

## Holy Ghost Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “B”**

Druga Niedziela Zwyczajna

**January 15, 2012**

“Past failures are guideposts for future success”.

### **EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, January 15<sup>th</sup> – II Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Lord God reveals himself to all who seek Him with a sincere heart – in the silence of the heart, in the moral sense of life, and in the person of Jesus Christ.

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22; **Tue.**, 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28; **Wed.**, 1 Peter 5:1-4; **Matthew 16:13-19**; **Thu.**, 1 Samuel 18:6-9. 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12; **Fri.**, 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19; **Sat.**, 2 Samuel 1:1-4.11-12.19.23-27; Mark 3:20-21

**TUESDAY, January 17<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

**7:30AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

**WEDNESDAY, January 18<sup>th</sup>** – *St. Peter's Chair at Antioch*

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins**

**7:30AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

**THURSDAY, January 19<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

**7:30AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville; intention: for the Christian Unity

**NEXT SUNDAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** - *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

### **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 (Isaiah 43:1b, 4a; Jeremiah 15:16)**

V. Thus says the Lord: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; You are Mine. Because you are precious in My eyes and glorious, and because I love you.

**R. When I found Your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart, because I bore Your name, O Lord, God of hosts.**

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.**

**I Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19**

*The boy Samuel hears a voice, and learns to recognize the word of the Lord.*

**GRADUAL (Exodus 33:12b; Job 13:22)**

V. You are My infinite friend, and also You have found favor with Me.

**R. Then call me, and I will respond; or let me speak first and, answer me.**

**II Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20**

*St. Paul speaks about truthful human relationships and a healthy attitude to the human body.*

**ALLELUIA (Psalm 40:9)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. To do Your will, O my God, is my delight, and Your law is within my heart.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: John 1:35-42**

*The first disciples meet Jesus and realize they have found the Messiah.*

## 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 (2 Chronicles 7:14)**

V. If My people, upon whom My name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek My presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear from heaven, and pardon their sins and revive their land.

### **COMMUNION VERSE (Proverbs 8:4)**

V. To you, O men, I call; My appeal is to the children of men.

May the heavenly Father grant peace to your hearts, truth to your lips and love in all you do.

## COMING EVENTS

### CENTRAL DIOCESE

Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Council meeting (Scranton, PA)  
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)  
May... Seniorate Council meeting (Shenandoah, PA)  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

### SHENANDOAH

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 Saweck, 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 to **Mr. Stephen Karvois** for the grass cutting at the rectory's yard; to **Mr. Joseph Petrusky, Mrs. Theresa Petrusky** and **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for everything what you did for our parish. Thank you to **Ms. Mary Ann Hoppes** for taking care of poinsettias, and everything what you did for this parish. Thank you to everyone for any kind of help. May God bless you all!

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

**PASTOR'S VISIT** – and blessing of homes in our Parish is completed. Thank you for your kindness and all donations!

**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 Stanley Bilinski**, his family and parishioners of St. Mary's Parish in Parma, OH.

**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.



**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.

**UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:** **Aug. 19:** sp. William Zamonas Sr. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.*

**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 built 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 Stanislaw 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.

**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.

**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.

