

Holy Ghost Parish in Shenandoah, PA

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Palm Sunday

Niedziela Palmowa

March 24, 2012

TODAY, MARCH 24, 2013

Events for the Week

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



TODAY, March 24th – Palm Sunday – Blessing and distributions of palms

Let us rejoice on this day, Palm Sunday, when the Lord entered the royal city of Jerusalem with His disciples in a triumphant procession. The Church calls it Palm Sunday of the Lord, for His real triumph is over sin, suffering and death.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Loretta Kovalewski** and **Lauren Feudale**, of. by Ms. Susan Bobbin.

▲ Litany of the Passion.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11; **Tue.**, Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33.36-38

Wed., Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Easter Triduum Readings:

Holy Thursday - Exodus 12:1-8.11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Good Friday – Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

HOLY MONDAY, March 25th

9:00AM – Holy Mass for Health in Frackville.

HOLY TUESDAY, March 26th

10:00AM – Central Diocese Clergy Conference in Scranton.

4:00PM – Holy Mass of Christ in St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA.

That Mass, which the bishop concelebrates with his presbyterium and at which the oils are blessed, manifests the communion of the priests with their bishop. To show the unity of the presbyterium, the priests who concelebrate with the bishop should come from different parts of the diocese.

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th – *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*

The Mass of the Last Supper begins our three days of enacting the Easter mystery. In this rich celebration, we recall tonight the Passover meal that commemorates the liberation of Israel from Egypt, the institution of the Eucharist, and Jesus washing of the disciples' feet.

6:00PM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

7:30PM – Holy Mass in Frackville

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th – *The Lord's Passion*

According to the Church's ancient tradition, the sacraments are not celebrated today or tomorrow. The celebration of the Lord's passion takes place in the afternoon. The celebration consists of three parts: liturgy of the word, veneration of the cross, and Holy Communion. **Fasting:** all those of post-confirmation age are to fast **TODAY** limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals. These 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.

2:00PM – The Liturgy of the Good Friday with adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion in Shenandoah

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be held until 6:00PM.

7:15PM – Stations of the Cross in Frackville

12:00 (Noon) – The Liturgy in Frackville. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament – until 7:00PM.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30th

On this day the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his suffering and death. The altar is left bare, and the Holy Mass is not celebrated. Today's service is arranged in: a) a brief service of light; b) the liturgy of the word; c) blessing of water.

11:00AM – The Liturgy of the Blessing of Fire, Water and Paschal Candle in Shenandoah

- **After the Liturgy – blessing of Easter food (baskets)**

1:00PM – The Liturgy in Frackville

NEXT SUNDAY, March 31st - RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

9:00AM – Easter procession. After Procession – Holy Mass – intention: for All Parishioners.

Today's liturgy

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest!

P. The Lord be with you

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us pray.....

R. Amen.

P. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council, and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on thus, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.

Choir: But one of them, Caiaphas who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all; you do not understand that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people and that the whole nation should not perish". So from that day on they took counsel how to put Him to death, for as they said: "The Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation".

P. Let us pray.....

R. Amen.

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R. Amen.

P. With hyssop sprinkle me, o Lord, and I shall be cleansed. Wash me and I shall be whiter than the snow.

May my prayer before You be counted as incense and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

Choir: Children of the Hebrews, bearing branches of olive went out to meet the Lord, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Children of the Hebrews spread their garments on the road and cried out saying: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

P. And when they drew near to Jerusalem, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them: "Go into the village opposite you, where you will find an ass tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them!" The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt and put their garments on them and He sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road and the crowds who went before Him and that followed shouted,

Choir: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest!

P. Let us go forth in peace.

R. In the name of Christ, Amen.

Kto się w opiekę odda Panu swemu, a całym sercem szczerze ufa Jemu. Śmieje rzecz może mam obrońcę Boga, nie przyjdzie na mnie żadna straszna trwoga.

Blessed is he who trusts in God Almighty, And he who hopes in God's most gracious mercy. He shall acknowledge: God is my protector. In life's dark journey, I shall fear no danger. I shall fear no danger.

P. All glory, laud and honor, to You, Redeemer, King! To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. (*Choir repeats*)

P. You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *All glory...*

The company of angels are praising you on high, creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *All glory...*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before You went. Our praise and prayers and anthems before You we present. *All glory...*

To You, before Your Passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To You, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *All glory...*

Their praises You accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great Author of all goodness, o good and gracious King! *All glory...*

The celebrant knocks on the door of the vestibule three times with the shaft of the cross. It is at once opened and the celebrant and acolytes enter the body of the church. When the celebrant reaches the center of the aisle, the procession kneels.

P. Let us adore the Savior, who rode in royal triumphant into Jerusalem.

Choir: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest!

THE LITURGY OF THE MASS

Hymn of Faith...

ENTRANCE

(Psalm 23:9-10)

V. Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters; Who is the King of glory? He is God, the mighty Lord.

R. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You Who are have come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.

V. Lord for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

ENTRANCE HYMN – **Jesus Christ, Our Lord And Savior** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 90

1. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Lamb of God so want to suffer; You did bear Your heavy cross in anguish, For the sins in which all men would languish.
2. Weep, O man, for His sad station, How He suffers degradation. Jesus, Jesus on the cross is dying, Sunlight's brilliance now in darkness lying.

I Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The prophet's words fall as if from the lips of Jesus himself.

THE GRADUAL

(John 11:47-48)

V. The chief priests and the Pharisees gathered with the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many sings".

R. "If we let Him go on thus, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation".

II Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

St. Paul extols the glory of Christ's incarnation and crucifixion, through which God raised Him to be worshipped and acclaimed.

THE TRACT

(Isaiah 62:10-11)

V. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

R. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

St. Luke tells the story of Christ's passion, from the Last Supper to His burial.

OFFERTORY HYMN – **Holy Cross** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 92

1. Holy Cross, O Tree all beauteous, Tree all peerless and divine! No grove on the earth can show us Such a flow'r and leaf as thine! Precious nails and precious the wood On which hung our dying Lord.
2. Lofty tree bend down thy branches, To embrace thy sacred burden; Relax, oh, relax the tension Of that all too rigid wood. Gently, gently bear the members Of thy dying King and God.

COMMUNION HYMN – Come Unto Jesus – PNCC Hymnal, p. 180

1. Come unto Jesus, Come while you may; hear how He calls you, Come now this day. How He does love you, follow His way, Gently He calls you, Come! **Refrain:** Lo, the vision wondrous to behold! He would save us from this sinful world. To heaven's blessed glory untold, O dearest Lord, we come!
2. Come, O my child, now, Come heed His call, Give Him your heart, your love and your all. He shall uplift you, lest you should fall, Gently He calls you, Come! **Refrain:**
3. Come, fallen sinner; come while you may! Christ will accept you! Do not delay! Tears of repentance He wipes away. Trust in Him only! Come! **Refrain:**

RECESSIONAL HYMN – When I Survey the Wond'rous Cross – PNCC Hymnal, p. 113

1. When I survey the wond'rous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

May the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ make you ever thankful for the mercies of God, moving your tongues to acclaim Him, and bending your knees to worship Him.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Apr. 12-14th Mission & Evangelism Workshop in Scranton, PA

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Apr. 27th Seniorate Council Meeting – Edwardsville, PA (1:00PM)

May 30th Corpus Christi Service – Frackville, PA (7:00PM)

Sep. 29th 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA

Oct. ... 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing SS. Peter & Paul PNCC in McAdoo, PA.

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** of the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

May 18th First Holy Communion Day (Saturday 10:00AM)

May 30th Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

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** for his help at the altar last Sunday.

GOOD FRIDAY ADORATION of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place after the liturgy until 6:00PM. Please sign your name on the list (available in the back of the church).

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 the **Very Rev. Edward Meus**, his family, and parishioners of Divine Providence Parish in Merrillville, IN and Our Savior Parish in Hobart, IN.

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, 2013. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda – Donna Kolwicz - Jan Zaborowski. ***Providence Palace Drums, PA*** - Violet Cegielski. ***Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)*** - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221).



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.

PNCC MISSION & EVANGELISM WORKSHOP – our goal for each Mission Workshop 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. 12-14** in St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA, the theme: **“Stained Glass Faith”**. Deadline for registering is April 1, 2013. For more details, please contact Fr. Robert.

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!



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.

MEMBERS DUES 2013. 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 2013 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 are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

EASTER BASKET TRADITION. Indeed, one of the most symbolic and beautiful Easter customs of our ancestors is the tradition of preparing and blessing of Easter Basket.

We know that early Christians as well as our pious ancestors greeted each other on Easter morning with, “**Christ has risen**” and reply, “**Truly He is risen, He rose and gave us life everlasting!**”

Each Easter Basket should contain the following foods:

Bread – a round or cylindrical bread, made of flour, eggs, yeast and milk topped with a cross or a fish, symbolic of Jesus, Who is the Living Bread, the Bread of Life.

The Lamb, often made of butter or in the form of cake, is the ancient Passover food and represents the Lamb of God.

Eggs are a sign of hope and resurrection. Jesus came forth from the tomb as the chick breaks the shell at birth.

Vinegar is a symbol of the gall offered to Jesus in His thirst.

Horseradish represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness of Christ’s suffering and Passion.

Meat: ham, sausage, or bacon. The meat products symbolize the sacrificial animals of the Old Testament, foreshadowing the true sacrifice of our Savior. Ham symbolizes the freedom of the New Law which came into effect through Jesus’ resurrection, in distinction to the Law which forbade certain meats. Sausage is our ethnic tradition and its links remind us of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus arose.

Salt symbolizes the Truth of the message of Jesus.

Blessed Candle, often the same candle used at a baptism or Communion. It symbolizes the “Light of the World, our Lord, Jesus Christ”.

THE GOSPEL'S SUMMARY

1. Crowds turn out on the streets to cheer or to protest. But they can turn ugly.
2. Palm Sunday was the great day of the Lord, when Jesus entered Jerusalem as the Messiah with His rejoicing disciples. But they were met by hostile inhabitants.
3. The Passion Sunday Gospel opens in the upper room and then Gethsemane, inviting us to offer the Eucharist and to watch and pray on Moundy Thursday.
4. St. Luke's Passion reflects his deep empathy with Jesus' love, kindness and mercy. His death was a triumph.
5. Coming full circle with St. Paul, we rejoice like the disciples on the first Palm Sunday, acclaiming as Jesus Lord and Christ.