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Second Sunday of Lent – Cycle “B”

Druga Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 4, 2012

“Any man who is too busy to pray is busier than God ever intended he should be.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 9:30AM – Traditional liturgy in English

Today, March 4th – II Sunday of Lent

Abraham's faith and Jesus' transfiguration are grounded in suffering. We are called to trust in God always, especially in times of trial.

9:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Loretta Kovalewski**, of. by Scott & Jolene Johnston.

- ⋄ Bitter Lamentations/Litany of the Passion.
- ⋄ Collection for mission.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38; **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

TUESDAY, March 6th - *Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, March 8th - *Lenten Weekday* – **Women's Day**

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, March 9th - *Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

6:00PM – Stations of the Cross.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 11th - Third Sunday of Lent – **Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC**

10:50AM – The Oath of the Parish Committee members.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Parishioners and Parish Committee.

▲ Stations of the Cross.

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 (Deuteronomy 5:24; Psalm 104:1b-2a)

V. The Lord our God has indeed let us see his glory and majesty. We have heard his voice from the midst of the fire, and have found out today that a man can still live after God has spoken with him.

R. Lord, my God, you are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak!

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 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

Abraham's love of his only son, Isaac, is tested to the utmost limit, but his faith in God does not falter and Isaac is spared from death.

GRADUAL (1 John 3:2; Corinthians 3:18)

V. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

R. All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit.

II Reading: Roman 8:31-34

There is a link between this reading and the first: Abraham's willingness to give up his only son foretold the gift of the only Son of God who was not spared from death.

TRACT (2 Peter 1:3-4)

V. His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of him, who called us by his own glory and power.

R. Through these, Christ has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them

you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world of evil desire.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10

A glimpse into the glory of Christ as the Son of God, yet tinged with the sadness of His suffering and death as the Son of Man.

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 (Hebrews 1:3ab)

V. Jesus is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word.

COMMUNION VERSE (Wisdom 2:23)

V. For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature He made him.

May the radiance of God's light illuminate your lives and dispel darkness and fear.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Apr. 14th Diocesan Council meeting (Scranton, PA)
Oct. 11-13th, Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Apr. 21st Seniorate Council meeting (Shenandoah, PA 1:00PM))
June 7th Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

SHENANDOAH

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

FRACKVILLE

Feb. 20 – March 26 - “Easter Eggs” Sale Project
March 18th Lenten Penitential Service (8:30AM)
March 23rd Funeral: sp. Ann Balser (10:00AM)
March 25th Baptism: Joseph Tokarczyk
Apr. 15th Baptism: Joslin Payne
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 Zbigniew Dawid**, his son, and parishioners of Holy Mother of Sorrow Parish in Dupont, 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: March 10 – Dylan Whitecavage.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. 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: **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 Stanislaw 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

PNCC MISSION & EVANGELISM WORKSHOP – our goal has been that the Faithful come away with a burning desire to bring faith-driven work of the Workshop back to their parishes, and be a light to that local Community of Faith, the Parish, and the communities in which they live. This year the Workshop will take place on **Apr. 27-29** in St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Cedar Lake, IN, the theme: "**Nourished to Serve**". Deadline for registering is April 16, 2012. For more details, please contact Fr. Robert.

67 ANNUAL PNCC/YMSofR Bowling Tournament – will be held on **May 18-20, 2012** sponsored by Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Schenectady, NY. Registration closes on April 15, 2012. For more details, 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.

PRAYER FOR WOMEN'S DAY

Lord, bless Women everywhere. We pray especially for all those mothers, grandmothers and sisters who work to care for family members in need while forging their paths in life. May their loving hearts and nurturing spirits be blessed with strength and joy. We ask this in Your Holy Name. Amen.

A BREND NEW BEGINNING

Abram and Sarai had many years to deal with any shame or sadness they felt about not having children – especially a son. Maybe they had accepted their fate. But God had a big surprise in store for them. Seeing their reverence, faithfulness and hospitality to strangers, God rewarded them with the promise not only of a child and heir but of descendants “as numerous as the stars.” Their legacy would be everlasting. In honor of this historic event, God changed their names to Abraham and Sarah, reflecting the new covenant God made with Abraham. As Christians, we are among those “stars” shining our light in the world today, continuing to trust in God’s mercy, goodness and abundance.

Lord, I will trust You today, even if I'm sad or upset. I will choose to believe that You are with me.

MEMBERS DUES 2012. 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 2012 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.

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 **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

LENT – The period of Great Lent historically has been a period of 40 days penance imposed on public sinners. As a time of public penance and self-reflection, the 40 days are reminiscent of the Old Testament Exodus from Egypt, Moses’ period of ascent on Mt. Sinai, the story of Elias and the period spent by Our Lord in the desert following His Baptism in the Jordan river. This period was also one of preparation for catechumens in the early Church. Throughout Lent daily instruction in the tenets of the Christian faith took place with a regular study of scripture and a fasting of forty days. Great Lent not only presents a special opportunity for abstinence and a penitential spirit, but for prayer and the study of Christ’s teachings as well. Originally these 40 days (*in Latin – Quadragesima*) were counted from the eve of Quadragesima Sunday to the hour of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. Around the 7th century this changed and religious sought a period of not only penance, but fasting.

The liturgical vestments change to a **violet** color to accentuate the penitential feeling of the season.

Beginning with **Ash Wednesday**, the altar is covered with a violet frontal. In some parishes candlesticks are also covered in violet. Following the example of the Ninivites who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, the Church puts ashes on our heads to humble our pride and to remind us of the sentence of death which we must suffer as the result of sin, accompanying the gesture with the inspiring words: *Remember’ ...you are dust, and to dust you shall return, but your soul returns to God.* Ashes that are used are made from palms, branches of olive or other trees blessed the year before. Parts of discarded liturgical vestments may also be added to the ash materials. Ashes are blessed after the Mass of Ash Wednesday. The symbol of the crucifixion is **covered on Passion Sunday** (a week before Palm Sunday). – From: **“Rites and Ritual”** – a liturgical handbook for the

PNCC.

During this holy and grace-filled season of Lent, all of you are encouraged to share in our Lenten Journey in preparation for Christ's Resurrection by faithfully attending not only Sunday's Mass but also our Lenten services that will include: **Stations of the Cross** and **Bitter Lamentations** (Fridays at 6:00PM in Frackville or Sundays after 11:00AM Mass in Shenandoah).

Members of the PNCC have two major duties:

1) Spiritual duties – a) partaking of the Sacraments (active participation in them will help strengthen members to live a Christian life; b) loving God (members should accept and obey Christ's teachings, maintain a personal relationship with God, pray to Him often and give Him glory by living a good life; c) sharing faith (members should actively take part in Church worship and listen sincerely to God's word; d) obeying the 10 Commandments (by obeying them, Church members help strengthen the kingdom of God on earth.

2) Material duties – a) to society: members should: practice Christ's ideals in their everyday lives, be tolerant of others' faith, recognize everyone's right to equality and opportunity, be loyal to their country, work for the good of all human society, rear children in the name of God and set a Christian example for them; b) to the Church: members should: follow the principles of the PNCC, give their time and talents to further church and parish goals, contribute financially to the support of the Church. *Members should participate actively in church affairs, vote on parish matters, serve on committees, etc.*

