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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “B”
Trzecia Niedziela Zwykła

January 22, 2012

“Go as far as you can see, and when you get there you will see farther.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, January 22nd – III Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time is a precious commodity. Jesus tells us that “the time has come”. Are we using our time as well as we can?

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 2 Samuel 5:1-7.10; Mark 3:22-30; **Tue.**, 2 Samuel 6:12b-15.17-19; Mark 3:31-35; **Wed.**, Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18; **Thu.**, 2 Samuel 7:18-19.24-29; Mark 4:21-25; **Fri.**, 2 Samuel 11:1-4a.5-10a.13-17; Mark 4:26-34; **Sat.**, 2 Samuel 12:1-7a.10-17; Mark 4:35-41

TUESDAY, January 24th - St. Timothy, Bishop & Martyr

(+97). *St. Timothy was the son of a pagan father and a Hebrew-Christian mother, Eunice. He was a disciple of St. Paul and accompanied him on his journeys. St. Paul consecrated him Bishop of Ephesus. According to an early story, he was stoned to death by a mob when he opposed the observance of a pagan festival.*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, January 25th – **Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

The conversion of Saul of Tarsus while he was on his way to Damascus is one of the most touching miracles in the history of the early Church. It shows us how faith comes from grace and from one's free cooperation. The doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ receives proof and a clear illustration when Christ says, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" We should realize that the best way to hasten the unity of all Christians is to foster our own daily personal conversion.

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention for Christian unity.

THURSDAY, January 26th - St. Polycarp of Smyrna, Bishop & Martyr

(+155). *He was converted to Christianity by St. John the Evangelist. He was later ordained Bishop of Smyrna (now Izmir, Turkey). He was about eighty-six when the Roman proconsul urged him to renounce Christ and save his life. St. Polycarp said, "For eighty-six years I have served Him and he has never wronged me. How can I renounce the King who saved me?"*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for those who are in Purgatory, of. by Fr. Robert.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 29th - **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Music Scholarship Sunday**

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

^ Collection for Music Scholarship.

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 (Matthew 12:41; Acts 3:19-20a)

V. At the judgment, the men of Niniveh will arise with this generation and condemn it; because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and there is something greater than Jonah here.

R. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that sins may be wiped away, and that the Lord may grant you time of refreshment.

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: Jonah 3:1-5.10

The reluctant prophet Jonah finally does his job and preaches repentance.

GRADUAL (Micah 7:18-19)

V. Who is there like You, the God Who removes guilt and pardons sin for the remnant of His inheritance; Who does not persist in anger forever, but delights rather in clemency.

R. And will again have compassion on us, treading underfoot our guilt. You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

St. Paul urges the Corinthians to put their lives in order.

ALLELUIA (Acts 17:30)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. God has overlooked the times of ignorance, but now he demands that all people everywhere repent.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus wastes no time, but sets about His mission with urgency.

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 (Amos 5:14)

V. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; then truly the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you as you claim!

COMMUNION VERSE (Romans 2:4)

V. Or do you hold His priceless kindness, forbearance and patience in low esteem, unaware that the kindness of God would lead you to repentance?

May we be filled with a new sense of purpose to use our time well during the coming week, at work, at prayer, at rest and at play.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Apr. 12th Diocesan Council meeting (Scranton, PA)

Oct. 11-13th, Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

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

May... Seniorate Council meeting (Shenandoah, PA)

June 7th Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

SHENANDOAH

Feb. 22nd Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at 6:00PM

FRACKVILLE

Feb. 22nd Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at 7:30PM

Apr. 29th "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.

PARISH COMMITTEE 2012 – was elected at the Annual Parish meeting held on Sunday, January 8.

Chariman: **Mr. Joseph Petrusky**

Vice-chairman: **Mr. Frank Gill**

Recording Secretary: **Ms. Mary Ann Hoppes**

Financial Secretary/Treasurer: **Mrs. Theresa Petrusky**

Directors: **Mrs. Claire Mallick, Mrs. Joelle Karvois, Mrs. Kellie Solnoki, Mr. Stephen Karvois.**

Congratulations to all of you! Hopefully we will survive another year.

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 **Joe Karvois** and **Dylan Whitecavage** for their help at the altar.

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 Krzysztof Mendelewski**, his family and parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish in Davie, FL.

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 26 – Jan Cegielski.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage. Eugenia Halaburda – Dolores Halaburda. Loretta Kovalewski; ***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 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.

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.