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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “A”

Youth Sunday

August 28, 2011

“The perpetuity of this nation depends upon the religious education of the young” - George Washington

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, August 28th – XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Youth Sunday

Following Jesus means turning over everything to Him. Our hearts and our wills are to be brought constantly to the foot of His cross, whence we will receive life in abundance.

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

♣ Collection – Youth Fund.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30; **Tue.**, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6.9-11; Luke 4:31-37; **Wed.**, Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44; **Thu.**, Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11; **Fri.**, Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39; **Sat.**, Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

MONDAY, August 29th - Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist

St. John's fearless condemnation of Herod's unlawful marriage incurred the hatred of the king's bride, Herodias. She had him imprisoned and, finally, killed. St. John the Baptist teaches us to be strong in carrying out the mission God has given us.

6:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

TUESDAY, August 30th - *Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, September 1st - *Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: God's blessing for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

FRIDAY, September 2nd - *First Friday of the month.*

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

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

SATURDAY, September 3rd

Annual Y.M.S.ofR. Track and Field Meet, Minooka, Scranton, PA

NEXT SUNDAY, September 4th - *XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

▲ Collection for mission.

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 (Jeremiah 17:10; Psalm 63:9)

V. I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart, to reward everyone according to the merit of his deeds.

R. My soul clings fast to You; Your right hand upholds 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: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Jeremiah's acknowledgement of God's overpowering love, and his submission to it, come at the cost of hatred and mockery.

GRADUAL (John 12:25-26)

V. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

R. Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, there also will My servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves Me.

II Reading: Romans 12:1-2

We can only know God's will for us by making an oblation of our lives, and shunning worldliness.

ALLELUIA (Luke 24:26)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into His glory?

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus seeks to clarify that His mission will end in seeming disaster, through His suffering and death. Those who want to follow Him will have to be prepared to share in this suffering too. There is the promise of future glory for those who do so.

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 our merciful Father, who in Jesus Christ showed us the value of suffering, keep you safe in His care and love.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE

Sep. 2nd Bleenie Sale

Oct. 1st Blessing of Animals (2:00PM) ??

GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 3rd Annual YMSofR Track and Field Meet, Minooka, Scranton, PA

Oct. 18th 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.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Michal Gitner**, his wife, and parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish in Stratford, 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: **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 28 – Debbie Whitecavage;

September 1 – John Edmondson; September 3 – Loretta Kovalewski



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.



prayer.


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

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.



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 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.

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.

