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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle "A"

Spójnia Sunday

September 25, 2011

"Jesus is the Way. Have you ever led one soul into that Way?"

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, September 25th – XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time – Spójnia Sunday

The **PNU** 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.

In this Mass may we experience the powerful love of Creator as we worship and praise God.
11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for the intentions of **Spójnia**.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50; **Tue.**, Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56; **Wed.**, Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62; **Thu.**, Daniel 7:9-10.13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51; **Fri.**, Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16; **Sat.**, Baruch 4:5-12.27-29; Luke 10:17-24

TUESDAY, September 27th - *Weekday*
7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, September 29th – *Feast – 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

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, September 30th

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

SATURDAY, October 1st

2:00PM – Blessing of Animals at the parking in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 2nd - *XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

^ Collection for missions.

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 (Hebrews 13:20a.21)

V. May the God of peace, furnish you with all that is good, that you may do His will.

R. May He carry out in you what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 18:25-28

God speaks to the prophet Ezekiel. Though the people of Israel accuse God of being unjust to them, it is they who commit injustice. Those who have sinned but repent and change their ways will have life.

GRADUAL (Jeremiah 5:5a,b)

V. I will go to the great ones and speak with them;

R. For they know the way of the Lord, their duty to their God.

II Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

St. Paul calls his readers to be united. They must not compete but must think of others before themselves. Paul encourages them to try to be like Christ in their own minds.

ALLELUIA (Sirach 11:20)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. My son, hold fast to your duty, busy yourself with it, grow old while doing your task.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus tells the story of a man with two sons, whom he asks to work in his vineyard. One says yes and does not go; the other says no but then goes. Jesus says that tax collectors and sinners are making their way to heaven ahead of religious people who heard but did not believe.

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 are called to be persuaded by love and to follow Christ's example. May we go out his week with Christ in our hearts, on our lips and in our minds.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

Oct. 30th All Souls prayer service after the Holy Mass

FRACKVILLE

Sep. 30th Bleenie Sale

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

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Oct. 10th Pastors meeting in Hazleton, PA (1:00PM)

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Oct. 15th Diocesan Council meeting in Scranton, PA (11:00AM)

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 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, Mrs. Claire Mallick, Mr. Stanley Saweki.** 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.

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE EVENTS – The Ladies Adoration Society – St. Joseph's PNCC in Middleport, PA - is having a YARD SALE this year on Saturday, **October 8, 2011** in the church hall, from **8:00AM to 2:00PM** as a fundraiser. There will be baked goodies, food & drinks for sale also. For questions, please call **Mrs. Stephanie Hoysock** at 570-277-0330.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Andrzej Bako**, his family, and parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus parish in Madison, 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.


OFFICE OF THE PRIME BISHOP - Several parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church have contacted the National Church Center Office with their desire to help those affected by Hurricane Irene and the subsequent flooding.

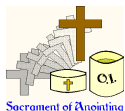
For any parishes that wish to participate, a special fund is being put in place with these funds that are collected. Please send your collections to the National Church Center Office designated for this disaster relief.

We also wish to know if there are parishes or individuals who were negatively affected by these events. Please contact the National Church Center so that we can better assist you during these trying times. Thank you all for your continued help and prayers.

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: **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.



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.