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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “A”

Trzydziesta Pierwsza Niedziela Zwykła

October 30, 2011

“There is a mighty “go” in the word “gospel”

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, October 30th – XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's kingdom is a living power among us. We experience it whatever we make peace, serve one another and respect all living things. Let us prepare to be touched and challenged by God's

generosity and the work of the Holy Spirit.

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

✠ All Souls Prayer Service after the Holy Mass.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14; **Tue.**, Revelation 7:2-4.9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a; **Wed.**, Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; Matthew 25:31-46; **Thu.**, Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10; **Fri.**, Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8; **Sat.**, Romans 16:3-9.16.22-27; Luke 16:9-15

TUESDAY, November 1st - Solemnity of All Saints

Today we celebrate the feast of all the unknown saints who are now in heaven. The Church reminds us that sanctity is within everyone's reach. Through the Communion of Saints we help one another achieve sanctity.

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah

11:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville

WEDNESDAY, November 2nd - All Souls Day

The Church, after celebrating the feast of All Saints, today prays for all who, in the purifying suffering of purgatory, await the day when they will join in their company. The celebration of the Mass, which re-enacts the sacrifice of Calvary, has always been the principal means by which the Church fulfills the great commandment of charity toward the dead. We can also relieve their sufferings through our prayers, suffrages, and penance. Even after death, links with our fellow travelers are not broken.

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah, intention: for all deceased.

11:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for deceased.

THURSDAY, November 3rd – *Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention for: Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese (God's blessing), of. by Fr. Robert.

FRIDAY, November 4th - *First Friday of the month*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, intention: God's blessing for the family.

NEXT SUNDAY, November 6th - *XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00AM – Holy Mass with the reading of the Memorial List, for sp. William and Josephine Zamonas, of. by family.

✠ 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 (Jeremiah 7:3)

V. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel:

R. Reform your ways and your deeds, so that I may remain with you in this place.

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: Malachi 1:14 – 2:2.8-10

Religious leaders are warned that they have caused many to “stray” and “stumble” because of their teaching and actions.

GRADUAL (Proverbs 13:12, 15:33)

V. Before his downfall a man's heart is haughty, but humility goes before honors.

R. The fear of the Lord is training for wisdom, and humility goes before honors.

II Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.13

God's message is a "living power" among communities of Christians.

ALLELUIA (Colossians 3:12)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12

The failures of the scribes and Pharisees are identified, and Jesus suggests that His followers seek a path of humility and service.

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.

May love of others steer our lives, that we may remain close to God's kingdom, and that our world may become a better place.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

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

FRACKVILLE

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, Mr. Frank Gill.** 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 **Father Charles Zawistowski**, his family, and parishioners of St. Mary Parish in South Bend, 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.

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 – 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 build 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 Stanislaw 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.



PRAYER FOR HEALING

Merciful God, intercede for my loved ones who are ill, especially (*here mention your petitions.*) Grant them good health, have Your Angels watch over them, protect them from every danger, and keep them from every danger, and keep them safe from serious injury or harm. May the life-giving grace of Your Divine Son bring them to a full recovery. Embrace them with Your great love, that the power of Christ's healing presence may be their source of comfort, strength and joy. **Amen.**