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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “C”
Szósta Niedziela Zwykła
February 14, 2010

“The worst mistake a boss can make is not to say ‘well done.’” – JOHN ASHCROFT

Events for the Week

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

Today, February 14th – VI Sunday in Ordinary Time

All of us seek lives that are blessed and happy. In today’s Mass we hear of the importance of trusting God and avoiding the trappings of wealth – important messages as we prepare for Lent.

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

- The second weekly collection – second, third, fourth or fifth Sunday in the month - (after the Holy Mass) is for operation of the Holy Ghost parish – **THANK YOU!**
- Please, turn off your cell phones during the Holy Mass, thank you.
- Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13; **Tue.**, James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21; **Ash Wednesday:** Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2; Matthew 6:1-6.16-18; **Thu.** after Ash Wed., Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25; **Fri.** after Ash Wed., Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15; **Sat.** after Ash Wed., Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

MONDAY, February 15th - *Weekday*

“Easter Egg” project begins

1:00PM – Plymouth Seniorate Pastors meeting in Hazleton, PA

TUESDAY, February 16th – *Weekday*

9:00AM – **Holy Mass** in Frackville, intention: for sp. **Bishop Francis Hodur** (57th anniversary of death), of. by Fr. Robert.

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17th

Fasting: *all those of post-confirmation age are to fast on Fridays, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals.*

Our Lenten regulations are recommended for healthy adults. Children under First Holy Communion age, the infirm, those on restrictive medication and the elderly are exempt from the obligation of fasting.

6:00PM – **Holy Mass in Shenandoah.**

7:30PM – **Holy Mass** in Frackville.

FRIDAY, February 19th – *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – **Holy Mass** in Frackville.



7:00pm – **Stations of the Cross** in Frackville.

SATURDAY, February 20th – *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – First Holy Communion Catechism Class in Shenandoah

10:15AM – **Holy Mass** in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 21st – I Sunday of Lent

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

- Stations of the Cross (after the 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

(Psalms 1:1-3)

V. Happy those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, nor go the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the Lord is their joy; God's law they study day and night.

R. They are like a tree planted near streams of the water, that yields its fruit in due season; Its leaves never wither; whatever they do prospers.

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: Jeremiah 17:5-7

Jeremiah urges faithfulness to God. His list of one curse and one beatitude prepares us to hear the fuller list provided by Jesus in today's Gospel.

THE GRADUAL

(Psalms 146:3-5)

V. Put no trust in princes, in mere mortals powerless to save. When they breathe their last, they return to the earth; that day all their planning comes to nothing.

R. Happy those whose help is Jacob's God, whose hope is in the Lord, their God.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

St. Paul tells the Corinthians how important it is to believe that Jesus was raised from the dead.

THE ALLELUIA

(Psalms 84:13)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. O Lord of hosts, happy are those who trust in You.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17,20-26

Jesus provides a list of blessings and curses. He predicts reveals in the fortunes of those who are now apparently blessed and of those now apparently cursed.

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 joy in God's faithful love give you consolation, hope in the future and a desire to work for the well-being of those who are poor and vulnerable.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

Feb. 20th First Holy Communion Catechism Class – 9:00AM
March 20th Flea Market & Food Sale – 8:00AM – 2:00PM
May 23rd First Holy Communion Day
July 25th Blessing of automobiles at our parking (after Mass)
Sep. 10th “Bleenie” Sale
Oct. 3rd “Chinese” Auction

FRACKVILLE

Feb.15 – March 21st Easter Egg Sale Project
May 15th Sp. Joseph Payne's funeral Mass (10:30AM)
June 11th “Bleenie” Sale begins (every 2 weeks)
July 25th Blessing of automobiles at our parking (after Mass)
Oct. 2nd Blessing of the animals at the parking (2:00PM)

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Feb. 15th Pastor's meeting (Hazleton, PA) 1:00PM
Apr. 17th Plymouth Seniorate Council meeting (Wilkes-Barre, PA) 1:00PM
June 3rd Corpus Christi Service (Hazleton, PA) 7:00PM

CENTRAL DIOCESE

March 30th Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism
Apr. 17th Diocesan Council meeting, Scranton, PA (11:00AM)

GENERAL CHURCH

May 21-22nd 65th Annual YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament (Scranton, PA)
July 26-30th Youth Convo (Monmouth University, NJ)
Sep. 4th Annual YMSofR Track & Field Meet (Scranton, PA)
Oct. 4-8th 23rd General Synod (Canada)

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 a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; ..if your phone number or address change; ..if you have a prayer concern.

THANK YOU very much to **Mr. Jacob Komara** and **Joe Karvois** for your help at the altar last Sunday (February 7).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 17 – Joelle Karvois, Russel Sincavage Jr.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: February 17 – Stephen and Joelle Karvois.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Curcio – James Panco – Catherine Marasco. *Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)* - Margaret Kruszynski - Connie Sincavage - Edward Ryszka Jr.



