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Solemnity – Christ the King

Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “A”

November 20, 2011

“Sunday is Christ's election day. If His purposes are defeated, it will be because of the stay-at-homes who failed to vote.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, November 20th – XXXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Solemnity – Christ the King

On this solemnity of Christ the King we are invited to recognize the presence of Christ in each of our brothers and sisters.

11:00AM – Holy Mass with the Reading of the Memorial List intention: for sp. **Susan Barto Bednarek....(All**

Souls).

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Zechariah 2:14-17; Matthew 12:46-50; **Tue.**, Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11; **Wed.**, Daniel 5:1-6.13-14.16-17.23-28; Luke 21:12-19; **Thu.**, Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28; **Fri.**, Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33; **Sat.**, Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

MONDAY, 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.

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

TUESDAY, November 22nd - Weekday

9:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, November 23rd - Weekday

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

6:00PM – Thanksgiving Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

SATURDAY, November 26th - Weekday

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, November 27th - First Sunday of Advent

11:00AM – Holy Mass with the reading of the Memorial List, intention: for all Parishioners, 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 (Revelation 5:12; 19:16)

V. “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive the power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing!”

R. He has a name written on His cloak and on His thigh, “King of kings and Lord of lords.”

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: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

Ezekiel assures us that the Lord is our shepherd who will never cease to care for us.

GRADUAL (Luke 1:32-33)

V. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of David His father.

R. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

St. Paul reminds us that through Christ's death we have the hope of eternal life with God.

ALLELUIA (Daniel 7:14b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

V. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, His kingship shall not be destroyed.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus speaks of the final gathering when all nations will be gathered before God. When that time comes the people will be separated one from another according to how they have lived their life on earth.

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 (Revelation 15:3b)

V. Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God almighty. Just and true are Your ways, o King of the nations.

COMMUNION VERSE (Psalm 29:10b-11)

V. The Lord reigns as King forever! May the Lord give might to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace!

May all that we do today, and in the coming week, reveal the presence of Christ to those whom we serve.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE

Dec. 4th Christmas Party – at 4:00PM

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, Ms. Susan Bobbin, 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.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2011 – will be held in St. John's church hall in **Frackville**, on **Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 4:00PM**. The Parishioners invite you to participate, therefore please sign your name on the sheet at the vestibule. When you come, please bring **one gift**. The deadline is **November 27**.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Henry Galas**, his family and parishioners of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Milwaukee, WI.

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. 27:** sp. Charles Hoppes and Robert Hoppes.



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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage. Eugenia Halaburda – Dolores Halaburda. ***Shenandoah Manor*** – Violet Cegielski (B2). ***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!

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.

PNCC 2012 LITURGICAL CALENDAR – is now available. The cost of calendar is \$3.00 plus \$1.85 S&H. Please place your order on the sheet in the back of the church as soon as possible.

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.

