

**Holy Ghost Parish**  
**Polish National Catholic Church**  
**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Organizing (1922 - 2012)**

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**Second Sunday of Easter – Cycle “B”**

Druga Niedziela Wielkanocna

**April 15, 2012**

“Immortality means living forever, with the emphasis on living.”

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Easter**

Faith in the risen Lord is the grace of our lives, and reconciliation the mission we have been given. Let us bless the Lord.

**11:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Eugenia Halaburda**, of. by Ms. Dolores Halaburda.

^ Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

### WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8; **Tue.**, Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15; **Wed.**, Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21; **Thu.**, Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36; **Fri.**, Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15; **Sat.**, Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

**TUESDAY, April 17<sup>th</sup>** - *Easter Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

**WEDNESDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>** - *Easter Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

**THURSDAY, April 19<sup>th</sup>** - *Easter Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

**FRIDAY, April 20<sup>th</sup>** - *Easter Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

**NEXT SUNDAY, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** - III Sunday of Easter

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Eugenia Halaburda, of. by Mr. Leonard Halaburda.

### **Today's liturgy**

**ASPERGES** – **Widziałem wodę** – Płynącą ze świątyni z prawego boku, alleluja, a wszyscy, do których zbliżyła się woda owa, uzdrowieni są i rzekną: Alleluja, alleluja; Wyznawajcie Pana, albowiem dobry: ponieważ na wieki miłosierdzie Jego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

**ENTRANCE RITE** (Psalm 40:2-4)

V. I waited, waited for the Lord; Who bent down and heard my cry. Drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.

**R. And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. Alleluia.**

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: Acts 4:32-35**

*The life of the first community is characterized by a unity of mind and heart and common life.*

**GRADUAL** (Psalm 116:15-16)

V. Too costly in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His faithful. Alleluia.

**R. Lord, I am Your servant, the child of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds.**

**II Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

*The resurrection of Jesus and our faith in Him have overcome the world.*

**ALLELUIA** (Psalm 30:2,4)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

V. I praise You, Lord, for You raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. Lord, You brought me up from Sheol; You kept me from going down to the pit.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

*In the upper room the risen Lord appears, and a doubting man finds faith.*

### 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.

**OFFERTORY VERSE (Psalm 12b-13)**

V. O God, I will present my thank offerings to You. For You have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God and in the light of life. Alleluia.

**COMMUNION VERSE (Psalm 119:175-176)**

V. Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and have you raise from them, o My people! Alleluia.

**May the Lord, who appeared to Thomas, remove all doubt and worry from your minds, and fill you with His Easter joy.**

### COMING EVENTS

#### GENERAL CHURCH

Apr. 27-29<sup>th</sup> PNCC MISSION & EVANGELISM workshop (Cedar Lake, IN)  
May 18-20<sup>th</sup> 67 ANNUAL PNCC/YMSofR Bowling Tournament (Schenactedy, NY)  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> Special Synod of the PNCC (Scranton, PA)

#### CENTRAL DIOCESE

Oct. 11-13<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

#### PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> Seniorate Council meeting (Shenandoah, PA 1:00PM)  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

#### FRACKVILLE

Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> "Chinese" Auction

### 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** to church operational fund donation: **Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes, Mrs. Helen Menzyk, Mrs. Mary Stukas, Mr. Lance Nelson, Mr. Julian Bednarek, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Savitsky, Mrs. Claire Mallick, Mr. Stanley Sawecki, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky; Ms. Maria Celso, Ms. Diane Jellen, Ms. Susan Bobbin, Mr. Frank Gill, Ms. Melissa Nahas; Anthony and Barbara Ideson; Mr. & Mrs. James Panco.** When you make a check for donations, please make them out to: **Holy Ghost PNCC.**


**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.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski**, his family, and parishioners of the Holy Cross Parish in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE COUNCIL meeting** – will be held on Saturday, April 28 at 1:00PM hosted at Holy Ghost Parish in Shenandoah, PA. If you wish to submit additions or suggestions for the meeting agenda, please forward this to Father Senior's office (570-823-3025) by Saturday April 21.


