

# Holy Ghost Parish

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***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “A”***

Osiemnasta Niedziela Zwykła

**July 31, 2011**

“Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy” applies to vacation Sundays as well as the rest of the year.”

## **EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, July 31<sup>st</sup> – XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God our Father gives us life, and pours His love upon us in Christ Jesus. Let us. Like the crowds in Galilee, come before the Lord, listen to His voice, and be fed by Him.

**11:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Joseph Vernitsky**, of. by James and Jeffrey Rejent.

♣ Automobiles blessing after the Holy Mass.

## WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21; **Tue.**, Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36; **Wed.**, Numbers 13:1-2.25-14:1.26a-29a.34-35; Matthew 15:21-28; **Thu.**, Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23; **Fri.**, Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28; **Sat.**, Daniel 7:9-10.13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36

**MONDAY, August 1<sup>st</sup> - Weekday**

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

**TUESDAY, August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Weekday**

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass for health in Frackville

**THURSDAY, August 4<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: God's blessing for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

**FRIDAY, August 5<sup>th</sup> - First Friday of the month.**

**11:00AM** - ? - “Bleenie” Sale

**6:00PM** – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**SATURDAY, August 6<sup>th</sup> - Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord**

*This feast became widespread in the West in the 11<sup>th</sup> century and was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1457 to commemorate Christendom's victory over Islam in Belgrade in 1456. Before that, the Transfiguration of the Lord was already celebrated in the Syrian, Byzantine, and Coptic rites. The Transfiguration prefigures the glory of the Lord as God, foretells His ascension into heaven, where we shall see God face to face.*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

**NEXT SUNDAY, August 7<sup>th</sup> - XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**11:00AM** – Holy Mass, intention for: Joelle Karvois & family.

⤴ Baptism: Joelle Karvois

⤴ Collection for missions.

### **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 25:6a; Psalm 145:15-16)

V. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines.

**R. The eyes of all look hopefully to You; You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

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: Isaiah 55:1-3**

*The prophet calls us to fullness of life. Listen and your soul will live.*

**GRADUAL** (Psalm 136:25-26)

V. The Lord gives food to all flesh, God's love endures forever.

**R. Praise the God of heaven, God's love endures forever.**

**II Reading: Romans 8:35.37-39**

*St. Paul proclaims the utter certainty of Christ's triumph over death.*

**ALLELUIA (Song of Songs 2:4)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. He brings me into the banquet hall, and His emblem over me is love.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21**

*Jesus escapes the threats of Herod, and meets the needs of their crowds.*

**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 Lord who raised Christ Jesus from the dead inspire you to lives of hope and love.

**COMING EVENTS**

**SHENANDOAH**

Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> Baptism: a Daughter of Stephen & Joelle Karvois.

**FRACKVILLE**

Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> Bleenie Sale

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Blessing of Animals (2:00PM) ??

**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.

**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.

**BAPTISMAL INVITATION** – **The Karvois family** would like to extend an invitation to the reception after the baptism of their daughter at Glovers Hill Athletic Club on **August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.

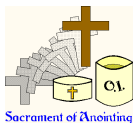
**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Christopher Rogalski**, his family, and parishioners of the Divine Providence Parish in Norwich, CT.

**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:** **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 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.

**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.



**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.

**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.

### ***BLESSING OF AN AUTOMOBILE***

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**R. Who made heaven and earth.**

V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

**Let us pray:** Lend a willing ear, Lord God, to our prayers, and bless + these vehicles with Your right hand. Direct Your holy angels to accompany them, that they may free those who ride in it from all dangers, and always guard them. And just as by Your deacon Philip You gave faith and grace to the man of Ethiopia as he sat in his chariot reading the Sacred Word, so, point out to Your servants the way of salvation. Grant that, aided by Your grace, and with their hearts set on good works, they may, after all the joys and sorrows of this journey through life, merit to receive eternal joys, through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

