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Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC – Cycle “C”
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2010

“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.” – WALT DISNEY

Events for the Week

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

Today, March 14th – Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC - IV Sunday of Lent

Today we commemorate the Feast of the Institution of the PNCC – 113th Anniversary of the organizing of the first parish and mother cathedral of our Church.

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

- **BEFORE THE MASS** – the Oath of the Parish Committee and Officers of the Ladies Society.
- **Bitter Lamentations** or **Litany of the Passion** (after the Mass).
- Collection for National Church Center.
- Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

- The second weekly collection – second, third, fourth or fifth Sunday in the month - (after the Holy Mass) is for operation of the Holy Ghost parish – **THANK YOU!**
- Please, turn off your cell phones during the Holy Mass, thank you.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54; **Tue.**, Ezekiel 47:1-9.12; John 5:1-16; **Wed.**, Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30; **Thu.**, Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47; **Fri.**, 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; **Sat.**, Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

MONDAY, March 15th – *Lenten Weekday*

1:00PM – Plymouth Seniorate Pastors meeting in Hazleton, PA.

TUESDAY, March 16th – *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, March 18th - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, March 19th – 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.

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

10:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

7:00PM – Stations of the Cross in Frackville

SATURDAY, March 20th – *Lenten Weekday*

8:00AM – 2:00PM – “Flea” Market in Shenandoah.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 21st – V Sunday of Lent

10:45AM – Lenten Penitential Service

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

- Stations of the Cross (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

(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

THE 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. In Your justice 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.

Let us go out into the world, full of love of our Savior Jesus Christ, so that this week may be filled with the joy of His presence in our lives.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

- March 20th Flea Market & Food Sale – 8:00AM – 2:00PM
- March 21st Lenten Penitential Service (10:45AM)
- March. 27th First Holy Communion Catechism Class – 9:00AM
- May 23rd First Holy Communion Day
- July 25th Blessing of automobiles at our parking (after Mass)
- Sep. 10th “Bleenie” Sale
- Oct. 3rd “Chinese” Auction

FRACKVILLE

- Until March 21st Easter Egg Sale Project
- May 15th Sp. Joseph Payne’s funeral Mass (10:30AM)
- May 23rd First Holy Communion Day
- June 11th “Bleenie” Sale begins (every 2 weeks)
- July 25th Blessing of automobiles at our parking (after Mass)
- Oct. 2nd Blessing of the animals at the parking (2:00PM)

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

- Apr. 24th Plymouth Seniorate Council meeting (Wilkes-Barre, PA) 1:00PM
- June 3rd Corpus Christi Service (Hazleton, PA) 7:00PM
- Oct. 11th Pastor’s meeting (Wilkes-Barre, PA) 1:00PM

CENTRAL DIOCESE

- March 30th Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism
- Apr. 17th Diocesan Council meeting, Scranton, PA (11:00AM)
- June 29th – July 2nd Diocesan Acolyte Retreat

GENERAL CHURCH

Apr.30-May 2nd Mission & Evangelism Workshop (All Saints Cathedral, Chicago IL)
May 21-22nd 65th Annual YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament (Scranton, PA)
July 26-30th Youth Convo (Monmouth University, NJ)
Sep. 4th Annual YMSofR Track & Field Meet (Scranton, PA)
Oct. 4-8th 23rd General Synod (Canada)

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.

THANK YOU very much to **Joe Karvois** for his help at the altar last Sunday (March 7), and to **Mr. Jacob Komara** for selling chances.

FLEA MARKET – Sell you collectible treasures at our church hall on Saturday, March 20 from 8:00AM – 2:00PM. Tables 96 inches/30 inches - \$10.00. Refreshments available. 50/50 chances available \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 14 – Anne Andruscavage; March 16 – Fr. Robert Plichta.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Curcio – James Panco – Catherine Marasco - Connie Sincavage. *Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)* - Margaret Kruszynski - Edward Ryszka Jr.



Sacrament of Anointing

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 CHINESE AUCTION will be held on **October 3, 2010** in the parish hall. We are asking all parishioners to help with the fundraiser by donating new items for this event.

We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone's help is needed especially on the day of the auction. If you need help with delivering your items to the church, please contact Father Robert and arrangements will be made for pick-up. THANK YOU.

ANNIVERSARY – Today we celebrate the **113th** anniversary of God's call to the people of St. Stanislaus Parish in Scranton, PA, to take up their rightful place as children of God and followers of Jesus Christ and organize a church in which they had a say in the workings of their parishes and also in the expression of their faith. If we examine the whole history of the Christian Church from its founding in Jerusalem right down to the present day we find many who struggled for a Church which respected the rights and responsibilities of all of the people of God. These early reformers, like Jerome Savonarola and Jan Hus, did not want to change the Catholic faith, but desired to have a church in which all of God's people took an active part. Where other Church movements failed to keep their rights and remain Catholic, it was here that the Old Catholic Church was instituted. It was to this church that Father Francis Hodur and the newly organized PNCC turned to insure their apostolic succession. Following the First Vatican Council in 1870, many learned priests and laity, as well as parishes, struggled against the absolute rule of the papacy in the governance of the church. These movements came together as the Old Catholic Churches. Here in the USA many different groups of people struggled against the authorities of the church which denied them their rights and lorded their authority over the people. In Chicago, IL, Buffalo, NY and Scranton, PA, groups of Polish immigrants brought several of these parishes into a church, and finally these movements coalesced into the Polish National Catholic Church. What was begun in the earliest Christian communities, what was fought for during the reformation in Europe, has taken firm hold here within the PNCC, a church that is **one, holy, catholic** and **apostolic**, yet **democratic** in its governance. A church in which all God's people, guided by the Holy Spirit, have a rightful say in the governance of their church. At this time we must begin by thanking Almighty God for the faith and courage of Bishop Francis Hodur and all the priests and laity that organized the PNCC. We must spread the word that our Church is one where every Catholic Christian is given the opportunity to share his or her work and talent for the building of the Kingdom of God in all areas of the work of the Church. When we hear of those struggling to exercise their rights, we must show them how they are preserved here in the PNCC. *(from: "God's Field" – March 11, 2006).*

MEMBERS DUES 2010. 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 (18 years old+) 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 2010 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.

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 is placed on the tongue, not in the hand.