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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"

Dwudziesta Czwarta Niedziela Zwykła

September 16, 2012

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, September 16th – XXIV Sunday in Ordinary

"Who do you say I am?" This is the question Jesus asks His disciples and it is answered by Peter: "You are the Christ." That same question is asked of us. Our response will depend on our willingness to be Jesus' true followers.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Corinthians 11:17-26.33; Luke 7:1-10; **Tue.**, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14.27-31a; Luke 7:11-17; **Wed.**, 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 7:31-35; **Thu.**, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50; **Fri.**, Ephesians 4:1-7.11-13; Matthew 9:9-13; **Sat.**, 1 Corinthians 15:35-37.42-49; Luke 8:4-15

WEDNESDAY, September 19th - *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, September 20th - *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, September 21st - **Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle/Evangelist**

Son of Alphaeus, Matthew was a publican, that is, a tax collector for the Romans. His profession was despised by the Jews. Nevertheless, our Lord called him to be an apostle. Matthew's vocation reminds us that sanctity is not restricted only to a certain states in life. All professions, all our work and all our other endeavors should be sanctified. We do not know details of his evangelization or of his martyrdom which by most accounts took place in Persia or Ethiopia. Tradition unanimously acknowledges his as the author of the first Gospel, written in Aramaic, and afterwards translated into Greek.

Patron Saint of: accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, tax collectors

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

7:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

SATURDAY, September 22nd

10:00AM – 11:15AM – First Holy Communion Catechism Class in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 23rd – XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time – **Spójnia Sunday**

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Spójnia Members.

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 (Matthew 16:21; 1 Peter 2:21)

V. From that time on, Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.

R. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in His footsteps.

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 50:5-9

This is the third of Isaiah's "Servant Songs". Through prayer, the servant of the Lord – a prophetic reference either to Christ or to Israel as a nation – will receive God's word which will enable him, as in courtroom, to comfort his enemies.

GRADUAL (Psalm 25:2b-3)

V. In you I trust; let me not be put to shame, let not my enemies exult over me.

R. No one who waits for You shall be put to shame; those shall be put to shame who heedlessly break faith.

II Reading: James 2:14-18

James' message is that love of our neighbor shown in practical action is the natural consequence of a living faith.

ALLELUIA (1 Kings 18:21b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. How long will you straddle the issue? If the Lord is God, follow Him!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

Peter's confession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah heralds the first of the suffering and death of Jesus. But this was not the kind of Messiah Peter had expected and from now on a decisive change occurs in the Gospel.

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.

OFFERTORY VERSE (John 8:21b)

V. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

COMMUNION VERSE (Matthew 10:24-25a)

V. No disciple is above his teacher, no slave above his master. It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, for the slave that he become like his master.

May you be renewed by Christ's message of forgiveness and peace and give witness to it by your way of life.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Oct. 11-13th Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA.

FRACKVILLE

Sep. 21st "Bleenie" Sale

Oct. 6th Animals blessing (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 for our church operational fund donations: **Mr. & Mrs. James Panco, Mr. Frank Gill, Mr. Jan Cegielski, Mrs. Eugenia Tyrrell, Mr. Lance Nelson, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Savitsky, Mrs. Mary Stukas, Mr. Julian Bednarek, Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes, Mr. John Golba, Mrs. Diane Jellen, Mr. Edward Ryszka Jr.** When you make a check for donations, please make it out to: **Holy Ghost PNCC.**


THANK YOU very much to **Joe Karvois** for his help on Sunday's Mass.

PLEASE CALL FR. ROBERT - ..if you or your relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; ..if your telephone number or **address change**; ..if you have a prayer concern.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Robert Nemkovich Jr.**, his family, parishioners of Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River, MA and Holy Cross Parish in Central Falls, RI.

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, 2012. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.


 **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda. ***Providence Palace Drums, PA*** - Violet Cegielski. ***Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)*** - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221).


 **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.

FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PNCC – “Article XVIII, Section 1: The Chairman of the Parish Committee calls and the Pastor announces all Committee and Parish meetings and the Chairman presides over them. He signs all legal documents pertaining to the Parish property and its administration.”

Thank you very much to **Mr. Joseph Petrusky** for being such a great Chairman through these years, for his concern, dedication, love for our Parish, and for taking a very good care of the parish properties. Mr. Joseph participates (as much as he could) in the spiritual events of the Seniorate and the Diocese as well. Thank you also to all of our **Parishioners** who would like to keep our church open! May God bless you all!

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!

 **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.

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.

MEMBERS DUES 2012. Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the ‘family plan’ method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the last General Synod.

Each adult member will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at the Holy Ghost Parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

Total dues for 2012 per Adult Member: \$95.00 Per Year

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations:

Sunday Collection, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Donations, and Christmas Donations.

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**.

Polish Proverbs

Jak mała córka to ją ciesz. Jak duża córka to ją strzeż.

When your daughter is small, comb her hair. When your daughter is big, guard her well.

A PRAYER IN TIME OF GRIEF

O heart of mine, be veiled! O heart of mine be strong! Be steadfast to endure my grief, so heavy and so long. For there's a Word to comfort us when nothing else avails. And there's a holy hand to help when human guidance fails. O heart of mine be patient! O soul of mine, be strong! God's ways with us are holy ways, nor can His ways be wrong. A mystery still may veil the Lord's will, but He will grant us strength to walk the road, and bear the load, and reach his rest at last. Amen.