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First Sunday of Lent - "C"

Pierwsza Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 17, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, February 17th – First Sunday of Lent

As our Lord was led into the wilderness, so the Church enters the holy season of Lent, to learn again to "worship the Lord your God, and serve Him alone".

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

^ Stations of the Cross or Litany of the Passion.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Leviticus 19:1-2.11-18; Matthew 25:31-46; **Tue.**, Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15; **Wed.**, Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32; **Thu.**, Esther C:12,14-16.23-25; Matthew 7:7-12; **Fri.**, Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26; **Sat.**, Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

MONDAY, February 18th - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

TUESDAY, February 19th - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

1:00PM – Pastor's meeting in Middleport, PA

WEDNESDAY, February 20th - *Lenten Weekday*

7:00PM – Frackville Ministerium Community Lenten Service – St. Ann's RCC

FRIDAY, February 22nd - *Lenten Weekday*

7:00PM – Bitter Lamentation in Polish. at Frackville.

SATURDAY, February 23rd - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Easter Eggs projects continous...in Frackville.

11:00AM – Diocesan Council meeting in Scranton, PA.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 24th – II Sunday of Lent

11:00AM – Holy Mass intention: for sp. Lauren Feudale, of. by Grandparents.

^ Stations of the Cross or Litany of the Passion (after the Holy Mass).

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 (Joel 1:14)

V. Proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the elders, all who dwell in the land.

R. Into the house of the Lord, your God, and cry to the Lord!

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN – O, My Jesus – PNCC Hymnal, p. 86

1. O, my Jesus, knelt in anguish On that night of pain and grief. Lo, an angel soothes Your sorrow, Brings unto Your soul relief. **Refrain:** Come, my Jesus, Come, my Jesus, Come, my Jesus, hear my pray'r. Grant me Lord, Your grief to share./x2

2. O, my Jesus, how You suffer, From the piercing thorny crown. Your most holy face is crimson As Your head in blood does drown. **Refrain:** Come, my Jesus, Come, my Jesus, Come, my Jesus, hear my pray'r. Grant me Lord, Your grief to share./x2

I Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A thanksgiving to God for life and blessings.

GRADUAL (Proverbs 3:5-6)

V. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not;
R. In all your ways be mindful of Him, and He will make straight your paths.

II Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Faith is not obscure or complicated. It is pure and simple, and finds its echo in the human heart.

TRACT (Jeremiah 27:5; Psalms 24:1)

V. It was I who made the earth, and man and beast on the face of the earth, by My great power, with My outstretched arm; and I can give them to whomever I think fit.

R. The earth is the Lord's and all that it holds, the world, and those who live there.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

All the conflicts and struggles of our Lord's life are captures in the drama of the temptations in the wilderness.

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 (1 John 4:15)

V. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God.

COMMUNION VERSE (Matthew 10:32)

V. Everyone who acknowledges Me before others I will acknowledge before My heavenly Father.

May the Lord, who endured the wilderness and the cross, be with you on the Lenten journey.

COMING EVENTS

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Feb. 19th Pastor's meeting – Middleport, PA (1:00PM)
Apr. 27th Seniorate Council Meeting – Edwardsville, PA (1:00PM)
May 30th Corpus Christi Service – Frackville, PA (7:00PM)
Sep. 29th 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA
Oct. ... 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing SS. Peter & Paul PNCC in McAdoo, PA.

SHENANDOAH

March 10th Lenten Penitential Service (10:45AM)

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

March 3rd Annual Parish Meeting after 11:00AM Holy Mass
March 10th Lenten Penitential Service (8:30AM)
May 18th First Holy Communion Day (Saturday)
May 30th Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

FRACKVILLE COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES – 7:00PM

February 20th – St. Ann's RCC
February 27th – First United Methodist Church
March 6th – St. Peter's United Church of Christ
March 13th – Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church

March 20th – 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

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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 Sundays.

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

THE HOLY MASS ON MARCH 3rd will be celebrated at **9:30AM** due the annual parish meeting in Frackville.

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: February 17 – 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 – 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.

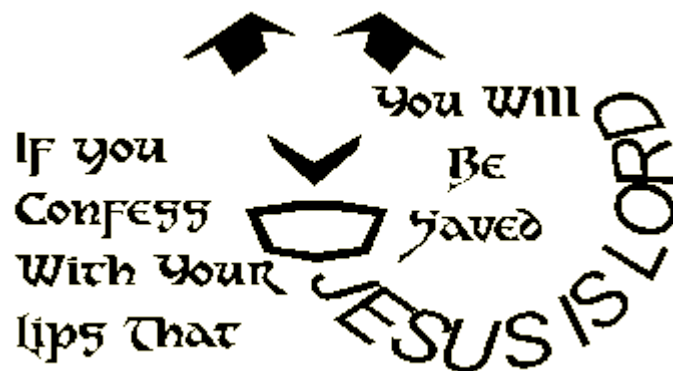
Each adult member will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at the Holy Ghost Parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

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 TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After His baptism, Jesus makes a retreat in the desert of Judea. Since he was alone at the time we must assume that he later shared news of this experience with his apostles. The devil tempts the Lord to use His divine power to win quick acclaim. But Christ has not come to work magic tricks. He has come to teach that salvation is possible for all, with the grace of his Father. The parapet or pinnacle of the Temple was probably part of the great plaza surrounding the building. Its southeast corner had a sheer drop of many yards. If Jesus jumped from

this spot and landed safely, he would win public adulation. Jesus rejects this type of fame, knowing how fleeting it would be.