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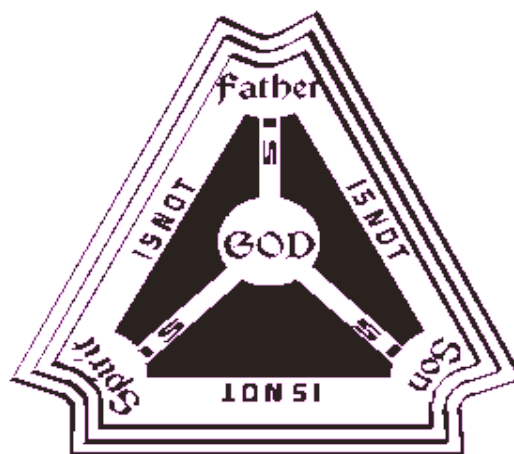
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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – Father's Day – Cycle "A"

Uroczystość Trójcy Przenajświętszej – Dzień Ojca

June 19, 2011

“The church cannot win its way in the world by following the ways of the world.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, June 19th – Solemnity of the Holy Trinity – Father's Day

Every Mass is a celebration of the Most Blessed Trinity, but once each year, on this Sunday, the Mass is an explicit, joyous celebration of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Fathers: living and dead.**

- ⋄ Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- ⋄ Collection – Clergy Pension Fund.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5; **Tue.**, Genesis 13:2.5-18; Matthew 7:6.12-14; **Wed.**, Genesis 15:1-12.17-18; Matthew 7:15-20; **Thu.**, Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58; Matthew 7:21-29; **Fri.**, Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66.80; **Sat.**, Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17

TUESDAY, June 21st - *Weekday*

8:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, June 23rd – *Solemnity – Corpus Christi*

8:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

7:00PM – Seniorate Corpus Christi celebration in Shenandoah.

FRIDAY, June 24th - *Solemnity – Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

Born six months before our Lord, St. John the Baptist was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, our Lord's cousin. He was the last and greatest of the prophets. As the forerunner of the Savior, he had the mission of preparing the Jews for the coming of Christ. When Jesus had come, St. John bore witness to Him before His own followers and encouraged them to follow Him.

11:00AM - ? - “Bleenie” Sale in Frackville.

6:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, June 26th - *Within the Octave of Corpus Christi*

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Susan Bednarek, of. by Mr. Julian Bednarek.

- ⋄ Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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 (Titus 3:4-6)

V. But when the kindness and generous love of God our Savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of His mercy.

R. He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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: Exodus 34:4-6.8-9

The Lord reveals Himself to Moses as a God of tenderness and compassion.

GRADUAL (Daniel 3:55)

V. Blessed are You Who look into the depths from Your throne upon the cherubim.

R. Praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

II Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

St. Paul urges the Corinthians to reflect in their lives the love and unity of the three divine persons.

ALLELUIA (Daniel 3:52)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Blessed are You, o Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 3:16-18

To his late-night visitor, Nicodemus, Jesus speaks of a God who loves this world so deeply as to send His only Son as its Savior.

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.

May the Most Holy Trinity, whom we honor this day, fill you always with hope. May the Most Holy Trinity, three persons living in unity and love, keep you united in faith and love.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

June 23rd Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)
Aug. 7th Baptism: a Daughter of Stephen & Joelle Karvois.

FRACKVILLE

June 24th Bleenie Sale
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

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.

THANK YOU very much to **Ms. Susan Bobbin** for her generous donation to our parish!

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 (Hazleton, PA) at 570-454-6103 or Father Richard Wosiak (Middleport, PA) 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.



CORPUS CHRISTI SERVICE – Our annual Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi Service will be celebrated **Thursday June 23 at 7:00PM** hosted by **the Holy Ghost PNCC in Shenandoah, 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.

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 Joseph Soltysiak**, his family, and parishioners of the St. Joseph's parish in Westfield, MA and St. Valentine parish in Northampton, 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 26:** sp. Susan Bednarek; **July 31:** Joseph Vernitsky; **Aug. 7:** Baptismal Mass; **Aug. 14:** sp. Helena Kurek; **Aug. 21:** sp. William Zamonas Sr. **Aug. 28:** sp. Julian Bednarek Sr.; **Sep. 4:** sp. Jan Sroka; **Nov. 6:** sp. William & Josephine Zamonas; **Nov. 27:** sp. Charles Hoppes and Robert Hoppes. *Please, do not order the Holy Mass intentions in July 2011.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: June 25 – Joseph Karvois.

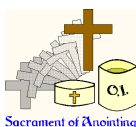


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: June 20 – Robert and Debbie Whitecavage.



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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.



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.

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.



National United Choirs 22nd Music Workshop / 30th General Convention is being conducted from Wednesday, **July 27** through Friday, **July 29, 2011** at **Holy Mother of Sorrows PNCC Parish, Dupont, PA.** The theme is *Power of God in Song*. Cost for Convention/Workshop is \$125.00; Convention only is \$40.00; Workshop is \$45.00 per day. Accommodations are \$65.00 per night. Further information and the registration form for this event can be obtained through your parish or downloaded from the pncc.org web site. Please consider joining the NUC in Prayer, Song and Fellowship! Deadline for registration is **July 10, 2011.**

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.

JUNE IS SACRED VOCATIONS MONTH – “Each year during the month of June, the PNCC observes Sacred Vocations month. During this month, the Church reminds all of her faithful of the urgent need to pray for the gift of vocations to the Holy Orders. The Church asks all of us to offer special prayers to bless our Church with new vocations. (...) The purpose of this month of Sacred Vocations is to petition God, the Author of every vocation to bless our Church with new priests and deacons who are blessed with strong faith, broad vision and solid academic background. **PLEASE, PRAY FOR AN INCREASE VOCATIONS TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD.**” (from “*Teachers Manual – Feasts, Solemnities and observances of the PNCC*”)

Hero Dad

You are my hero, Dad
You're my secure foundation.
When I think of you, I'm filled with love
And fond appreciation.
You make me feel protected;
I'm sheltered by your care.
You're always my true friend; and Dad,
When I need you, you're always there.
You have a place of honor
Deep within my heart.
You've been my superhero, Dad,
Right from the very start.

By Joanna Fuchs

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY