut Streets and a church was built and dedicated in December 1923. In addition to the church building, the parish’s property consists of a rectory, cemetery and park..During these formative years, the parish grew in membership and various societies were organized to help with the work of the parish. Among them were the Ladies Adoration Society, The Polish School Society, two branches of the Polish National Union of America - (Spójnia), Young Men’s Resurrection Society, the St. Mary’s Girls Society and the Frederick Chopin Choir.

Now we are desperately struggle to survive, and to keep our church doors open. ***Dear Parishioners and Friends***, please, take care of your own parish, because we are in danger to close. Our parish family needs you, your assistance and participation: both: spiritually – in time of worship, and financially – to support your own church.by your donations. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**HOLY DAYS of OBLIGATION** – a) **Sundays** throughout the year; b) **Christmas Day – December 25<sup>th</sup>**; c) **The Circumcision of our Lord – January 1<sup>st</sup>**; d) **Ascension of the Lord**; e) **Dormition/Assumption of the BVM – August 15<sup>th</sup>**; f) **All Saints – November 1<sup>st</sup>**; g) **Conception of the BVM – December 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**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.

**PARISH INFORMATION. Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

**Holy Day Masses** are held as announced in the bulletin.

**Sacrament of Baptism** – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

**Sacrament of Matrimony** – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

**Emergencies, Sickness and deaths** – please contact to the rectory immediately.

**The parish bulletin** - is made on **THURSDAY'S** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.



**MEMBERS DUES 2012.** Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the 'family plan' method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the last General Synod.

Each adult member will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at the Holy Ghost Parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

**Total dues for 2012 per Adult Member:      \$95.00 Per Year**

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations:

Sunday Collection, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Donations, and Christmas Donations.





## 2012 Holidays and Principal Feast Days

Circumcision	Jan. 1
Epiphany	Jan. 6
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 22
Palm Sunday	Apr. 1
Easter Sunday	Apr. 8
Ascension	May 17
Pentecost	May 27
Trinity Sunday	June 3
Corpus Christi	June 7
Dormition/Assumption of the BVM	Aug. 15 (Wednesday)
All Saints Day	Nov. 1 (Thursday)
All Souls Day	Nov. 2 (Wednesday)
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	Dec. 2
Conception/Dormition of the BVM	Dec. 8 (Saturday)
Christmas	Dec. 25 (Tuesday)

**Daylight Saving Time – begins March 11; ends November 4.**