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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle "A" Siódma Niedziela Zwykła

February 20, 2011

"Perhaps you can help improve your preacher's preaching by being a better listener."

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

<u>Today, February 20th</u> – VII Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's Spirit is here among us. Let us prepare ourselves to be touched and challenged by the love and generosity of that Holy Spirit.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Catherine Marasco**, of. by the Dopkin family. <u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u>:

Mon., Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29; Tue., Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37; Wed., Sirach 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40; Thu., Acts 1:15-17.20-26; John 15:9-17; Fri., Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12; Sat., Sirach 17:1-15; Mark 10:13-16

TUESDAY, February 22nd - Weekday

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for sp. Very Rev. Stanley Szuman (+1979) and Rev. Michał Pulit (+1943), of. by Fr. Robert.

THURSDAY, 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.

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 27th - VIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Catherine Marasco, of. by Robert & Bonnie Aponick.

• **<u>Baptism</u>**: a daughter of Tammie Whitecavage.

Today's liturgy

<u>ASPERGES</u> – 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 (James 2:1,9)

V. My brothers, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

R. But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

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 19:1-2.17-18

God calls for the people to embrace holiness by showing love to everyone and avoiding the holding of grudges.

GRADUAL (Romans 12:19,21)

V. Beloved, do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.

R. Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

St. Paul points out that God's wisdom is different from the thinking prevalent in the world. Every person should be regarded as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

ALLELUIA (James 2:8)

- V. Alleluia, alleluia.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia.
- V. However, if you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself", you are those who are kind to the poor.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus tells His followers to take on the challenge of loving ebemies as well as family and friends.

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.

May the compassion and love you have experienced in the Lord be a gift for you to share with others.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

February 27th Baptism: a daughter of Tammie Whitecavage June 23rd Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

FRACKVILLE

March 6th Annual Parish Meeting after 11:15AM Mass May 29th Memorial Day Mass (in the church)

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.

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.

<u>MARCH 6th HOLY MASS</u> – will be celebrated at **9:30AM** instead of 11:00AM, due the Annual parish meeting in Frackville.

HELP NEEDED – If anyone is interested to help at the altar during our services, and serve as the Lector, please contact the pastor.

<u>THIS WEEK PRAYER</u>: for **Father Michael Selep**, his family, and parishioners of the Holy Trinity PNCC in McKees Rocks, PA.

<u>THE PARISH MEMBERSHIP</u> – to keep our parish membership list up to date – please pay your dues during the fiscal year, a deadline is December 31, 2011. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

MASS LITURGY CHANGES – until Easter we will stop shaking hands during the Holy Mass, due flu season.

<u>UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</u>: Feb. 27: sp. Catherine Marasco; March 6: sp. Catherine Marasco; March 20: sp. Catherine Marasco; March 27: sp. Catherine Marasco; April 3: sp. Catherine Marasco; April 10: sp. Catherine Marasco; August 21: sp. William Zamonas Sr.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 26 – Joseph Petrusky.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK - especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio - James Panco -Connie Sincavage - Ida Socker. Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.) - Margaret Kruszynski - Edward Ryszka Jr.



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.

"Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord..." (James 5:14). If you, or a member of your family are sick and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home, please notify the rectory.

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.

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 2011. 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 2011 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, Bleenie Sales (we had a great time last year, come out help out, join in the fun...), Chinese Auction, and Christmas Donations.

PARISH CATECHISM – What were Christ's principal virtues? Christ's principal virtues were intense love of

God and man, absolute holiness, continuous prayer, and perfect obedience to His Father. *What do the suffering and death of Christ teach us about sin?* Christ's suffering and death teach us: How terrible sin is in the eyes of God who demanded such suffering from His Son to atone for our sins. The debt of gratitude we owe to Christ. We can show our appreciation to our Lord for what He has done for us by leading a good life. *Are all men sure of salvation?* All men are not sure of salvation. Only those who live according to the teachings of Christ and die in His grace will profit from His death.

<u>I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN</u> – I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again...

PARISH INFORMATION. Daily Masses as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only practicing Christians should be chosen as godparents.

Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

The parish bulletin - is made on THURSDAY'S and FRIDAYS. All requested announcements should be submitted by FRIDAY