

## Holy Ghost Parish

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

Dwudziesta Niedziela Zwykła

**August 14, 2011**

“The Kingdom of Heaven is not only a gift; it is a task.”

### **EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, August 14<sup>th</sup> – XX Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God does not have favorites. God loves people as equals, and shows us the depth of that love in Jesus Christ, who bears our prayers when we call to Him.

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

▲ Blessing of flowers and herbs.

### WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, Revelation 11:19a.12:1-6a.10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56; **Tue.**, Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30; **Wed.**, Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16; **Thu.**, Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14; **Fri.**, Ruth 1:1.3-6.14b-16.22; Matthew 22:34-40; **Sat.**, Ruth 2:1-3.8-11, 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12

**CLERGY RETREAT and CONFERENCE** – The clergy of the Central Diocese will meet from Tuesday, **Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>** until Thursday, **Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011** for the Clergy Conference and for Summer Retreat at the Villa of Our Lady House, Mt. Pocono, PA. In the case of sacramental emergency you can reach Fr. Robert at 570-839-7217.

### **MONDAY, August 15<sup>th</sup>** - Solemnity – Dormition/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*This feast has been celebrated in the liturgy of the Eastern rites since the sixth century, and in Rome since the seventh century. This feast confirms us in the theological virtue of hope, whereby we seek our sanctification and that of others in the midst of our ordinary duties. At the same time, we are encouraged to look toward our goal in heaven.*

**9:00AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

### **FRIDAY, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY, August 21<sup>st</sup>** - XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

**11:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention for: sp. William Zamonas Sr., of. by Children.

### **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.

### **BLESSING OF HERBS**

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

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

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And also with you.**

**Let us pray:** Almighty and Everlasting God Who by the power of Your Word has created out of nothing the heavens, the earth, the sea and all things, visible and invisible; and Who has ordained that the fertile earth bring forth her herbs, flowers and trees for the use of mankind, so that he fruits and harvests may serve as man’s healthful food and wholesome remedy; we entreat You humbly on this day, to graciously bless + these herbs, flowers and fruits, an vouchsafe, by Your grace, to protect us and our homes from all evil and misfortune. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

**Let us pray:** O God, Who by Your servant Moses, did command the people of Israel, to bring unto the Priests the first fruits of the harvest for a blessing, graciously hear our supplications, and bestow the bounty of Your blessing + upon us; and vouchsafe, that these herbs and flowers, with which You did adorn the earth, may serve to incite us to a greater love of You. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

**Let us pray:** O God, Who on this day did receive unto Yourself the Mother of Your Son Jesus Christ,

resplendently adorned in Your virtues and grace, grant in venerating Her we also may acquire Her attributes and thus attain to glory everlasting. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit descend on these things He has created.

**R. Amen.**

**ENTRANCE RITE (Baruch 5:5; Psalm 122:1-2)**

V. Up, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

**R. I rejoiced when they said to me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord". And now our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem.**

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 56:1.6-7**

*Isaiah presents a vision of future glory, where all people of good intention, and loving hearts, will rejoice together in the Lord.*

**GRADUAL (Tobit 14:6)**

V. All the nations of the world shall be converted and shall offer God true worship.

**R. All shall abandon their idols, which have deceitfully led them into error and shall bless the God of the ages in righteousness.**

**II Reading: Romans 11:13-15.29-32**

*St. Paul awaits the day when the House of Israel will accept the salvation won for them by Christ. After all, this has been promised, and God's world is certain.*

**ALLELUIA (Isaiah 45:22)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Turn to Me and be safe, all you ends of the earth, for I am God; there is no other!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28**

*The Canaanite woman's persistence in prayer is a great example, and such is acknowledge by Jesus. Jesus even seems surprised by her faith, and it seems to help him to realize the breadth and depth of His mission.*

**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 God who loves us all fill your hearts with peace, and inspire you with a spirit of mission to proclaim that love to all.

**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.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Senior Joseph Krusienski**, his family, and parishioners of the Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT and St. Casimir Parish in Wallingford, 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. 21:** sp. William Zamonas Sr. **Aug. 28:** sp. Julian Bednarek Sr.; **Sep. 4:** sp. Jan Sroka; **Sep. 11:** Mass for America; **Nov. 6:** sp. William & Josephine Zamonas; **Nov. 27:** sp. Charles Hoppes and Robert Hoppes.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: August 15 – Stephen Karvois.



**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.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES.** The Classes will start in **September 2011**. 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 2011**. 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. Students who will be 14 years old or older in May 2013 are eligible to take confirmation classes. The course is two years, as required by the Church and will be completed in Spring of the year 2013.

**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.

**AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>** – **Matki Boskiej Zielnej – Mother of God of the Herbs Feast** – Continuing a centuries-old tradition, Polish National Catholics will observe this Feast with a special Mass and blessing liturgy. Matki Boskiej Zielnej, or the Mother of God of the Herbs, was for our immigrant ancestors and for many of today's Polish National Catholics, a day of thanksgiving when the first fruits of the harvest are properly offered to God. Herbs, flowers, wheat and vegetables are woven into wreaths and special bouquets. The bouquets, adorned with

blue ribbons in **Mary's** honor, are taken to the church for a blessing. Following the blessing, the bouquets are kept in the home as dried decorations enhancing the beauty of the interior; often they are hang on the porch, until the same day the following year. (from "Teacher's Manual Central Diocese of the PNCC).