**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, 2012. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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


 **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.

**UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:** **Apr. 22:** sp. Eugenia Halaburda; **Aug. 19:** sp. William Zamonas Sr. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.*

**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. Also these are our **room rates:** Semi-Private - \$2,097.00; Private - \$2,646.00; Private Deluxe - \$3,087.00.

 **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.

**THE PNCC SPECIAL SYNOD** – pursuant to article **VII, LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY, B, THE SPECIAL SYNOD, SECTION 1** of the Constitution and Laws of the PNCC, the Prime Bishop Anthony A. Mikovsky calls a Special Synod for the PNCC to convene at St. Stanislaus Cathedral Youth Center, Scranton, PA, **on Friday, June 22, 2012** with the concurrence of the Supreme Council. The sole purpose of this one-day Synod will be to elect 2 Candidates for Bishop. It will be necessary for each parish to elect lay delegates to this Special Synod. The number of lay delegates to which a parish is entitled is determined by the General Fund Dues submitted for 2011. Mandates and Registration forms may be obtained from the offices of our Diocesan Bishop.

The Synod will begin with Holy Mass at St. Stanislaus Cathedral on Friday, June 22, at 8:00AM. After Mass a light continental breakfast will be served in the Youth Center, followed by the election process. Two meal breaks for lunch and dinner, also served in the Youth Center, will be scheduled.

Keep in mind that it is a sacred right that we have to assemble at a Synod to do important work of the Church. Let us remember that the Church has been called into existence by Christ to continue His work. This is a Holy Assembly, and every parish has a moral obligation to send delegates to participate.

**THE HOLY GHOST PARISH CONCERNS** - In this blessed land of the United States of America, no community is complete without its House of Worship. For this, full credit must be justly given to the Founding Fathers of our Country. Our forefathers were of a thoroughbred spiritual stock. Being God fearing, religious and church going people they built our national structure upon the foundation of God. Judging by the results, God was with them in all their civic undertakings with a blessing that was as constant as it was generous. If there is any truth whatever in the proverb, "like father, like son," then it is easy to understand why the present generation intends to keep God in its midst today, tomorrow and forever. To God's glory and His name the people of the United States have built beautiful temples and churches, large or small, stately or simple, according to the means of the community and the needs of the congregation they were intended to serve. Inspired with this motive and impelled with this same purpose a group of citizens of Polish descent and emigrants from Poland residing in Shenandoah area united in a resolve to build for them a House of Worship. Early in the 1920's residents of Shenandoah turned for guidance and advice to the Most Rev. Franciszek Hodur in Scranton, PA. An organizational meeting was held in May 1922 in the presence of the Rev. Father Leon Grochowski and the Rev. Father Jan Gritenas who helped to organize the Holy Ghost Polish National Catholic Church. The church records state that the first Mass was celebrated in the Russian Hall on Center Street by the Rev. Father Stanislaw Cybulski and for the first time the Mass was celebrated in the Polish language. Later, property was purchased at West Lloyd and Chestnut Streets and a church was built and dedicated in December 1923. In addition to the church building, the parish's property consists of a rectory, cemetery and park. During these formative years, the parish grew in membership and various societies were organized to help with the work of the parish. Among them were the Ladies Adoration Society, The Polish School Society, two branches of the Polish National Union of America - (Spójnia), Young Men's Resurrection Society, the St. Mary's Girls Society and the Frederick Chopin Choir.

Now we are desperately struggle to survive, and to keep our church doors open. ***Dear Parishioners and Friends***, please, take care of your own parish, because we are in danger to close. Our parish family needs you, your assistance and participation: both: spiritually – in time of worship, and financially – to support your own church by your donations. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**VISIT LITHUANIA, POLAND and PRAGUE** – June 30 – July 15, 2012; \$3,895 Single supplement \$750 from New York to Warsaw. See Eastern Europe on the Baltic Sea, major cities and sights, quaint sea resort towns, visit a health spa and lake districts, Hitler's bunker crystal and pottery shops. Buffet breakfast, and full lunch or dinner daily. LOT airlines, New York departures, bus to/from airport. For more information, please call Margaret Valinsky at: 570-277-6163 or [valinskym@verizon.net](mailto:valinskym@verizon.net)

**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.