

## Holy Ghost Parish

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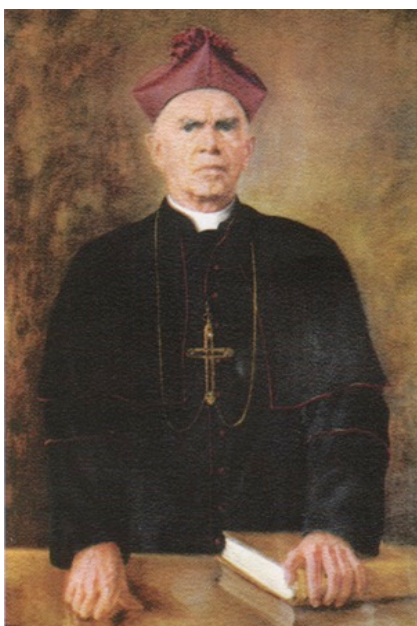
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Parish Committee Chairman – **Mr. Joseph Petrusky**



First Sunday of Lent – *Cycle “A”*  
**Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC**

**March 13, 2011**

“With Truth, Work, and Struggle, We Will Succeed”

### **EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, March 13<sup>th</sup> – I Sunday of Lent – Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC**

Today we commemorate the Feast of the Institution of the PNCC - 114<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the organizing of the first parish and mother cathedral of our Church.

**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).

### WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, Leviticus 19:1-2.11-18; Matthew 25:31-46; **Tue.**, Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15; **Wed.**, Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32; **Thu.**, Esther C:12,14-16.23-25; Matthew 7:7-12; **Fri.**, Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26; **Sat.**, 2 Samuel 7:4-5a.12-14a.16; Romans 4:13.16-18.22; Matthew 1:16.18-21.24a or Luke 2:41-51a

#### MONDAY, March 14<sup>th</sup> - *Lenten Weekday*

**7:30AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

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

#### WEDNESDAY, March 16<sup>th</sup> - *Lenten Weekday*

**9:30AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

#### FRIDAY, March 18<sup>th</sup> - *Lenten Weekday*

**6:00PM** – Vigil Holy Mass in Frackville – Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM.

**7:00PM** – Bitter Lamentations/Litany of the Passion in Frackville.

#### SATURDAY, March 19<sup>th</sup> - Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

*Joseph is considered the second greatest saint, next to the Blessed Virgin Mary, because of his humility and the closeness he had to Jesus as his foster father. Scripture tells us that Joseph was just, pure, gentle, prudent, and unfailingly obedient to the divine will. We wish to imitate him by renewing our desire to be faithful. We know, that the only meaning of our life is to be faithful to the Lord till the last day, as Joseph was.*

#### NEXT SUNDAY, March 20<sup>th</sup> – II Sunday of Lent

**11:00AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Catherine Marasco, of. by Roseann, Jack, Missy, Jeff Benyakes.

- Bitter Lamentations/Litany of the Passion after the Mass.

### **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** (Psalm 23:1-3.5)

V. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name.

**R. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

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:** Wisdom 5:1-5

#### **GRADUAL** (Psalm 30:2-4)

V. I praise You, Lord, for you raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

**R. Lord, my God, I cried out to You and You healed me. Lord, You brought me up from Sheol; You kept me from going down to the pit.**

#### **II Reading:** 1 Timothy 4:1-5

**THE TRACT (Psalm 31:2)**

V. In You, Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**R. In Your justive deliver me.**

**GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**

**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 peace of Christ dwell in your hearts and in your homes.

**COMING EVENTS**

**SHENANDOAH**

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

**FRACKVILLE**

March 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting after 11:15AM Mass

May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Mass (in the church)

June 10<sup>th</sup> Bleenie Sale begins

July 24<sup>th</sup> Automobils Blessing (after the Holy Mass)

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Blessing of Animals (2:00PM) ??

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

March 7<sup>th</sup> Clergy meeting – Plymouth, PA (1:00PM)

**GENERAL CHURCH**

May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Joseph Lewandowski**, his family, and parishioners of the Transfiguration of Our Lord PNCC in Mount Pleasant, 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 16 – Fr. Robert Plichta.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** Anniversary best wishes are extended to: March 18 – Joseph and Theresa Petrusky.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Ida Socker – Claire Mallick – Violet Cegielski. ***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.*

**PNU DISTRICT 8** – will hold a special meeting for election of delegates and alternates to the PNU's 29<sup>th</sup> General Convention on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 1:00PM at the Resurrection of the Lord PNCC hall 35 Zerby Ave., Edwardsville, PA. Ryta Kasprzyk will preside. All Clergy, secretaries and members in good standing of District 8 are invited and encouraged to attend.

**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](mailto: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 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**

*“Remember, that in your veins flows the blood of great heroes, great leaders, great poets, statesmen and noble, sturdy workmen. Be proud and try to show with your own life, that you are worthy of your Heritage.” - Prime Bishop Francis Hodur (1866-1953).*

