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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"

Trzydziesta Trzecia Niedziela Zwykła

November 17, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, November 17th – XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

In following Christ we may be called to suffer for our faith; but such times of trial are also opportunities to bear witness to Him.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. William and Josephine Zamonas... (All Souls).

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Maccabees 1:10-15.41-43.54-57.62-63; Luke 18:35-43; **Tue.**, 2 Maccabees 6:18-31 ; Luke 19:1-10;
Wed., 2 Maccabees 7:1.20-31; Luke 19:11-28; **Thu.**, Zechariah 2:14-17; **Matthew 12:46-50**; **Fri.**, 1 Maccabees
4:36-37.52-59; Luke 19:45-48; **Sat.**, 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

MONDAY, November 18th - *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

TUESDAY, November 19th - *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, November 20th - *Weekday*

6:30PM – Choir practice before the Advent Season in Frackville.

THURSDAY, November 21st - Solemnity – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Together with Christians of the East, the Catholic Church preserves the early tradition that a small child, Mary was presented to the Lord by her parents in the Temple. This celebration calls our attention to the total dedication of Mary to God's service and her obedience to God's plans. We, too, are called to serve God joyfully and without seeking any human glory in return.

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, November 22nd - *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

SATURDAY, November 23rd - *Weekday*

10:00-11:00AM – Confirmation Class in Shenandoah.

NEXT SUNDAY, November 24th – Solemnity – Christ the King - XXXIV (Last) Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Robert Hoppes and Charles Hoppes, of. by Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes.

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 (2 Peter 3:10,13)

V. The day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

R. But according to His promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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 3:19-20

The Lord comes in judgement but also with healing.

GRADUAL (Luke 1:78-79)

V. Because of the mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high will visit us.

R. To shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace.

II Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Waiting for Christ's return is no reason to sit in idleness but rather to earn one's own bread.

ALLELUIA (Daniel 3:10)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. How great are His signs, how mighty His wonders; His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion endures through all generations.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

In the face of persecution and hostility Christians are called to bear witness to their faith.

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 your lives be filled with joy and hope of Christ's Gospel.

COMING EVENTS

SNENANDOAH

Dec. 22nd Decorating the church for Christmas
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass 8:00PM
Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass 9:30AM

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.

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass 10:00PM
Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass 11:00AM

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 Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski**, his family and parishioners of the Holy Cross Parish in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

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.

PNU MESSAGE – November is a time to be thankful for all the blessings we've been given. What a great time to share the many benefits of the PNU with your family and friends. Endowments, insurance policies, and annuities are just some of the many offerings the PNU can offer to help you provide for those you care about. Contact the PNU Home Office at **1-800-724-6352** for more information on the financial security we can help you provide.

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; **Dec. 29:** Sp. Ann Kowalonek.Grande.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: November 20 – Julian Bednarek.

Helen Menzyk
Drums, PA -



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

DEATH NOTICE – **John Edmondson** (77) passed away on Monday, Nov. 11, 2013. The funeral Mass was held on Thursday, Nov. 14 in our church. ***Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord.....***

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.

WORK QUIETLY AND EAT YOUR OWN FOOD

Paul had won many converts in the city of Thessalonica by speaking of the end of the world. He seriously believed that it was coming soon and pressed his listeners on this point. There was a strong reaction, but one with unexpected weaknesses. Many of the people figured that since the end was coming, they should spend their last days in prayer. Hence they quit their jobs and focused on meditation. This won Christians a bad reputation. Paul tries to counter-act this by citing his own example. He was a tailor by profession and earned enough from this work to pay for his own needs and those of his co-workers.