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Fourth Sunday of Lent – Cycle “A”

Czwarta Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

April 3, 2011

“Do not let trivialities of life blind you to the supreme importance of things eternal.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, April 3rd – IV Sunday of Lent

Jesus, the light of the world, gives the gift of sight to the man born blind. May the Lord scatter our darkness that we may live in complete goodness, justice and truth.

10:45AM – Lenten Penitential Service and the Sacrament of Penance

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Catherine Marasco**, of. by Anita & Marty Dwyer.

- ▲ Collection for missions.
- Bitter Lamentations/Litany of the Passion.

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.**, Wisdom 2:1a.12-22; John 7:1-2.10.25-30; **Sat.**, Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

MONDAY, April 4th - *Lenten Weekday*

6:30PM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for sp. **Helen Pastue**, of. by Children

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in Frackville.

TUESDAY, April 5th - *Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, April 6th - *Lenten Weekday*

6:00PM – Choir practice

THURSDAY, April 7th - *Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, April 8th - *Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese (God's blessing), of. by Fr. Robert

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

NEXT SUNDAY, April 10th – *Passion Sunday*

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Catherine Marasco, of. by Marian DeLance.

- Stations of the Cross.
- Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

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 (Isaiah 43:8-9a; Jeremiah 5:21-22a)

V. Lead out the people who are blind though they have eyes; who are deaf though they have ears. Let all the nations gather together, let the peoples assemble!

R. Pay attention to this, foolish and senseless people who have eyes and see not, who have ears and hear not. Should you not fear Me says the Lord, should you not tremble before Me?

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: 1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13

Last but not least, the boy, David, is chosen to be king. God's ways are different from ours.

GRADUAL (Isaiah 42:18.20; Psalms 146:8; Isaiah 2:5b)

V. You who are deaf, listen, you who are blind, look and see! You see many things without taking note; your ears are open, but without hearing.

R. The Lord gives the sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves righteousness. Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

II Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

St. Paul reminds Ephesians how they were once darkness. To be in Christ is to live in the light.

THE TRACT (Psalms 36:9-10)

V. We fast on the rich food of Your house; from Your delightful; stream You give us drink.

R. For with You is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

The dynamic story of the man born blind, and the wilful blindness of those who think they see.

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.

Rejoice in the Lord always, for He is the light of the world.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

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

FRACKVILLE

May 14th Wedding (1:30PM)
May 21st Seniorate Council meeting
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 21st Seniorate Council meeting (1:00PM – Frackville.

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Apr. 9th Diocesan Council meeting (11:00AM Scranton, PA)
Apr. 19th Clergy Conference (10:00AM) and Holy Mass of Christm (4:00PM)
June 5th Installation of Bishop John Mack

GENERAL CHURCH

Apr.29-May 1 ANS National Convention
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.

SUMMER TIME – Father Robert takes his vacation from June 27 – July 27, 2011. In this time we will not have the church services in our church. All are invited to attend four Sunday's of July (3, 10, 17 and 24) in Frackville.

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 **Alojzy Kazmierski**, his family, and parishioners of the Holy Cross Parish in Montreal, 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.

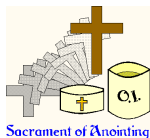
UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **April 10:** sp. Catherine Marasco; **May 8:** all Mothers; **May 15:** sp. Joseph Vernitsky; **May 29:** sp. Joseph Vernitsky; **June 5:** sp. Joseph Vernitsky; **June 12:** sp. Joseph Vernitsky; **July 31:** Joseph Vernitsky; **August 21:** sp. William Zamonas Sr. *Please, do not order the Holy Mass intentions in July 2011.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: April 9 – Mayre Zamonas.



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.

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.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS – The Supreme Council of the PNCC cordially invites you to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception in honor of the **Most. Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich**, Prime Bishop Emeritus of the PNCC – **Sunday, May 1, 2011** – Holy Mass **4:00PM** in St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral. Reception **6:00PM**, Dinner **6:30PM** in Hilton Scranton & Conference Center. Adults: **\$40.00**, Children: **\$15.00**.

ST. STANISLAUS PNCC – in Scranton, PA is planning on conducting a monthly bingo, the first being held on **Sunday, May 22, 2011** between **2:00PM and 5:00PM**.

PNCC CENTRAL DIOCESE WEB-SITES: (New York/New Jersey Seniorate)

Heart of Jesus Parish – Bayonne, NJ - <http://www.heartofjesusncc.org/>

Holy Cross PNCC – Woodland Park, NJ - <http://www.holycrosssite.org/>

Holy Trinity & St. Joseph – Linden, NJ - <http://pnccnj.org/>

Church of the Nativity – Howell, NJ - <http://nativitychurchhowellnj.com/>

PNCC Church of Resurrection – Greenpoint, NY - <http://www.resurrectionpncc.com/>

St. Francis PNCC – East Meadow, NY - <http://www.stfrancispncc.org/>

Transfiguration of Our Lord PNCC – Wallington, NJ - <http://www.transfigurationpncc.org/>

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.