Sacrament of Anointing

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.

“Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord...” (James 5:14). If you, or a member of your family are sick and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home, please notify the rectory.

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!

LENT – The period of Great Lent historically has been a period of 40 days penance imposed on public sinners. As a time of public penance and self-reflection, the 40 days are reminiscent of the Old Testament Exodus from Egypt, Moses’ period of ascent on Mt. Sinai, the story of Elias and the period spent by Our Lord in the desert following His Baptism in the Jordan river. This period was also one of preparation for catechumens in the early Church. Throughout Lent daily instruction in the tenets of the Christian faith took place with a regular study of scripture and a fasting of forty days. Great Lent not only presents a special opportunity for abstinence and a penitential spirit, but for prayer and the study of Christ’s teachings as well. Originally these 40 days (*in Latin – Quadragesima*) were counted from the eve of Quadragesima Sunday

to the hour of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. Around the 7th century this changed and religious sought a period of not only penance, but fasting.

The liturgical vestments change to a **violet** color to accentuate the penitential feeling of the season.

Beginning with **Ash Wednesday**, the altar is covered with a violet frontal. In some parishes candlesticks are also covered in violet. Following the example of the Ninivites who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, the Church puts ashes on our heads to humble our pride and to remind us of the sentence of death which we must suffer as the result of sin, accompanying the gesture with the inspiring words: *Remember' ...you are dust, and to dust you shall return, but your soul returns to God.* Ashes that are used are made from palms, branches of olive or other trees blessed the year before. Parts of discarded liturgical vestments may also be added to the ash materials. Ashes are blessed after the Mass of Ash Wednesday. The symbol of the crucifixion is **covered on Passion Sunday** (a week before Palm Sunday). – From: **“Rites and Ritual”** – a liturgical handbook for the PNCC.

During this holy and grace-filled season of Lent, all of you are encouraged to share in our Lenten Journey in preparation for Christ's Resurrection by faithfully attending not only Sunday's Mass but also our Lenten services that will include: **Stations of the Cross** and **Bitter Lamentations** (Fridays at 7:00PM in Frackville or Sundays after 11:00AM Mass in Shenandoah). **Your prayers and participation will be appreciated.**



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!



FROM THE CATECHISM of the PNCC – “**Matrimony** is the Sacrament which makes a Christian man and woman husband and wife, gives them grace to be faithful to each other and to bring up their children in love and devotion to God. To receive the Sacrament of Matrimony worthily the couple must: 1) be free to marry; 2) freely consent to the vows of marriage; 3) be married by the priest and in the presence of two witness; 4) be in state of grace. Christian marriage is governed by the laws of God and His Church. To prepare for a happy marriage I should: 1) pray, that God will direct my choice of a life partner of my own faith; 2) seek the advice of my spiritual counselor; 3) practice virtues, especially purity; 4) go to confession and Holy Communion frequently. Some marriages prove unhappy when husband and wife: 1) marry hastily or with unworthy motives; 2) do not ask God’s help in their marriage difficulties; 3) neglect the duties of married life.”

THE CHINESE AUCTION will be held on **October 3, 2010** in the parish hall. We are asking all parishioners to help with the fundraiser by donating new items for this event.

We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone’s help is needed especially on the day of the auction.

If you need help with delivering your items to the church, please contact Father Robert and arrangements will be made for pick-up. THANK YOU.

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 **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

ST. VALENTINE - For most people, St. Valentine's Day is a day of affection and confectionary, a day of kisses, candy and flowers. But just as Christmas is about more than gifts, so too does Valentine's Day have a deeper meaning.

The true romance of the celebration begins with the legend of St. Valentine in roughly 270 A.D.

St. Valentine was a holy priest who was arrested and imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and for aiding Christians who were being persecuted during the reign of Claudius the Goth (Claudius II).

He was brought to prison where he was tortured in an attempt to make him renounce his Christian faith. When Valentine instead tried to convert Claudius, he was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on Feb. 14, in about the year 270 A.D.

One legend says, while awaiting his execution, couples for whom he had conducted marriages brought him flowers and gifts to show their respect and admiration.

This led to today's tradition of presenting your Valentine with gifts. It is also said that, while imprisoned, he restored the sight of his jailer's blind daughter and that this miracle led to his eventual canonization.

In 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius marked Feb. 14 as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom. The legend of St. Valentine is a tale of true love that transcends mere sentiment.

Its noble purpose should inspire everyone in this new time of religious persecution to be equally vigilant and heroic in upholding and defending the traditional definition of marriage presently under assault from secular humanists.

Let St. Valentine be our model and inspiration for life and humanity.



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 is placed on the tongue, not in the hand.