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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “A”

Trzydziesta Niedziela Zwykła

October 23, 2011

“Character is the joint product of nature and nurture.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, October 23rd – XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time

We come together today because we believe that the greatest commandment of them all is love.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17; **Tue.**, Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21; **Wed.**, Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30; **Thu.**, Romans 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35; **Fri.**, Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16; **Sat.**, Romans 11:1-2a.11-12.25-29; Luke 14:1.7-11

MONDAY, October 24th - Feast – Raphael the 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.

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for sp. **Rev. Francis Kaczmarczyk**, of. by Fr. Robert.

TUESDAY, October 25th - *Weekday*

7:30PM – Holy Mass, in Frackville, intention: for sp. **Rev. Rudolph Zabek**, of. by Fr. Robert.

FRIDAY, October 28th - Feast – **SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles**

Simon is usually called “the Zealot” (Luke 6:15), probably because he belonged to the Jewish party of the “Zealous of the Law”. Jude, also called Thaddeus or “Courageous”, is the disputed author of a short epistle in the New Testament. Tradition has it that they preached in Mesopotamia and Persia and there were martyred.

Patron Saint of: desperate causes, desperate situations, lost causes

Most holy apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered your beloved Master into the hands of his enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless causes, of things almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly *add your own request here* and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.

Amen.

11:00AM - ? - “Bleenie” Sale (the last one)

9:30AM – Holy Mass, in Frackville, intention: for Bishop John Mack, clergy and lay members of the Diocesan Council, of. by Fr. Robert.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 30th - XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

▲ All Souls service immediately after the Holy Mass.

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 (Deuteronomy 6:5, 1 John 4:21)

V. Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

R. This is the commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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: Exodus 22:20-26

Moses reminds the people of their duty to look after the stranger and those in need, encouraging them to learn from their own experience in Egypt.

GRADUAL (Deuteronomy 7:9)

V. Understand, then, that the Lord, your God, is God indeed.

R. The faithful God Who keeps His merciful covenant down to the thousandth generation toward those who love Him and keep His commandments.

II Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

St. Paul rejoices in the fact that the disciples he helped form in Thessalonika have become missionary themselves.

ALLELUIA (1 John 4:12)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

As the Pharisees seek to disconcert Him, Jesus plays His triumph card: everything depends on love.

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.

There are great blessings in both giving and receiving. As we go forth may we rejoice in all that we have received at this celebration and seek every opportunity to share what we have received with others.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

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

Nov. 23rd Thanksgiving Holy Mass (6:00PM)

FRACKVILLE

Oct. 28th Bleenie Sale

Apr. 29th 2012 "Chinese" Auction

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Oct. 11-13th, 2012 Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

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 Sawecki, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky; Ms. Maria Celso, Ms. Diane Jellen.** 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.

CHURCH SERVICES – we stop shaking hands during the Holy Mass due the flu conditions. Thank you.

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.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for the **Very Rev. Edward Meus**, his family and parishioners of the Divine Providence Parish in Merriville, IN, and Our Savior Parish in Hobart, IN.

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 SERVICE will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2011 immediately after the Holy Mass.

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.

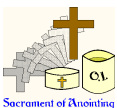
UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Nov. 6:** sp. William & Josephine Zamonas; **Nov. 27:** sp. Charles Hoppes and Robert Hoppes.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: October 27 – Violet Cegielski; October 29 – James Panco, Kellie Solnoki.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – 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.

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.

