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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “B”
Siódma Niedziela Zwyczajna

February 19, 2012

“Do not let the trivialities of life blind you to the supreme importance of things eternal”.

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, February 19th – VII Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's love for us is stronger than all human wickedness. The Lord, who loves justice, is also the Lord of mercy. Blessed be the Lord.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13; **Tue.**, James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21; **Ash Wednesday:** Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2; Matthew 6:1-6.16-18; **Thu.** after Ash Wed., Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25; **Fri.** Acts 1:15-17.20-26; John 15:9-17; **Sat.** after Ash Wed., Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

MONDAY, February 20th - *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

1:00PM – Seniorate Pastors meeting in Wilkes-Barre, PA

WEDNESDAY, February 22nd - *Ash Wednesday*

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

6:00PM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

7:30PM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

Fasting: all those of post-confirmation age are to fast on Fridays, and on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals. Our Lenten regulations are recommended for healthy adults. Children under First Holy Communion age, the infirm, those on restrictive medication and the elderly are exempt from the obligation of fasting.

FRIDAY, February 24th - *Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle*

(+64). *After the Ascension of our Lord, St. Peter proposed that the disciples select an apostle to take the place of Judas. The choice was Matthias. He worked for the faith in Palestine, and later was stoned to death. Today we are reminded that our Christian vocation is a gratuitous gift from God which we should accept and live out with gratitude and fidelity.*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

6:00PM – Stations of the Cross in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 26th - *First Sunday of Lent*

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Loretta Kovalewski, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky

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 (Daniel 9:8-9)

V. O Lord, we are shamefaced, like our kings, our princes, and our fathers, for having sinned against You.

R. But Yours, o Lord, our God, are compassion and forgiveness! Yet we rebelled 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: Isaiah 43:18-19.21-22.24-25

Despite the misdeeds of His chosen people, the Lord is merciful and does not remember our sins.

GRADUAL (Daniel 9:18b-19)

V. When we present our petition before You, we rely not on our just deeds, but on Your great mercy.

R. O Lord, hear! O Lord, pardon! O Lord, be attentive and act without delay for your own sake, o my God, because this city and Your people bear Your name!

II Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Jesus, our Lord, the the "Yes", the guarantee of God's love for us.

ALLELUIA (Acts 13:38a)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. You must know thus, my brothers, that through Him forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Mark 2:1-12

Jesus shows us that God's grace is meant for the restoration of the whole human person.

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 (Acts 10:43)

V. To Him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins through His Name.

COMMUNION VERSE (Ephesians 1:7)

V. In Him we have redemption by His blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of His grace.

May the Lord guard you, give you life, and make you happy in the land.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Apr. 12th Diocesan Council meeting (Scranton, PA)

Oct. 11-13th, Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

May... Seniorate Council meeting (Shenandoah, PA)

June 7th Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

SHENANDOAH

March 4th Holy Mass at 9:30AM.

March 18th Lenten Penitential Service (10:45AM)

FRACKVILLE

Feb. 20 – March 26 - "Easter Eggs" Sale Project

March 4th Annual Parish meeting (after 11:15AM Holy Mass)

March 18th Lenten Penitential Service (8:30AM)

March 31st Funeral: sp. Ann Balsler (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.** 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, Ms. Helen Savitsky. 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 Father **Dennis Ruda**, his family, and parishioners of All Saints Parish in Johnson City, NY.

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.



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. 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.

MORNING OFFERING

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my family and friends, and particular, for the intentions of our Parishioners. **Amen.**