

## Holy Ghost Parish

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**The Bulletin for:**

**XIV, XV, XVI and XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “A”**

**July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2011**

“What if God were to take a vacation in His care of you?”

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

**Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – XIV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We think about our young people at this time – their exams over and ready to begin their summer holidays. Today we learn that Jesus truly respects young people who, He says, are often quicker to understand His teachings – and act on them – than adults.

**11:00AM – Holy Mass**

✠ 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. **(optional for all Sundays)**

**THE HYMN OF FAITH** – To The We Come...

**ENTRANCE RITE** ((Revelation 5:10; Matthew 6:10)

V. You made them a kingdom and priests for our God, and they will reign on earth.

**R. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

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: Zechariah 9:9-10**

**GRADUAL** (Psalms 145:1-2)

V. I will extol You, o my God and King, and I will bless Your name forever.

**R. Every day will I bless You, and I will praise Your name forever.**

**II Reading: Romans 8:9. 11-13**

**ALLELUIA** (John 1:17)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30**

### **HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (for all Sundays)**

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.

**MONDAY, July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day**

**11:00AM** – Holy Mass at Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Waymart, PA.

Following the Mass Polish and American foods will be available at the pavilion until 4:00PM. From 1:00-4:00PM dance music will be provided, and throughout the afternoon everyone will be able to participate in various games of chances and a basket ruffle.

**FRIDAY, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00AM** – ? - “Bleenie” Sale in Frackville.

**SUNDAY, July 10<sup>th</sup> - XV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today Jesus tells the parable of the sower and invites us to examine our personal response to His teaching.

**11:00AM** – Holy Mass

**ENTRANCE RITE** (Hebrews 4:12; John 1:14)

V. Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between

soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

**R. And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory as the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.**

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: Isaiah 55:10-11**

**GRADUAL (1 Peter 1:23; Luke 11:28)**

V. You have been born anew, not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and abiding word of God.

**R. "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."**

**II Reading: Romans 8:18-23**

**ALLELUIA (Luke 8:11b; 1 Thessalonians 2:13b)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. The seed is the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23**

**SUNDAY, July 17<sup>th</sup> - XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Lord is kind to us and helps us in imperfections. When we are not even able to pray He sends His Spirit to help us in our weakness, to guide us into being of one mind with God.

**11:00AM – Holy Mass**

**ENTRANCE RITE (Psalms 86:5-6)**

V. Lord, You are kind and forgiving, most loving to all who call on You.

**R. Lord, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help.**

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 12:13. 16-19**

**GRADUAL (Wisdom 11:26-12:1-2)**

V. But You spare all things, because they are Yours, o Lord and lover of souls, for Your imperishable Spirit is in all things!

**R. Therefore You rebuke offenders little by little, warn them, and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in You, o Lord!**

**II Reading: Romans 8:26-27**

**ALLELUIA (2 Peter 3:9a,c)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. The Lord does not delay His promise, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-43**

**FRIDAY, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

11:00AM – ? - “Bleenie” Sale in Frackville.

**SUNDAY, July 24<sup>th</sup> - XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

What do we value above all else in our lives? Jesus in the Gospel tells us that the kingdom of God is the pearl beyond price, the treasure we should value above everything else.

11:00AM – Holy Mass

**ENTRANCE RITE (Proverbs 2:6-7; Wisdom 7:7)**

V. The Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He has counsel in store for the upright, He is the shield of those who walk honestly.

**R. Therefore I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.**

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: 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12**

**GRADUAL (Proverbs 8:12,14; 3:13-14)**

V. I, Wisdom, dwell with experience, and judicious knowledge attain. Mine are counsel and advice; Mine is strength; I am understanding.

**R. Happy the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding! For her profit is better than profit in silver, and better than gold is her revenue.**

**II Reading: Romans 8:28-30**

**ALLELUIA (Psalms 49:4)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. My mouth shall speak wisdom, my heart shall offer insight.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52**

**NEXT SUNDAY, July 31<sup>st</sup> - XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00AM – Holy Mass

Enjoy your Summer!

