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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “B”
Szósta Niedziela Zwykła
February 12, 2012

“Some people conduct their lives on the cafeteria plan – self-service only”.

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, February 12th – VI Sunday in Ordinary Time

As Jesus heals the leper in today's Gospel, so Jesus can heal us from the damaging effects of sin in our lives.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Loretta Kovalewski**, of. by Ms. Claire Mallick.

^ Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13; **Tue.**, James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21; **Wed.**, James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26;
Thu., James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33; **Fri.**, James 2:14-24.26; Mark 8:34-9:1; **Sat.**, James 3:1-10; Mark 9:2-13

TUESDAY, February 14th - *Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, February 16th - *Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for sp. **Prime Bishop Francis Hodur**, of. by Fr. Robert (59th anniversary).

NEXT SUNDAY, February 19th - *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Loretta Kovalewski, of. by the Parish Committee.

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 (Luke 4:27; Psalm 41:5)

V. There were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.

R. Once I prayed, “Lord, have mercy on me; heal me, I have sinned against You.

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: Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46

God gives a code that ritually deals with disease, which in turn keeps open the eventual return of the suffering person to the community.

GRADUAL (Sirach 38:9-11)

V. My son, when you are ill, delay not, but pray to God, Who will heal you. Flee wickedness; let your hands be just, cleanse your heart of every sin.

R. Offer your sweet-smelling oblation and petition, a rich offering according to your means.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

St. Paul urges the Corinthians to be imitators of Christ, especially through their gracious behavior towards others.

ALLELUIA (Matthew 8:2b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Lord, if You wish, You can make me clean.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45

Jesus heals a leper and resotres him to the fullness of membership in Israel's worshipping community.

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 107:17,19)

V. Some fell sick from their way, afflicted because of their sins. In their distress they cried to the Lord, Who saved them in their peril.

COMMUNION VERSE (Matthew 11:5)

V. The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news proclaimed to them.

May God's healing presence which we have celebrated remain with you always.

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
March 4th Holy Mass at **9:30AM**.

FRACKVILLE

Feb. 20 – March 26 - “Easter Eggs” Sale Project
Feb. 22nd Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at 7:30PM
March 4th Annual Parish meeting (after 11:15AM Holy Mass)
March 31st Funeral: sp. Ann Balser (10:00AM)
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.

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; Ms. Helen Savitsky.** When you make a check for donations, please make them out to: **Holy Ghost PNCC.**

MEMORIAL FUND: In Memory of Sp. **Loretta Kovalewski:** Scott and Jolene Johnston, Walukiewicz Funeral Home, William and Cindy Zamonas family, Jean and Stan Pogash, Joan, Robert and April MacDonald, Joseph and Theresa Petrusky, Jim and Gerri Panco, Andrew and Joseph Pytak, Catherine Zamonas. Thank you!

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 **Bishop John Mack**, **Father Jason Soltysiak**, their families, and parishioners of St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA.

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: February 17 – Russel Sincavage Jr., Joelle Karvois.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: February 17 – Stephen and Joelle Karvois.



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: **Feb. 19:** sp. Loretta Kovalewski; **Feb. 26:** sp. Loretta Kovalewski; **March 4:** sp. Loretta Kovalewski; **March 11:** Parishioners & Parish Committee; **March 18:** sp. Loretta Kovalewski; **March 25:** sp. Loretta Kovalewski; **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.

VISIT LITHUANIA, POLAND and PRAGUE – June 30 – July 15, 2012; \$3,895 Single supplement \$750 from New York to Warsaw. See Eastern Europe on the Baltic Sea, major cities and sights, quaint sea resort towns, visit a health spa and lake districts, Hitler's bunker crystal and pottery shops. Buffet breakfast, and full lunch or dinner daily. LOT airlines, New York departures, bus to/from airport. For more information, please call Margaret Valinsky at: 570-277-6163 or valinskym@verizon.net

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.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

O sweetest Heart of Jesus, You invite all who are weary and heavily burdened to come to You. Hear now my humble petitions (***Mention your personal needs***). Look with favor upon my family and me. Grant us good health. Fill our souls with compassion for others. Place in our hearts Your gentle and forgiving love. Inspire our minds with Your infinite wisdom. Encourage us to come to You in time of need, that we may know Your great power and joyfully proclaim Your praises for all eternity. **Amen.**