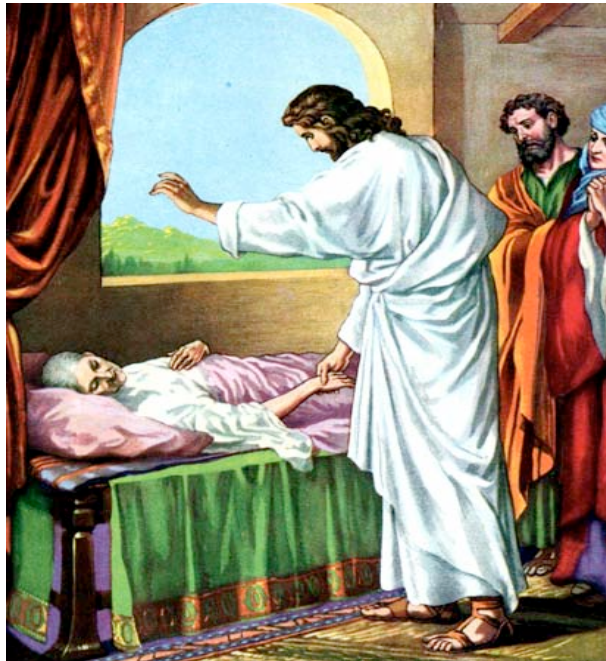


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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “B”
Czwarta Niedziela Zwyczajna
January 29, 2012

“Prayer is fundamental, not supplemental.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, January 29th – IV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Music Scholarship Sunday

We come together to celebrate the presence of the Lord among us, to hear His living word and to receive Him ever more fully into our lives.

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

♣ Collection for Music Scholarship.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 2 Samuel 15:13-14.30. 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20; **Tue.**, 2 Samuel 18:9-10.14b.24-25a.30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43; **Wed.**, 2 Samuel 24:2.9-17; Mark 6:1-6; **Thu.**, Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40; **Fri.**, Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29; **Sat.**, 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

TUESDAY, January 31st - *Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, February 2nd - 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.

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

10:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, February 3rd - First Friday on the month

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**; intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 5th - V Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

▲ Collection for missions.

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 (Isaiah 48:17, Jeremiah 7:23b)

V. Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I, the Lord, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go."

R. Listen to My voice, then I will be your God, and you shall be My people. Walk in the ways that I command you, so that you may prosper.

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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Lord promises to raise up a prophet like Moses to speak God's word to God's people.

GRADUAL (Psalm 25:4-5a; 71:17)

V. Make known to me Your ways, Lord; teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God, my Savior.

R. God, You have taught me from my youth; to this day I proclaim Your wondrous deeds.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Expecting the world to end soon, St. Paul calls for single-minded devotion to God rather than attention to one's worldly needs

ALLELUIA ((Luke 4:32)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. They were astonished at His teaching, because He spoke with authority.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus teaches with an authority that is validated by subduing of an evil spirit.

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 (Psalm 119:12)

V. Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your laws.

COMMUNION VERSE (Matthew 28:18)

V. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me."

May the God of mercy and compassion be with you and all who are dear to you, this day and throughout the coming week.

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 John Sielchan**, his family, and parishioners of St. Mary's Parish in St. Petersburg, 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 30 – Jiselle MacDonald.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage. Eugenia Halaburda – Dolores Halaburda. **Grand View:** 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 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 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.