

## Holy Ghost Parish

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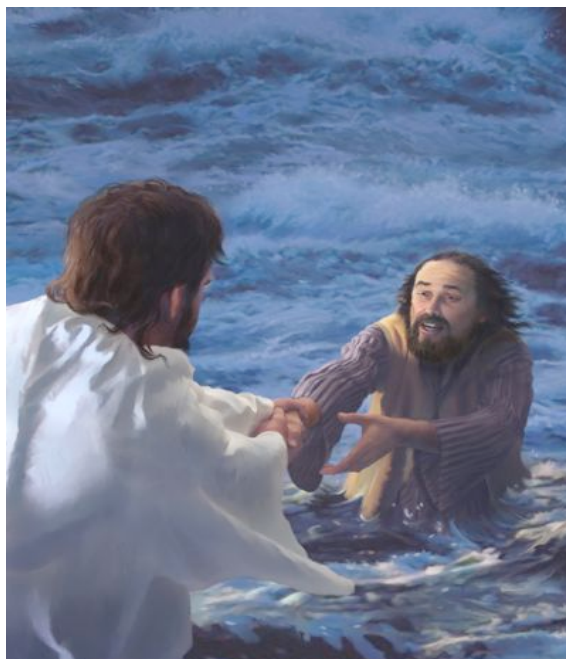
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### **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “A”**

Dziewiętnasta Niedziela Zwykła

**August 7, 2011**

“Even the woodpecker has discovered the only way to succeed is to use one's head.”

### **EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, August 7<sup>th</sup> – XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The mystery of the incarnation is shown by the mystery that Jesus has over nature. He is both fully human and fully divine.

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

- ⤴ Baptism: Joelle Amaira Karvois.
- ⤴ Collection for mission.

### WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27; **Tue.**, Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5.10.12-14;  
**Wed.**, Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20; **Thu.**, Joshua 3:7-10a.11.13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1; **Fri.**,  
 Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12; **Sat.**, Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

**TUESDAY, August 9<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

**9:00AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

**THURSDAY, August 11<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

**9:00AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

**NEXT SUNDAY, August 14<sup>th</sup>** - *XX Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

- ⤴ Blessings of flowers and herbs.

### 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 (Psalm 69:1,3b; 42:8)**

V. Save me, o Lord, for the waters have reached my neck. I have gone down to the watery depths; the flood overwhelms me.

**R. Here deep calls to deep in the roar of Your torrents. All Your waves and breakers sweep over me.**

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: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13**

*Elijah learns that God can talk to us in the quietness of our heart, as well as in the glory of nature.*

**GRADUAL (Psalm 107:29-30)**

V. The Lord hushed the storm to a murmur; the waves of the sea were stilled.

**R. They rejoiced that the sea had grown calm, that God brought them to the harbor they longed for.**

**II Reading: Romans 9:1-5**

*St. Paul recalls the glories of God's covenant with the Israelites, and prays that they may recognize Jesus as the Messiah.*

**ALLELUIA (Psalms 89:10)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. You rule the raging sea; You still its swelling waters.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33**

*The divinity of Jesus is shown by His walking on the sea; and through His humanity He reaches out to Peter, takes him by the hand and saves him.*

## 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 God who saves us make us joyful with strength and grace.

### COMING EVENTS

#### FRACKVILLE

Aug. 19<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 Paul Dudek**, his family, and parishioners of the Holy Savior in Union City, 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. 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.




**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 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 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.

### **WHAT TO DO FOR YOUR PASTOR?**

Build his **spiritual power** by praying for him. When you pray for your pastor, you pray for church, your community, and your family.

Build his **reputation** by speaking well of him. All pastors are human; they have weak and strong points. His influence will depend on which of them you stress.

Build his **morale** by encouraging him. Every pastor needs to be encouraged at times. Encouragement costs so little, yet it means so much!

Build his **leadership** by cooperating with him. For every great leader, there must be some great followers.  
Build his **pulpit power** by coming to hear him. Full pews challenge a pastor to prepare and deliver great sermons. Empty pews can discourage him.  
By far the greatest thing you can do for your pastor is to **follow** the Christ whom he preaches and exemplifies.



**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.

#### **PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

O Loving Father and Savior, please accompany Your servant, (*mention name of the deceased*) from this earth, to the place of heavenly peace and eternal life.  
Forgive any sins that have been committed, and welcome this departed soul with the warm embrace of Your unending love. Amen.



**PARISH INFORMATION.** **Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

**Holy Day Masses** are held as announced in the bulletin.

**Sacrament of Baptism** – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

**Sacrament of Matrimony** – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

**Emergencies, Sickness and deaths** – please contact to the rectory immediately.

**The parish bulletin** - is made on **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.