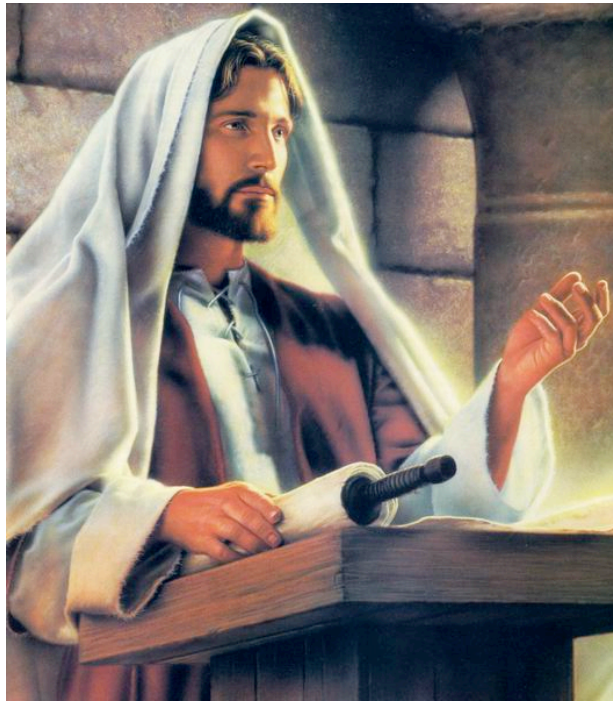


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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"**  
Trzecia Niedziela Zwyczajna

**January 27, 2013**

### **EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, January 27<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Music Scholarship Sunday**

The Lord calls us to be attentive to His words. When we open our minds and hearts to what He has to say to us today, we can begin to know the joy of His promise.

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

✠ Collection for Music Scholarships.

## WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, Hebrews 9:15-24-28; Mark 3:22-30; **Tue.**, Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35; **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.**, **Malachi** 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

**MONDAY, January 28<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

**WEDNESDAY, January 30<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

**FRIDAY, February 1<sup>st</sup>** - **First Friday of the month**

**5:00PM – 7:00PM** – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Frackville.

**7:00PM** – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Frackville.

**SATURDAY, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** - **Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord – Blessing of candles**

*This feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as “The Encounter”. In the sixth century it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in France with solemn blessings and processions of candles. It is popularly known as “Candlemass”. The Presentation of the Lord formally concludes the celebration of the Nativity; with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.*

**10:00AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

**NEXT SUNDAY, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** - **IV 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** (Psalms 147: 1-3)

V. How good to celebrate our God in song; how sweet to give fitting praise. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, gathers the dispersed of Israel.

**R. Heals the brokenhearted, binds up their wounds.**

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: Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10**

*The prophet Ezra teaches the returning exiles the Law of God. As they listen and understand, their tears are turned to rejoicing.*

**GRADUAL** (Psalms 30:11)

V. Hear, o Lord, have mercy on me; O Lord, be my helper.

**R. With my whole being I sing endless praise to You. O Lord, my God, forever will I give You thanks.**

**II Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

*Joined to Christ in baptism and filled with His Spirit, Christians share in a new way in each other's joys and sorrows, gifts and burdens.*

**ALLELUIA (Psalms 146:2)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Praise the Lord, my soul; I shall praise the Lord all my life, sing praise to my God while I live.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21**

*At the start of Jesus' ministry He proclaims His good news of healing and liberation. In His person He fulfills the words of the prophets.*

**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 (Psalms 146:8)**

V. The Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**COMMUNION VERSE (Exodus 19:5, 6a)**

V. Therefore, if you hearken to My voice and keep My covenant, you shall be My special possession, dearer to Me than all other people, though all the earth is Mine. You shall be to Me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.

**May your homes, workplaces, and all the paths you walk, be filled with the gladness of God's love for the world.**

**COMING EVENTS**

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> Pastor's meeting – Middleport, PA (1:00PM)

Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> Seniorate Council Meeting – Edwardsville, PA (1:00PM)

May 30<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Service – Frackville, PA (7:00PM)

Sep. 29<sup>th</sup> 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA

Oct. ... 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Organizing SS. Peter & Paul PNCC in McAdoo, PA.

**SHENANDOAH**

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday – 6:00PM

**FRACKVILLE** – Each **First Friday** of the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday – 7:30PM

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parish Meeting after 11:00AM Holy Mass

May 18<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion Day (Saturday)

May 30<sup>th</sup> Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

**FRACKVILLE COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES – 7:00PM**

February 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Ann's RCC

February 27<sup>th</sup> – First United Methodist Church

March 6<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter's United Church of Christ

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – St. John the Baptist PNCC**

## 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 Members 2013 Holy Ghost Parish, Shenandoah**

**Priest (Administrator):** Father Robert Plichta

**Chairman:** Mr. Joseph Petrusky

**Vice Chairman:** Mr. Frank Gill

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

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

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

**THANK YOU** to **Joe Karvois** for his help at the altar last Sunday.

**PLEASE CALL FR. ROBERT** - ..if you or your relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; ..if your telephone number or **address change**; ..if you have a prayer concern.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak**, his family, and parishioners of Holy Crosss Parish in Hamtramck, MI, Resurrection of our Lord Parish in Temperance, MI, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Walton Hills, 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, 2013. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 30 – Jiselle MacDonald.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda. **Providence Palace Drums, PA** - Violet Cegielski. **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.

**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!



**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 2013.** 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 2013 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.

### **THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST**

Paul teaches that there is a spiritual link between all Christians. He illustrates this idea with an analogy to the human body. It is a composite of many different organs. Though each is technically independent they work together for the benefit of the whole person. The source of this unity is the soul. In the same way, the members of the Church are autonomous but harmonize because of the Holy Spirit. Though we do not all play the same or role or have the same talents we can work together for the good of the entire Community. Paul mentions some of the ministries that blend for this good: apostles, prophets, teachers, activists, healers, service, administration and preachers.