

**Holy Ghost Parish**  
**Polish National Catholic Church**  
**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Organizing (1922 - 2012)**

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Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese – **Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki**  
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**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"**  
Spójnia Sunday  
**September 23, 2012**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – XXV Sunday in Ordinary – Spójnia Sunday**

The Polish National Union of America was founded by the Prime Bishop Francis Hodur as a sister organization to the PNCC. It is a fraternal insurance organization whose mission is to care for its members from birth to death with various products, services and benefits.

**11:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for the PNU of America Members.

### WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18; **Tue.**, Proverbs 21:1-6.10-13; Luke 8:19-21; **Wed.**, Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6; **Thu.**, Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9; **Fri.**, Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22; **Sat.**, Daniel 7:9-10.13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51

**WEDNESDAY, September 26<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

**8:30AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

**THURSDAY, September 27<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

**8:30AM – Holy Mass** for health in Frackville.

**SATURDAY, September 29<sup>th</sup>** - *Feast – St. Michael, Archangel*

*St. Michael (“Who is like God?” is the archangel who fought Satan. He is the protector of all humanity and reminds us of the real existence of the devil and of demonic activity. For protection from the snares of the devil, it is good to have recourse to St. Michael.*

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray. O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world for ruin of souls. Amen.

**Patron Saint of:** airborne, grocers, paratroopers, police officers

**9:00AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville, intention: for God's blessing to **Bishop John Mack and his family**, of. by Fr. Robert & family.

**NEXT SUNDAY, September 30<sup>th</sup>** – *XXVI 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 (Jeremiah 12:19a,20)**

V. Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me.

**R. But You, o Lord of hosts, o just Judge, searcher of mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance You take on them, for to You I have entrusted my cause!**

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: Wisdom 2:12.17-20**

*The righteous person is characterized by gentleness and patience, but is constantly challenged and persecuted by the “godless”.*

**GRADUAL (1 Peter 4:13-14)**

V. But rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when His glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly.

**R. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.**

**II Reading: James 3:16 – 4:3**

*True Christian wisdom is dedicated to serving others and working for peace. The writer urges us to pursue wisdom rather than fame and wealth.*

**ALLELUIA (1 Peter 3:18a)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that He might lead you to God.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37**

*Jesus uses a small child as a benchmark of leadership and service. For whoever welcomes vulnerable and powerless people welcomes Christ himself.*

### **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 (2 Corinthians 5:15)**

V. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised.

**COMMUNION VERSE (Romans 6:5)**

V. For if we have grown into union with Him through a death like His, we shall also be united with Him in the resurrection.

**May our faith in God inspire us to be enthusiastic and hopeful in the coming week.**

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### CENTRAL DIOCESE

Oct. 11-13<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA.

#### FRACKVILLE

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> "Bleenie" Sale

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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 Henryk Wos**, his family, parishioners of Our Savior Parish in Woonsocket, 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.

**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**.

### **Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki – Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese**

A native of western New York, the Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki hails from the east side of Buffalo where Polish immigrants settled to live out their lives and to live out their Catholic faith within a nation of liberty and promise. The parish church that formed his spirituality and much of who he is today was the PNCC Cathedral on Sobieski Street under the patronage of the Holy Mother of the Rosary. Activities he was involved in included acolyte service, membership in the boys, youth and men's societies along with membership in the Cathedral adult and men's choirs. He participated in the Polish dancing troupe founded by his mother, participated in a seven-week church excursion to Poland, was a presenter of Polish language declamations and poetry at celebratory occasions. Before assuming the pastorate at Heart of Jesus, Bayonne, NJ Father Nowicki served as the pastor of two parishes in the Pittsburgh area. Bishop Nowicki is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh where he majored in psychology and of Theological Seminary of the PNCC. He did post-graduate work at Nashotah House, a seminary of the Episcopal Church, and earned a masters degree in divinity from Drew University, and a masters degree in social work. Bishop Nowicki is married to Barbara Ann Liberasky, they have a daughter Berit Elizabeth. After the consecration on September 14, 2012, Bishop Nowicki was installed as the Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese. May God bless you!

### **Polish Proverbs**

Bez Boga ani do proga.      Don't start anything without God.

### **THE SERENITY PRAYER**

Lord, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
The courage to change  
the things I can,  
And the wisdom to know the difference.