

# Holy Ghost Parish

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## **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**JOSEPH STEPHEN KARVOIS**

**May 23, 2010**

**Joseph Stephen Karvois**

A Son of Stephen Karvois and Joelle Harnatkavage

**Born**: June 25, 2001 – Pottsville, PA

**Baptism**: August 12, 2001 – Holy Ghost PNCC, Shenandoah, PA, by  
Father Joseph Cyman; Godparents: Stephen Cook and Donna Sanders

**First Confession**: May 22, 2010

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: MAY 23, 2010**

## **TODAY – May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Solemnity of Pentecost – First Holy Communion Sunday**

Today we mark the end of the Easter season by celebrating the feast of Pentecost. It is a day for tremendous joy, hope and renewal as we give thanks for the gift of the Spirit to the Church.

**11:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for a good health and God’s blessings to: **Joseph Karvois and his Family**.

### **WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, 2 Peter 1:2-7; Mark 12:1-12; **Tue.**, 2 Peter 3:12-15a.17-18; Mark 12:13-17; **Wed.**, 2 Timothy 1:1-3.6-12; Mark 12:18-27; **Thu.**, 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Mark 12:28-34; **Fri.**, 2 Timothy 3:10-17; Mark 12:35-37; **Sat.**, 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Mark 12:38-44

### **TUESDAY, May 25<sup>th</sup> – *Pentecost Tuesday***

**9:00AM– Holy Mass** in Frackville.

### **THURSDAY, May 27<sup>th</sup> - *Pentecost Thursday***

**9:00AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville, intention: for sp. **Krystyna Plichta** (47<sup>th</sup> anniversary), of by. Fr. Robert & family.

### **FRIDAY, May 28<sup>th</sup> - *Pentecost Friday***

**9:00AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

### **NEXT SUNDAY, May 30<sup>th</sup> – *Solemnity – Holy Trinity***

**11:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **John Loughlin**, of. by Komara/Andruscavage family.

- Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary (after the Holy Mass).

### **Today’s liturgy**

#### **PROCESSIONAL – Blessed Is He Who Trusts In God Almighty – Volume 2, No 29**

1. 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.”
2. From all the powr’s of evil God shall save him, of nature’s forces, he shall ne’er fall victim. Under the pinions of the Lord Almighty, in God’s protection, he shall dwell in safety, he shall dwell in safety.
3. God’s mighty strength shall be his shield and buckler, and shall protect him from all nightly danger. Thousands shall fall, yet he shall walk without fear, kept from the arrows of the foe that is near, of the foe that is near.
4. For God shall charge His angels to uplift him, and shall command them ever to protect him. They shall uphold him, lest he fall in danger, and they shall keep him in their care forever, in their care forever.
5. Hear what the Lord says: “Who in truth shall love me, and who shall follow all that I have asked thee, He shall be blessed, and shall find salvation, and dwell forever, safe in my protection, safe in my protection.”
6. Savior, we heed Thy wond’rous invitation, and we accept the strength of Thy protection. Lord, in Thy mercy, keep us safe forever, and in life’s journey, Lord, forsake us never, Lord, forsake us never!

**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 i teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

### **ENTRANCE**

*(Wisdom 1:7-8)*

V. For the Spirit of the Lord fills the world, is all-embracing, and knows what man says. Alleluia!

**R. Therefore no one who utters wicked things can go unnoticed, nor will chastising condemnation pass him by. 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.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN – Hail, Dear Mary – Volume 1, #46**

1. Hail, dear Mary, praise and glory unto thee we bring. Sing, o child in exaltation of her virtues sing. Sing, o child in exaltation of her virtues sing.
2. How her hands had served our Savior, who, this world had made. Lo, the greatness of His glory, Mary's Son, our Lord.

**I Reading: Acts 2:1-11**

*The coming of the Spirit leads to such a transformation in the disciples that they become enthusiastic and passionate apostles of the Good News, keen and able to communicate with everyone, regardless of barriers posed by different races, nationalities and languages.*

**THE GRADUAL**

*(Zephaniah 3:8a-9)*

V. Therefore, wait for Me says the Lord. For then I will change and purify the lips of the peoples. Alleluia!

**R. That they all may call upon the Name of the Lord, to serve Him with one accord. Alleluia!**

**II Reading: Romans 8:8-17**

*St. Paul stresses the spiritual life as being of paramount importance for those who are Christians.*

**THE ALLELUIA**

*(Joel 3:1)*

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

V. I will pour out My Spirit upon all humankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

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

**GOSPEL: John 14:15-16.23-26**

*Jesus promises the disciples that they will never be alone, for He will send them an Advocate who will remain with them. It is the Holy Spirit, who will guide them and teach them how to live as Jesus has taught them.*

**HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**



Come Thou Creator Spirit blest. And in our souls take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Amen.

**OFFERTORY HYMN – Come Unto Jesus – Volume 2, #18**

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:**



**COMMUNION HYMN - Here I Am Lord**

1. I, the Lord of the sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **Refrain:** Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's sin pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain:**

**AFTER COMMUNION** - Lord, You Have Come To The Lakeshore – Binder

1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore, looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones, You only asked me to follow humbly. **Refrain:** O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boats left on the shore line behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.
2. You know so well my possessions, my boat carries no gold and no weapons; You will find there my nets and labor. **Refrain:**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** – Hail, Blessed Mary – Volume 1, #49

1. Hail, Blessed Mary, Virgin most Holy, in admiration we come before thee. Mother most gracious, willing to help us, pray for us, Mary, Mother of Jesus.
2. Queen of the Heavens, Mother most Holy, we sing thy praises, honor and bless thee. Though sin defeats us, Thou shalt not leave us, pray for us Mary, Mother of Jesus.

