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Sixth Sunday of Easter – Cycle “A”

Szósta Niedziela Wielkanocna

May 29, 2011

“When men are good, government cannot be bad.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, May 29th – VI Sunday of Easter

As we gather to celebrate this Eucharist today, we pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen and guide

us.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Joseph Vernitsky, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Ryan.

- Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26 – 16:4a; **Tue.**, Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11; **Wed.**, Acts 17:15.22 – 18:1; John 16:12-15; **Thu.**, Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20; **Fri.**, Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23; **Sat.**, Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

MONDAY, May 30th - Memorial Day

11:00AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah, intention: for those who offered their lives for the freedom of the U.S.A. and the other countries

TUESDAY, May 31st – Easter Weekday

8:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, June 2nd - Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord – Holy Day of Obligation

The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces His lifting up by His Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ permanently exercises His priesthood, for He always lives to make intercession for those who draw near to God through Him.

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

11:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, June 3rd - First Friday of the month

8:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SATURDAY, June 4th - Easter Weekday

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville - **23rd Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood** (Fr. Robert).

NEXT SUNDAY, June 5th - VII Sunday of Easter

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Joseph Vernitsky, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rejent.

- ⤴ Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- ⤴ Collection for missions.

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 (Acts 1:3; Psalms 68:20)

V. He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

R. Blessed be the Lord day by day, God, our salvation, Who carries us. 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 8:5-8.14-17

Philip preaches in a Samaritan town and has great success. Peter and John lay hands on those who have been baptized and the Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit.

GRADUAL (Acts 2:38)

V. Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; Alleluia.

R. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.

II Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

St. Peter reminds his readers to reverence Christ in their hearts, to witness to Christ and to be courteous. If it is the will of God that they should suffer, it is better to suffer for what is right than for what is wrong.

ALLELUIA (Matthew 5:10)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

Jesus addresses His disciples, saying that if they love Him they must keep His commandments. Jesus says He will be leaving but that He will send the Spirit of truth to be with them.

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.

Our God is the God of love. Taking up Christ's challenge, we may go out today and keep His commandments.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

May 30th Memorial Day Holy Mass at 11:00AM

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

FRACKVILLE

June 10th Bleenie Sale begins

July 31st Automobiles Blessing (after the Holy Mass)

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

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

June 23rd Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM) in Shenandoah, PA

CENTRAL DIOCESE

June 5th Installation of Bishop John Mack

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 the case of sacramental emergency our parishioners may contact Father Boguslaw Janiec at 570-454-6103 or Father Richard Wosiak at 570-277-6180.

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 Senior Fryderyk Banas**, his family, and parishioners of the Holy Cross Parish in Ware, MA.

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.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **June 5:** sp. Joseph Vernitsky; **June 12:** sp. Joseph Vernitsky; **July 31:** Joseph Vernitsky; **August 21:** sp. William Zamonas Sr. **Nov. 27:** sp. Charles Hoppes and Robert Hoppes. *Please, do not order the Holy Mass intentions in July 2011.*



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.

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 built 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 Stanisław 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.

DEDICATION Celebration of the New St. Michael the Archangel National Catholic Church located at 6629 W. 133rd Avenue in Cedar Lake, Indiana, dedication and Holy Mass wii celebrated Sunday, June 26, 2011 at 3:00PM. Banquet to follow at the Great Oaks Banquet Facility at 5:30PM. Dinner reservation Adults \$25.00 per person, children (under the age of 10) are \$ 12.00. Reservations need to be made by contacting Fr. John Kowalczyk at 219-374-8341.

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.

ST. STANISLAUS PNCC – the bingo has been rescheduled from Sunday, May 22, 2011 to **Sunday, June 26th** from **2:00PM** to **5:00P**.

PRAYER BEFORE THE MASS – My dearest God and loving Father, I have come to Church today, to take part in the Holy Mass, to unite with Our Lord Jesus in His sacrifice for all mankind. The Mass is a very important and Holy Service, because Jesus Himself takes part in it, and is ever ready to fill me with His Holy Graces whenever I open my heart in sincere prayer to Him. I thank You Dear Lord, for Your guiding spirit which led me to Church today, for I know that every holy devotion and every earnest prayer will make a finer and better person of me. Therefore, in the name of this Holy Sacrifice which You have commanded to be offered in Your memory, help me to unite my heart with Yours, because You alone are worthy of the greatest love and devotion found within my soul. Amen.