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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “A”

Dwudziesta Trzecia Niedziela Zwykła

September 4, 2011

“It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, September 4th – XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel may seem to offer a practical way of resolving a dispute without having to take the issue to court, in practice, it can demand heroic listening, forgiveness and reconciliation to a degree

that would be impossible without God's enduring presence.

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

▲ Collection for missions.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Colossians 1:24-2;3; Luke 6:1-11; **Tue.**, Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19; **Wed.**, Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26; **Thu.**, Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16.18-23; **Fri.**, 1 Timothy 1:1-2.12-14; Luke 6:39-42; **Sat.**, 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49

TUESDAY, September 6th - *Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, September 8th - Solemnity – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church in commemorating with a feast the birth of the BVM, celebrates the dawning of the day of the Redemption – the moment when she who was to be the Mother of our Savior was born. The Blessed Virgin occupies a unique place in the history of salvation. Heaven rejoices at her birth. The Lord reserves for her the highest mission ever entrusted to any creature. We rejoice in the certainty that the Mother of God is our Mother, too.

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 11th - XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention for America.

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 (Proverbs 9:7-8)

V. Whoever corrects a scoffer wins abuse; whoever rebukes the wicked man gets hurt.

R. A scoffer who is rebuked will only hate you; the wise, when rebuked, will love you.

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: Ezekiel 33:7-9

We have a responsibility to challenge those who do so evil so that they might turn away from their sin and turn towards God.

GRADUAL (2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Timothy 5:20)

V. Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

R. Reprimand publicly those who do sin, so that the rest also will be afraid.

II Reading: Romans 13:8-10

We are reminded of our duty to love our neighbor as ourselves. If we love, we have fulfilled all the commandments.

ALLELUIA (Leviticus 19:17)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. You shall not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow man, do not incur sin because of him.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus tells His disciples that the primary responsibility for righting wrongs lies in the offender and the offended coming together and talking about a solution.

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.

We have celebrated the presence of the Lord in our midst. May God fill your hearts with love that will overflow into the lives of everybody you meet.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE

Sep. 16th Bleenie Sale

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

GENERAL CHURCH

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 **Bishop Anthony Kopka, Father Jacek Orzechowski, Father Francis Rowinski, Deacon David Rowinski**, their families, and parishioners of All Saints Cathedral in Chicago, IL.

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. 11:** Mass for America; **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. Eugenia Halaburda – Dolores Halaburda. **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 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.



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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 **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.