May the power of the Holy Spirit live in your hearts and be expressed in your actions this coming week.

**COMING EVENTS**

**SHENANDOAH**

- May 31<sup>st</sup> Memorial Day Mass in the church – 11:00AM
- July 25<sup>th</sup> Blessing of automobiles at our parking (after Mass)
- Sep. 10<sup>th</sup> “Bleenie” Sale
- Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> “Chinese” Auction

**FRACKVILLE**

- May 31<sup>st</sup> Memorial Day Mass at the cemetery – 9:00AM
- June 11<sup>th</sup> “Bleenie” Sale begins (every 2 weeks)
- July 25<sup>th</sup> Blessing of automobiles at our parking (after Mass)
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Blessing of the animals at the parking (2:00PM)
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> “Chinese” Auction

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

- June 3<sup>rd</sup> Corpus Christi Service (Hazleton, PA) 7:00PM
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Pastor's meeting (Wilkes-Barre, PA) 1:00PM

**CENTRAL DIOCESE**

- June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Acolyte Retreat

**GENERAL CHURCH**

- May 21-22<sup>nd</sup> 65<sup>th</sup> Annual YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament (Scranton, PA)
- July 26-30<sup>th</sup> Youth Convo (Monmouth University, NJ)
- Sep. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual YMSofR Track & Field Meet (Scranton, PA)
- Oct. 4-8<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 greeter, the people working on fundraisers, the decorators, repair and maintenance people.

**PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING** – will be held on Sunday, May 30, after the Holy Mass.

**UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS:** **May 30:** sp. John Loughlin; **June 6:** sp. Geraldine Andrews; **June 13:** sp. Frank Baranowski; **June 20:** all Fathers; **Sp. Geraldine Andrews:** June 27, July 4, July 11, July 18, Aug. 1, Aug. 8, Aug. 29, Sep. 5, Sep. 12, Sep. 19, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 21, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Dec. 19, Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 2011, Jan 9, 2011; **July 25:** sp. Ann Kowalonek (Grande); **Aug. 15:** Thanksgiving Mass; **Aug. 22:** sp. William Zamonas Sr.; **Sep. 26:** Spojnia Members; **Nov. 7:** sp. William and Josephine Zamonas; **Nov. 14:** sp. Charles Hoppes; **Jan. 16, 2011:** sp. Susan Bednarek, Helena Bednarek, Julian Bednarek Sr.; **Jan. 23, 11:** sp. Franciszek, Elżbieta Sroka; **Jan. 30, 11:** sp. John and Dolores Sroka.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for Father Dennis Ruda, his family, and parishioners of All Saints parish – Johnson City, NY.



**CORPUS CHRISTI SERVICE** – Our annual Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi Service will be celebrated **Thursday June 3 at 7:00PM** hosted by **St. John the Baptist PNCC**, 748 N. Church St., **Hazleton**, PA. All members of our Seniorate are cordially invited and encouraged to attend and participate in this traditional service of Procession, Prayer and Word honoring the Body of Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Following the Service there will be a reception with refreshments in the parish hall.



**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). 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. When other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.



**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!



**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

**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!

**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.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**In the Old Testament**, we are told about Melchizedek who brought bread and wine as a sacrifice to God. This was a complete departure from the sacrifices of the Old Testament which were holocaust sacrifices (the burning of animals, the pouring of their blood into the ground and eating of their flesh). His offering of bread and wine was prophetic of the fact that we would use bread and wine in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

**In the New Testament** we see the feeding of many thousands of people as, again, prophetic and symbolic of the fact that Christ will feed us with His Body and Blood. What St. Paul received from the Lord, he handed on to the Corinthians. *“Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes”*.

We are not celebrating simply a remembrance of what Christ did almost two thousand years ago at the Last Supper or in the sacrifice of Good Friday or in the Resurrection. This is spiritually happening in the Mass. We are receiving not a different Christ, but the same Christ – **Son of God, Son of Mary**.



“Take and eat”, the pastor said  
He whispered this to you.  
Jesus said this long ago,  
And now you know it’s true.  
Communion is a special time.  
It brings us close to God.  
So as you take the bread and cup.  
May you feel His gentle nod.  
May the Body of our Lord  
Jesus Christ and  
His Precious Blood strengthen You  
Unto Life Everlasting!

With the best Wishes to **Joe Karvois!**

Father Robert with Family and Parishioners.





**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES.** The Classes will start in **September 2010** (first Saturday after the Labor Day). I'm asking the parents whose children (age 8 and older) did not receive the Holy Communion, please encouraged your children to attend the classes.



**CONFIRMATION CLASSES.** The Classes will start in **October 2010**. I'm asking the parents whose children was not confirmed, please encouraged your children to attend the classes. The minimum age for Confirmation is 14. The course is two years, as required by the Church and will be completed in Spring of the year 2012.

“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them.”