**COMING EVENTS**

**SHENANDOAH**

Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> Baptism: a Daughter of Stephen & Joelle Karvois.

**FRACKVILLE**

July 8<sup>th</sup> Bleenie Sale

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Bleenie Sale

July 31<sup>st</sup> Automobiles Blessing (after the Holy Mass)

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Blessing of Animals (2:00PM) ??

**GENERAL CHURCH**

July 27 – July 29<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Music Workshop and 30<sup>th</sup> Convention of the National United Choirs of the PNCC (Dupont, 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** – very much to **Joe Karvois** and **Dylan Whitecavage** for their help at the altar.

**SUMMER TIME** – Father Robert takes his vacation from June 27 – July 27, 2011. In the case of sacramental emergency our parishioners may contact Father Boguslaw Janiec at 570-454-6103 or Father Richard Wosiak at 570-277-6180.

**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.

**HELP NEEDED** – If anyone is interested to help at the altar during our services, and serve as the Lector, please contact the pastor.



**National United Choirs 22<sup>nd</sup> Music Workshop / 30<sup>th</sup> General Convention** is being conducted from Wednesday, **July 27** through Friday, **July 29, 2011** at **Holy Mother of Sorrows PNCC Parish, Dupont, PA.** The theme is *Power of God in Song*. Cost for Convention/Workshop is \$125.00; Convention only is \$40.00; Workshop is \$45.00 per day. Accommodations are \$65.00 per night. Further information and the registration form for this event can be obtained through your parish or downloaded from the [pncc.org](http://pncc.org) web site. Please consider joining the NUC in Prayer, Song and Fellowship! Deadline for registration is **July 10, 2011.**

The National United Choirs has supported the music ministry of our Church for many decades. Through Music Workshops, the music commission, the music scholarship program and other avenues, our Church has benefitted greatly. Our congregation is encourage to attend the **FREE** concert on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Holy Mother of Sorrows PNCC at Dupont, PA. See you there!

**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:** **July 31:** Joseph Vernitsky; **Aug. 7:** Baptismal Mass; **Aug. 14:** sp. Helena Kurek; **Aug. 21:** sp. William Zamonas Sr. **Aug. 28:** sp. Julian Bednarek Sr.; **Sep. 4:** sp. Jan Sroka; **Nov. 6:** sp. William & Josephine Zamonas; **Nov. 27:** sp. Charles Hoppes and Robert Hoppes. *Please, do not order the Holy Mass intentions in July 2011.*



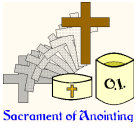
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: July 17 – Theresa Petrusky; July 23 – Russel Sincavage; July 24 – Edward Ryszka Jr.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** Anniversary best wishes are extended to: July 12 – William and Kellie Solnoki.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Claire Mallick – Violet Cegielski. *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.

*“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!



**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](mailto: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 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.

**WHO ARE THE OLD CATHOLICS?** To answer this question we must go far back into the past, toward the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> century. St. Willibrord, a missionary from England, succeeded in finally introducing Christianity into the “Low Countries” near the sea, the area now known as the Netherlands of Holland. Willibrord was consecrated a bishop by Pope Sergius I in Rome. After a number of journeys, teaching and preaching, Willibrord established his episcopal monastery at Epternac. The official break with the Church of Rome began in 1713. In 1724 Cornelius Steenoven was elected as the new Archbishop of Utrecht and was consecrated by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Babylon. By electing the archbishop an act of defiance to Roman authority, the Dutch Church showed its independence from Rome. The national Catholic Church of the Netherlands continued to live and grow under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, much like our PNCC. As Polish National Catholics, we are part of the Old Catholic Church and we are part of the Old Catholic Church and we are the only representative of the Old Catholic Church in the United States.

<p><b>Receiving the Holy Eucharist</b> – 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.</p>
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### **Prayer for a Family**

*O dear Jesus,*

I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family. May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith. I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

*O Mary,*

loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

*Blessed Saint Joseph,*

holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to you, to watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and the dying, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. **Amen.**



