

## Holy Ghost Parish

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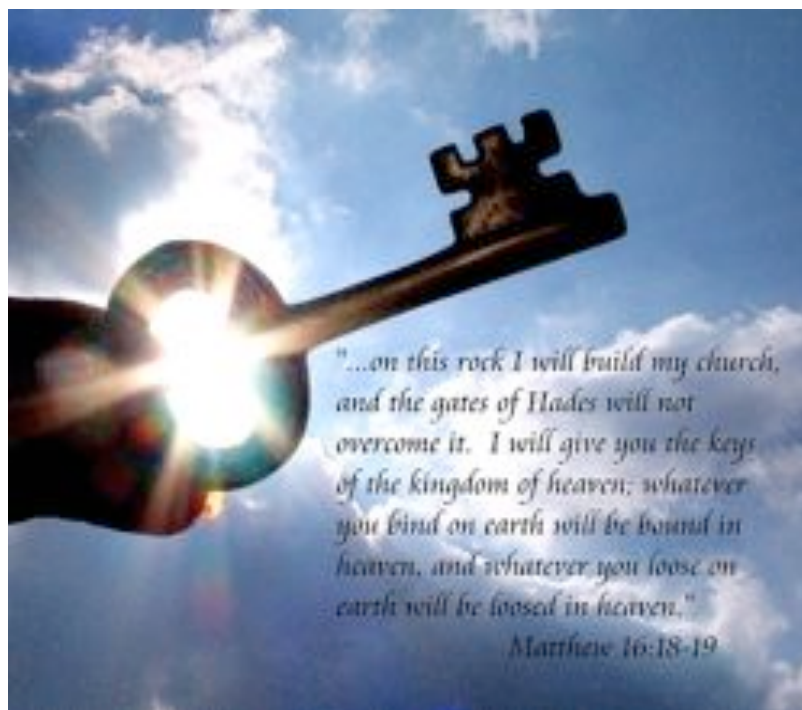
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### **Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “A”**

Dwudziesta Pierwsza Niedziela Zwykła

**August 21, 2011**

“A good example by the older generation is the best safeguard for the younger generation.”

### **EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, August 21<sup>st</sup> – XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel we hear Simon Peter making his great declaration of faith. Our presence at this Mass is a celebration of the same faith in Jesus, Son of the living God.

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

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5.8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22; **Tue.**, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26; **Wed.**, Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51; **Thu.**, 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51; **Fri.**, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13; **Sat.**, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30

**TUESDAY, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** - *Weekday*

**9:00AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

**WEDNESDAY, August 24<sup>th</sup>** - Feast – **St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

*Bartholomew was from Cana in Galilee. Mentioned in the gospels as one of the twelve apostles, he is identified with Nathanael. His friend, the apostle Philip, brought him to Jesus. According to tradition, St. Bartholomew preached the Gospel in India and died there a martyr.*

**7:00PM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

**FRIDAY, August 26<sup>th</sup>** - Solemnity – **Our Lady of Częstochowa**

**9:00AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

**NEXT SUNDAY, August 28<sup>th</sup>** - **XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Youth Sunday**

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

▲ Collection – Youth Fund.

**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 (Deuteronomy 32:3-4)**

V. For I will sing to the Lord's renown. Oh, proclaim the greatness of our God!

**R. The Rock – how faultless are His deeds, how right all His ways! A faithful God, without deceit, how just and upright He is!**

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 22:19-23**

*Eliakim, as master of the palace, is entrusted with the key of the House of David and is deputed to open and close the palace in the king's name.*

**GRADUAL (Psalm 18:32-33.47)**

V. Truly, Who is God except the Lord? Who but our God is the Rock? This God Who girded me with might, kept my way unerring.

**R. The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Exalted be God, my Savior!**

**II Reading: Romans 11:33-36**

*The depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God; how unsearchable are God's ways!*

**ALLELUIA (1 Samuel 2:2)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. There is no Holy One like the Lord; there is no Rock like our God.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20**

*St. Peter acknowledges Jesus as Christ, Son of the living God; and Jesus recognizes Peter as the rock on which the Church is built and the bearer of the keys of the kingdom.*

### 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.

Like Peter, you confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God. May the risen Lord support you in your faith day by day.

### COMING EVENTS

#### FRACKVILLE

Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bleenie Sale

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

#### GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual YMSofR Track and Field Meet, Minooka, Scranton, PA

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Episcopal consecration of the Very Rev. Paul Sobiechowski (3:00PM – St. Stanislaus Cathedral)

### 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 Henry Smolinski**, his family, and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish in Manchester, 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. 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.

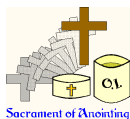


**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: August 23 – Margaret Kruszynski; August 25 – Claire Mallick.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco -

Connie Sincavage – Claire Mallick – Violet Cegielski. Eugenia Halaburda – Dolores Halaburda. **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.



**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.

### **PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;

Body of Christ, heal me;

Blood of Christ, save me;

Water from the side of Christ, wash me;

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus hear me; within Your wounds shelter me; let me never be separated from You.

Protect me from evil one.

At the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to You, that with Your saints I may praise You forever.  
Amen.

