

## Holy Ghost Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

28 North Chestnut Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976

Website: [www.holyghostpncc.org](http://www.holyghostpncc.org)

The Rev. Robert P. Plichta, M.Th., M. in Canon Law, Administrator

Rectory: (570) 874-1960

E-mail: [robertb1@ptd.net](mailto:robertb1@ptd.net)

PNCC website: [www.pncc.org](http://www.pncc.org)

Central Diocese website: [www.centraldiocesepncc.org](http://www.centraldiocesepncc.org)

PNU website: [www.pnu.org](http://www.pnu.org)

Prime Bishop of the PNCC – **Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Mikovsky**  
Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese – **Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Mikovsky**  
Plymouth Seniorate Administrative Senior – **Very Rev. Thaddeus Dymkowski**  
Parish Committee Chairman – **Mr. Joseph Petrusky**



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “A”**

Trzecia Niedziela Zwykła

**January 23, 2011**

“We need an unchanging Christ for the changing years. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

### **EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – III Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Like those in today's Gospel who are called by Jesus to be disciples, we too come to this celebration conscious that the Lord calls each one of us to follow Him.

**11:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Francis and Elizabeth Sroka**, of. by the late, Jan Sroka.

## WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, Hebrews 9:15-24-28; Mark 3:22-30; **Tue.**, Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18; **Wed.**, Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20; **Thu.**, Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25; **Fri.**, Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34; **Sat.**, Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19; Mark 4:35-41

### TUESDAY, January 25<sup>th</sup> - **Conversion of St. Paul**

*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.*

**9:30AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

### THURSDAY, January 27<sup>th</sup> - *Weekday*

**9:30AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

### FRIDAY, January 28<sup>th</sup> - *Weekday*

**9:30AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville, intention: **God's blessing for Alicja Zaborowska**, of. by Janina Plichta & Family.

### NEXT SUNDAY, January 30<sup>th</sup> – **IV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**11:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. Jan Sroka

## **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 (Psalms 27:1)**

V. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

**R. The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?**

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: Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

*The prophet Isaiah foresees a time when the darkness and shadows of Israel's oppression will be replaced by the light and joy a new king will bring.*

### **GRADUAL (Psalms 22:27-28)**

V. The poor will eat their fill; those who seek the Lord shall praise. May your hearts enjoy life forever!

**R. All the ends of the earth will worship and turn to the Lord; All the families of nations will bow low before You.**

### **II Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17**

*St. Paul urges the Christians in Corinth to refrain from forming factions and to live united in Christ in whose name they were all baptized.*

### **ALLELUIA (Psalms 126:3)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. The Lord had done great things for us; Oh, how happy we were!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

*Jesus begins His preaching, calling His first disciples and proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom of heaven.*

**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.

Christ is our light in the darkness. He leads us from the shadows of fear to the fullness of life. May you always carry the light of His love in your heart.

**COMING EVENTS**

**SHENANDOAH**

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

**FRACKVILLE**

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting – after 11:15AM Mass

May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Mass (in the church)

**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.

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** was held on Sunday, January 9, 2011. The Parish Committee was elected:

**Chairman:** Mr. Joseph Petrusky

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

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

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

**Directors:** Mrs. Violet Cegielski, Mrs. Claire Mallick, Mr. Stephen Karvois.

Congratulations and May God Bless 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.

**HELP NEEDED** – If anyone is interested to help at the altar during our services, and serve as the Lector, please contact the pastor.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Senior John Rencewicz II**, his family, and parishioners of the Holy Cross PNCC in Warren, OH, Holy Trinity PNCC in New Castle, PA, and Sacred Heart of Jesus PNCC in Youngstown, PA.

**MASS LITURGY CHANGES** – until Easter we will stop shaking hands during the Holy Mass, due flu season.

**UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS:** **Jan. 30:** for sp. John and Dolores Sroka; **Feb. 6:** sp. Jan Sroka; **Feb. 13:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **Feb. 20:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **Feb. 27:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **March 6:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **March 20:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **March 27:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **April 3:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **April 10:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **August 21:** sp. William Zamonas Sr.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 24 – Geraldine Panco; January 26 – Jan Cegielski; January 30 – Jiselle MacDonald.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Ida Socker. *Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)* - Margaret Kruszynski - Edward Ryszka Jr.



Sacrament of Anointing

**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.

*“Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord...” (James 5:14). If you, or a member of your family are sick and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home, please notify the rectory.*

**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.



**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.

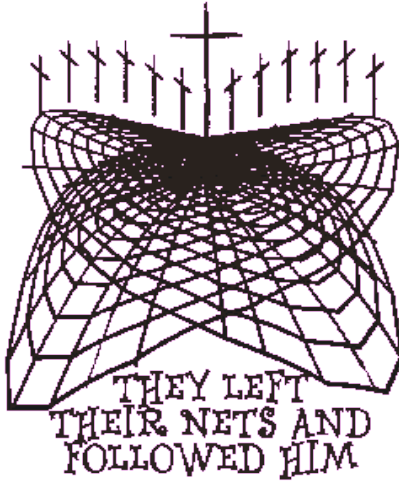
**Receiving the Holy Eucharist** – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

**MEMBERS DUES 2011.** 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 2011 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, Bleenie Sales (we had a great time last year, come out help out, join in the fun...), Chinese Auction, and Christmas Donations.



**PARISH CATECHISM** – *“It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.”* (2 Machabees 12:46) **What is purgatory?** Purgatory is a place of temporary punishment in the next world where those who die in the state of grace make up for the punishment due their sins before they enter heaven. **Who goes to purgatory?** Those who die in the state of grace go to purgatory if they have not given full satisfaction for their sins.

**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 **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

