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**Second Sunday of Lent - "C"**  
Druga Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

**February 24, 2013**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, February 24<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Lent**

Lent provides an important opportunity for repentance and new beginnings. We are urged to put our faith in God and listen to Jesus.

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

✠ Stations of the Cross.

## WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, Acts 1:15-17.20-26; John 15:9-17; **Tue.**, Isaiah 1:10.16-20; Matthew 23:1-12; **Wed.**, Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31; **Fri.**, Genesis 37:3-4.12-13a.17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43.45-46; **Sat.**, Micah 7:14-15.18-20; Luke 15:1-3.11-32

### **MONDAY, February 25<sup>th</sup>** – 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.*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

### **WEDNESDAY, February 27<sup>th</sup>** – *Lenten Weekday*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for sp. **Jerzy Plichta** (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of death), of. by F. Robert.

**7:00PM** – Frackville Ministerium Ecumenical Lenten Service (First United Methodist Church – Balliet Street)

### **FRIDAY, March 1<sup>st</sup>** - **First Friday of the month**

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Frackville.

**5:00PM** – **7:00PM** – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Frackville.

**7:00PM** – Stations of the Cross in Frackville.

### **NEXT SUNDAY, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** - III Sunday of Lent

**9:30AM** – Holy Mass intention: for all Parishioners.

- ⋄ Litany of the Passion (after the Holy Mass).
- ⋄ 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 RITE (Psalms 91:1-2)**

V. You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**R. Say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust”.**

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: Genesis 15:5-12.17-18**

*God enters into a covenant with Abraham, who hears and heeds the voice of God.*

### **GRADUAL (Psalm 25:8-9)**

V. Good and upright is the Lord; Who shows sinners the way.

**R. Who guides the humble rightly, and teaches the humble the way.**

### **II Reading: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1**

*St. Paul calls on the followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the life and teachings of the Lord.*

### **TRACT (Psalms 27:8-9)**

V. “Come,” says my heart, “seek God’s face;” Your face, Lord, do I seek!

**R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36**

*Jesus is transfigured on a mountaintop and the voice of God is heard, urging humanity to listen to Jesus.*

**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 (Psalms 104:31)**

V. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord be glad in these works!

**COMMUNION VERSE (Matthew 17:5b)**

V. "This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him".

May we commit ourselves this Lent to working for the justice and peace so beloved by Jesus.

**COMING EVENTS**

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

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

**SHENANDOAH**

March 10<sup>th</sup> Lenten Penitential Service (10:45AM)

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

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

**FRACKVILLE COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES – 7:00PM**

February 27<sup>th</sup> – First United Methodist Church  
March 6<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter's United Church of Christ  
March 13<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church  
**March 20<sup>th</sup> – 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

**Financial Secretary/Treasurer:** Mrs. Theresa Petrusky

**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 **Rev. Mark Niznik**, his family, and parishioners of St. Paul Parish in Belleview, FL.

**THE HOLY MASS ON MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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 26 – Joseph Petrusky; February 29(8) – Jourdin Karvois; March 2 – Natalie MacDonald.



**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**

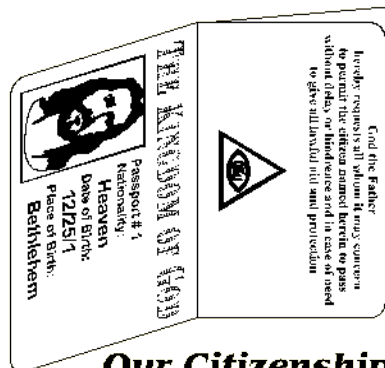
The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

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.

### HIS GLORIFIED BODY

Western Christianity has been heavily influenced by Greek philosophy. Key to this view is that each human being is a composite of body and soul. The soul is a spirit that can live independently of the flesh. The sages of the Old Testament did not share this view. For them, a human being was a complete unit. Without a body, a person was only a shadow. The name for the afterlife was "Sheol", literally "Shadowland". Hence if there is a resurrection it must be a full body resuscitation. Paul defends this view and teaches that our own revivification must be patterned after the risen body of Jesus. This glorified corpus had the ability to appear at will, to walk through walls, and to levitate. Paul believes that we will share these characteristics.



**Our Citizenship  
Is In Heaven**