

## Holy Ghost Parish

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**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “A”**

**Solemnity – Brotherly Love**

**September 11, 2011**

“Patriotism has not discharged its full duty when it hangs out a flag.”

### **EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, September 11<sup>th</sup> – XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Solemnity – Brotherly Love**

The Solemnity of Brotherly Love is observed by the PNCC today. On this day members of the PNCC and the PNU of America strive to increase their faith and spirituality, and their love for all God's

people, they express a desire to live daily the Two Commandments of Love.

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

▲ Collection – The Manor at Waymart

### WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10; **Tue.**, 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17; **Wed.**, Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17; **Thu.**, Hebrews 5:7-9; John 19:25-27; **Fri.**, 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3; **Sat.**, 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15

### MONDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup>

**6:30PM** – Parish Committee meeting in Frackville.

### TUESDAY, September 13<sup>th</sup> - *Weekday*

**7:30AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

### WEDNESDAY, September 14<sup>th</sup> - Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

*Public veneration of the Holy Cross dates back to the fourth century. Today the Church commemorates the rescue of the true Cross of Christ by Emperor Heraclius in a victory over the Persians. Our Mother, the Church sings of the triumph of the Holy Cross, the instrument of our salvation. In order to follow Christ, Christians must take up their own crosses in imitation of him who was obedient unto death. Thus emulating the Savior, we hope in some small way to share in his work of redemption.*

**7:30AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

### THURSDAY, September 15<sup>th</sup> - Holy Mother of Sorrows

*Our Mother Mary teaches us to live, together with her, beside the cross of her Son. In her suffering, she reminds us of the malice of sin and shows us the way of true repentance.*

**7:30AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

### FRIDAY, September 16<sup>th</sup>

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

### NEXT SUNDAY, September 18<sup>th</sup> - XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time

**11:00AM** – Holy Mass, intention for all Parishioners.

### **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** (1 John 4:7,9)

V. Beloved, let us love one another, because love is God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

**R. In this way the love of God was revealed to us; God sent His only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him.**

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 31:31-34**

**GRADUAL** (Luke 17:3b-4)

V. If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

**R. And if he wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, "I am sorry," you should forgive him.**

**II Reading: 1 John 4:17-21**

**ALLELUIA (John 15:17)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

V. This I command you: love one another.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**

### 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.

### COMING EVENTS

#### FRACKVILLE

Sep. 16<sup>th</sup> Bleenie Sale

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

#### GENERAL CHURCH

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** to church operational fund donation: **Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes, Mrs. Helen Menzyk, Mrs. Mary Stukas, Mr. Lance Nelson, Mr. Julian Bednarek, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Savitsky.** When you make a check for donations, please make them out to: **Holy Ghost PNCC.**

**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 Joseph Brzek**, his family and parishioners of the Divine Word parish in Chicago, IL.

**BISHOP'S CONSECRATION** – The Prime Bishop, the Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky and the Supreme Council of the PNCC joyfully invite you to the Consecration of the Very Rev. Paul Sobiechowski as a Bishop in the Church of God on **Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 3:00PM** at St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr Cathedral Scranton, PA. A free reception to follow in the Youth Center. A Deadline is September 29, 2011.


**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. 25:** Spójnia members; **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](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.

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
a Prayer of Remembrance  
2001 – September 11 – 2011**

Almighty and Ever-Living God, we remember September 11, 2001, and pray for all those who were affected by the terrible events of that day. We remember, with love and respect, all of those who went tragically to their deaths.

We remember those who still suffer from their injuries of that day ten years ago and pray for their recovery. We remember the still grieving families and friends and all who lost loved ones.

Gracious Lord, comfort all who mourn, embrace all those in sorrow, give courage to all who suffer. Continue to console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom. Bless them with presence and surround us all with Your love.

God of peace, who vindicates all injustice, bless all those defending and protecting our country and its ideals of freedom and liberty. God of all nations, look with love on this world and on its people. Restore tranquility to all nations and bless the work of Your creation.

Heavenly Father, answer our prayer and bring us hope through Christ, Your Son. May Your kingdom of justice and of peace reign and may the earth be filled with Your glory. **Amen.**