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Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “A”

Dziewiąta Niedziela Zwykła

March 6, 2011

“Religion is like a bicycle – when it stops going, it falls over.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, March 6th – IX Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus tells us that His word is the bedrock of our relationship with Him. In this Mass, let us listen to His word, and in our daily lives let us put it into practice.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Catherine Marasco**, of. by Michelina Piccolo & family

- Collection for missions.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Tobit 1:3, 2:1a-8; Mark 12:1-12; **Tue.**, Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17; **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.** after Ash Wed., Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15; **Sat.** after Ash Wed., Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

MONDAY, March 7th - *Weekday*

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

1:00PM – Plymouth Seniorate Clergy meeting – Plymouth, PA

WEDNESDAY, March 9th - *Ash Wednesday – (Blessing and Distribution of Ashes)*

FASTING: all those of post-confirmation age are to fast on Fridays, today, 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.

6:00PM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

7:30PM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, March 11th - *Lenten Weekday*

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for those who are in Purgatory.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, March 13th – *I Sunday of Lent – Institution of the PNCC*

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

- The oath of the Members of the Parish Committee.
- Collection – National Church Center.
- Stations of the Cross (after the Holy Mass).
- *Daylight Saving Time Begins.*

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 (Ezekiel 33:31a-32b)

V. My people come to You as people always do; they sit down before You and hear Your words.

R. They listen to Your words, but they will not obey them.

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: Deuteronomy 11:18.26-28.32

Moses urges the people to bind his words to their wrists and foreheads, promising that there is a blessing for those who obey them, a curse for those who do not.

GRADUAL (John 14:24; Luke 11:28)

V. Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words; yet the word you hear is not Mine but that of the Father Who sent Me.

R. “Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”

II Reading: Romans 3:21-25.28

God's justice is made available by faith to all people, through the justifying, redeeming and reconciling work of Jesus.

ALLELUIA (James 1:22)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourself.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 7:21-27

It's not cries of “Lord, Lord”, says Jesus, but the doing of His Father's will that enables a person to enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 we never grow weary of striving to live out our faith in daily life.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

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)

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

March 7th Clergy meeting – Plymouth, PA (1:00PM)

GENERAL CHURCH

May 1st Thanksgiving Holy Mass in honor of the Prime Bishop Emeritus, Robert Nemkovich (Scranton, PA)

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 – very much to **Joe Karvois** and **Dylan Whitecavage** for their help at the altar.

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.

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

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Felix Pyzowski**, his family, and parishioners of the St. Joseph mission in Belle Vernon, 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, 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.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **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: March 10 – Dylan Whitecavage; March 11 – Connie Sincavage.



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.



Sacrament of Anointing

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.

DEATH NOTICE – Sp. **Joseph W. Vernitsky** passed away on February 25, 2011. His funeral service took place at the Oravitz Funeral Home on Friday, **March 4, 2011**. *Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord...*

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 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