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Second Sunday of Lent – Cycle “A”

Druga Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 20, 2011

“God hates sin, but loves the sinner.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, March 20th – II Sunday of Lent

Jesus is transfigured before His disciples, in the presence of Moses and Elijah. He is the link joining the old covenant and the new.

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.

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.**, Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38; **Sat.**, Micah 7:14-15.18-20; Luke 15:1-3.11-32

MONDAY, March 21st - *Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for sp. Rev. Władysław Kotlarczyk, Rev. Joseph Hornick, and Rev. Edward Gucwa, of. by Fr. Robert.

TUESDAY, March 22nd - *Lenten Weekday*

10:30AM – 11:15AM – Viewing – MacDonald's Funeral Home – Girardville, PA

11:30AM – Funeral Mass – Sp. **Ida Socker**.

FRIDAY, March 25th - *Solemnity – Annunciation of the BVM*

The Annunciation was the moment when St. Gabriel told Mary she would be the Mother of the Son of God. Mary, also a daughter of God, gave her “Fiat” (Be it done), by which she conceived the Savior by the working of the Holy Spirit. Christians can always find meaning in this dialogue in which our Lady appears to us so humble yet so great. Through her consent to God’s plans, she took part in the whole redemptive work of her Son, Jesus. We venerate her as the Mother of Christ and our Mother.

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, March 27th – III Sunday of Lent

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Catherine Marasco, of. by Mr. Leonard Schumack.

- 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 (Philippians 3:9)

V. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the righteousness of my own based on the law.

R. But that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith.

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 12:1-4

God calls Abraham to set out on a journey of faith and trust.

GRADUAL (Galatians 3:6-7.9)

V. Thus Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness. Realize then that it is those who have faith who are children of Abraham.

R. Consequently, those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham who had faith.

II Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

St. Paul urges Timothy to accept God's grace, revealed to us in the death and resurrection of Christ.

THE TRACT (James 2:14.17.24.26b)

V. What good is it my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

R. See how person is justified by works and not by faith alone. So also faith without works is dead.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus reveals His divinity to Peter, James and John, to prepare them for the reality of the resurrection.

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.

Transfigured by God's love in word and Eucharist, may we be enabled to witness to the holy Gospel of peace.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

April 3rd Lenten Penitential Service (10:45AM)

June 23rd Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

FRACKVILLE

April 3rd Lenten Penitential Service (8:30AM)

May 29th Memorial Day Mass (in the church)

June 10th Bleenie Sale begins

July 24th Automobiles Blessing (after the Holy Mass)

Oct. 1st Blessing of Animals (2:00PM) ??

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

May 14th Seniorate Council meeting (1:00PM – Frackville.

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.

NEW BORN – baby-girl – **Joelle Amaira Karvois**, a daughter of Stephen and Joelle Karvois, was born on March 17, 2011; her weight 6lbs 15.5 oz. Congratulations, and may God bless you all!

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 **Bishop Sylvester Bigaj**, his family, and parishioners of the Holy Trinity PNCC in Hamilton, Canada.

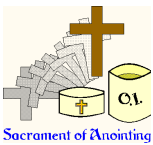
THE PARISH MEMBERSHIP – to keep our parish membership list up to date – please pay your dues during the fiscal year, a deadline is December 31, 2011. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

MASS LITURGY CHANGES – until Easter we will stop shaking hands during the Holy Mass, due flu season.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **March 27:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **April 3:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **April 10:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **August 21:** sp. William Zamonas Sr.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – 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 29th 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 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

THE SAINTS ARE SPEAKING – **St. John Chryzostom:** “Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God, not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity. Throughout the whole of our lives we may enjoy the benefit that comes from prayer if we devote a great deal of time to it. Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, meditating between God and man. Prayer stands before God as an honored ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayer, not words. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God's grace.”