

**Holy Ghost Parish**  
**Polish National Catholic Church**  
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**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"**  
**Heritage Sunday**

**October 21, 2012**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

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

Today's readings show us that true greatness lies in the generous service of others. Those who try to promote themselves in the eyes of the world do not achieve prominence in the eyes of God.

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21; **Tue.**, Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38; **Wed.**, Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48; **Thu.**, Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53; **Fri.**, Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59; **Sat.**, Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

### MONDAY, October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Weekday

**8:30AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

**1:00PM** – Seniorate clergy meeting in Edwardsville, PA

### WEDNESDAY, October 24<sup>th</sup> - Feast – St. Raphael, Archangel

*Raphael (“Medicine of God”) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey. Every person on his or her pilgrimage through this life also has a guardian angel with a mission similar to that of Raphael.*

**8:30AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

### THURSDAY, October 25<sup>th</sup> - Weekday

**8:30AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for **Victoria** and **Veronica Plichta**.

### NEXT SUNDAY, October 28<sup>th</sup> – XXX 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** (Hebrews 3:1; 4:15)

V. Therefore, holy brothers, who share in a heavenly calling, reflect on Jesus, the apostle and High Priest of our confession.

**R. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one Who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.**

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 53:10-11**

*Those who suffer on behalf of others do not do so in vain, even if they die in the process. God will reach out through their pain and touch the hearts of many people.*

### **GRADUAL** (Hebrews 8:6-7)

V. Now He has obtained so much more excellent a ministry as he is mediator of a better covenant, enacted on better promises.

**R. For if that first covenant had been faultless, no place have been sought for a second time.**

### **II Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16**

*Through Jesus’ life on earth, He knows exactly how difficult it can be to overcome our weaknesses. We can, therefore, be confident of His mercy.*

### **ALLELUIA** (Psalm 110:4)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. The Lord has sworn, and He will not repent: You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45**

*James and John looked for preferential treatment. Jesus, however, told them that greatness is achieved through service, not through self-aggrandisement.*

**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 (Hebrews 9:11a-12)**

V. But when Christ came as High Priest of the good things which have come to be, He entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

**COMMUNION VERSE (Hebrews 7:23-24)**

V. Those priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, by the, because He remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away.

May the Lord who lived among us and died for us fill your heart and mind as you leave this place today.

**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., Mrs. Cecelia Zomczyk, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky.** 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 Joseph Soltysiak**, his family, parishioners of: St. Joseph Parish in Westfield, MA, Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish in Chicopee, 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.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: October 27 – Violet Cegielski




**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.

## **POLISH HERITAGE DAY REMINDERS**

In the year **966 A.D.**, the Polish leader named **Mieszko** was converted to Christianity, and accepted the Christian faith for the Polish people, who were made up of a number of different tribes. The first capital of Poland was **Gniezno**. The capital later moved to **Kraków**, and from here to **Warsaw (Warszawa)**. In **1264**, the **Statute of Kalisz** granted equal rights to Jews. When every other country in Europe expelled the Jews, Poland welcomed them. After the Protestant Reformation, many countries tortured and persecuted Protestants, but in Poland they were free to practice their religion. Poland had the **first public library system in the modern world**, and the first **Department of Education**. Poland also had the **first written constitution in all of Europe**. This fact is still observed every May 3<sup>rd</sup> as Polish Constitution Day. In the late 1700's, Poland began to grow weak because the nobility tried to run the country and the king. Poland's neighbors (Russia, Austria-Hungary and Prussia) took advantage of its weakness and began to completely wipe Poland off the map. In **1914**, the WWI began, and by the time it was over, Germany was defeated, the Austria-Hungarian Empire was smashed and Russia was involved in its own revolution against the Czar. In **1918** Poland was resurrected after over 100 years. In **1939**, the **WWII** began when Nazi Germany invaded Poland unexpectedly. When the war was nearly over, the US, Russia and England made a pact dividing up who would control each portion of Europe. Poland was under communist rule, enforced by the Soviets. In **1978**, the election of the first Polish Pope in the history, the establishment of the Solidarity Union in Poland as well the support of the West...especially by **President Ronald Reagan** led to the establishment of the democratic Poland with Lech Wałęsa becoming its first democratically-elected president. The first known Polish settlers in the New World came to **Jamestown, Virginia in 1608**, where they set up the first factory in the New World.

## **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**

Bóg nie jest rychliwy, ale sprawiedliwy.      God acts slowly, but fairly.