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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"

Trzydziesta Pierwsza Niedziela Zwyczajna

November 3, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, November 3rd – XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have been given this time and space to come together to celebrate. This Sunday, let us make room in our hearts to come closer to the Lord in the Eucharist, and allow His word and presence to open our lives in new ways.

8:45AM – Holy Mass with the reading of Memorial List – intention: for Sp. **William** and **Josephine Zamonas**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky.

- ^ Collection for missions.
- ^ All Souls Service in the church.

Frackville: 12:00Noon doors open for the Chinese Auction, the auction begins at **2:00PM**.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14; **Tue.**, Romans 12:5-16ab; Luke 14:15-24; **Wed.**, Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33; **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

MONDAY, November 4th - Weekday
9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, November 6th - Weekday
9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, November 7th - Weekday
9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese (God's blessing)

FRIDAY, November 8th - Weekday
9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

SATURDAY, November 9th - Weekday
10:00AM – 11:00AM – Confirmation Class in Shenandoah.

NEXT SUNDAY, November 10th – XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Ignacy and Maria Stypik... (All Souls).

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 (Psalms 103:13-14,11)

V. As a Father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful. For He knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust.

R.As the heavens tower over the earth, so God's love towers over the faithful.

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: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

The Lord delights in all His creation. Because of this joyous love His compassion towards us is infinite.

GRADUAL (Psalms 26:2,3;9:10)

V. Test me, o Lord, and try me; search my heart and mind. Your love is before my eyes; I walk guided by Your faithfulness.

R. The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

II Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

As the Christians of Thessalonica live in hope and expectation of the Lord's coming, St. Paul urges them to be at peace, and allow the Lord to bring to completion His goodness in them.

ALLELUIA (Zephaniah 2:3a)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed His law; seek justice, seek humility.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

Crowded in by so many people, Zacchaeus finds a space so that he can see Jesus; and Jesus sees him, and

Zacchaeus' whole life is turned around.

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.

The Lord Jesus wants all people come to Him, and know the Father, and the joy of life in the Spirit. In your daily lives may this mission be made and more real in the world.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

First Sunday of each month – coffee & cake in the hall.

Nov. 10th Veterans Day Service

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.

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.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Carmen Bolock**, his family and parishioners of St. Mary's Parish in Duryea, PA [saintmaryspncc.org]

PNCC CHURCH BURNED – SS Cyril & Methodius church in Perth Amboy, NY burned down on Monday, October 28. Please pray for the congregation and its pastor – Father Mariusz Zochowski as they go through this horrible reality in the life of that parish and our Diocese.

THANKSGIVING DAY MEALS – The Knights of Columbus, Schuylkill Council 431, Pottsville, PA in conjunction with other councils in Schuylkill County, will be providing free, in-home delivered meals to all those in need living in Schuylkill County. To be placed on the list, address, phone number, and number of meals needed. If no answer leave a message and someone will call back to confirm the information. The numbers to call are 570-691-1429, 570-773-0327 or 570-628-3333. requirement is that the recipients be a resident of Schuylkill County. Meals will be delivered on **Thanksgiving Day** between the hours of **10:00AM and 1:00PM**. Parties must be at home as meals will not be left on the door-step and we can not guarantee we will be able to get back to you. Orders for meals must be received by **Thursday, November 21 – 5:00PM**. Anybody wanting to volunteer their assistance may do so by calling 570-628-3333 and leave message.

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, 2013. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: Nov. 24: sp. Robert Hoppes and Charles Hoppes.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for: Bishop John Mack – Very Rev. Wiesław Pietruszka - Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda – Donna Kolwicz. **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!



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.

PARISH INFORMATION. Daily Masses as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God’s Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

The parish bulletin - is made on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

MEMBERS DUES 2013. 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 2013 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.

ZACCHAEUS AND THE SYCAMORE

Jericho is a city of turning points. It is an oasis that serves as a crossroads between Galilee and Jerusalem and between Israel, Jordan and Egypt. It is here that Jesus will take the road that will lead to Calvary. It is also the home of a hated and rich, mercenary tax collector named Zacchaeus. His fellow Jews see him only as a collaborator with the Roman occupation forces. He has reached the peak of his career but is unsatisfied. He has few if any friends. His last chance may be to reform by turning to Jesus. Being short of stature, he climbs a sycamore tree. This is not the stately plant of America, nor that of Eurasia. It is a variety of fruit tree, often known as the "poor man's fig". There is a bit of satire in the fact that he climbs a plant grown for the impoverished.