

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

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**Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"**  
**Solemnity – Christian Family**

**October 14, 2012**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, October 14<sup>th</sup> – XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Solemnity – Christian Family**

The Solemnity of the Christian Family is observed by the PNCC to commemorate the great gift of the family to the Church and community as well as our nation. As the Polish National Catholics we realize that in order to make Christian principles the standard for our families, we need more than anything else to follow the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

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

▲ Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

### WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, Galatians 4:22-24.26-27.31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32; **Tue.**, Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41; **Wed.**, Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46; **Thu.**, 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9; **Fri.**, Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7; **Sat.**, Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12

**MONDAY, October 15<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

**11:00AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

**THURSDAY, October 18<sup>th</sup>** - *Feast – St. Luke, Apostle & Evangelist*

*A physician from Antioch, he converted to Christianity and accompanied Paul on two of his journeys. The author of both the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, Luke devotes attention to Christ's birth and childhood as well to the universality of the Redemption.*

**Patron Saint of:** artists, brewers, butchers, doctors, glassworkers, painters, physicians, surgeons

**8:30AM – Holy Mass** in Frackville.

**FRIDAY, October 19<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

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

**NEXT SUNDAY, October 21<sup>st</sup>** – XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time – *Heritage Sunday*

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

▲ Collection – outreach to Poland.

### **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** (1 Timothy 5:8; Galatians 6:10)

V. Whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

**R. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.**

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: Genesis 1:26-28**

**GRADUAL** (Ephesians 6:1-4)

V. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise, “that you may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth.

**R. Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord.**

**II Reading: Ephesians 6:1-9**

**ALLELUIA** (Proverbs 6:20)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

V. Observe, my son, your father's bidding, and reject not your mother's teaching.

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:42-52**

### **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 (Proverbs 17:6)**

V. Grandchildren are the crown of old men, and the glory of children is their parentage.

**COMMUNION VERSE (Proverbs 3:12)**

V. My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you.

May the love and compassion of God sustain you as you go out to serve those most in need.

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastors meeting (Edwardsville, PA – 1:00PM)

#### **FRACKVILLE**

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> "Bleenie" Sale

### **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 **Joe Karvois** and **Victoria Plichta** for their help at the altar last Sunday.

**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 Senior Fryderyk Banas**, his family, parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Ware, MA.

**ALL SOULS ENVELOPES.** With the upcoming holydays of All Saints and All Souls in the not too distant future, we remind our parishioners and friends, to please submit the names of their departed loved ones for remembrance during this holy season. All Soul's Day remembrance request envelopes are placed next to the bulletins. Please fill them out (please: PRINT) and return them to Father Robert as soon as possible. (Thank

you). ALL SOULS CEMETERY SERVICE will be held in our church on Sunday, November 4, 2012 after the Mass.

**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!

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS:** Nov. 4: Sp. William and Josephine Zamonas; Nov. 25: – Sp. Robert Hoppes, Charles Hoppes.



**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.

**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.

#### **PRAYER FOR AN INCREASE OF FAITH**

Heavenly Father, I come to You with this humble prayer presented in the name of Your Son, Jesus, asking for a deeper appreciation of my faith and desire to make it ever stronger. I try to firmly believe and trust in You, but when weakness and human frailty come through I become like the Apostle, Thomas, seeking proof that You are truly present to me.

I pray now as he did: "*Lord, help my unbelief!*"

Take me by the hand and lift me up when I feel that I am sinking ever so low, doubting that You are with me. Lift me up as You did Saint Peter when he began to sink into the stormy sea. He, like Thomas, felt the gentle touch of Your hand and was saved. My Lord and my God, lift me up too.

It is not easy, Lord, to trust when adversity is pressing down hard on my mind and heart. I feel so abandoned at times when I need You most. You are there, Lord Jesus. Give me the strength at those times to reach out and grasp Your kind and gentle hand. I am weak, Lord, but by faith You make me strong. **Amen.**

#### **Polish Proverbs**

Jak trwoga, to do Boga.

When in need, turn to God.