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First Sunday of Lent – Cycle “B”
Pierwsza Niedziela Wielkiego Postu
February 26, 2012

“The Lenten season calls for a consecration of both life and possessions to Christ and His glorious Church. The measure of blessing we received from an observance of Lent will depend upon our response to its appeal.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 8:45AM – Contemporary liturgy in English [page 63]

Today, February 26th – I Sunday of Lent

Baptism is a good focus for our Lenten reflections because on Easter Day we will be invited to renew our baptismal vows.

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Leviticus 19:1-2.11-18; Matthew 25:31-46; **Tue.**, Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15; **Wed.**, Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32; **Thu.**, Esther C:12,14-16.23-25; Matthew 7:7-12; **Fri.**, Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26; **Sat.**, Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

Monday, February 20 – March 26th – Easter Eggs Sale Project

TUESDAY, February 28th - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for the remission of sins.

WEDNESDAY, February 29th - Lenten Weekday

7:00PM – Lenten Community Service – First UMC

THURSDAY, March 1st - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

FRIDAY, March 2nd - First Friday on the month

7:30AM – Holy Mass to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**; intention: God's blessing for the family. The adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be held until 2:00PM.

6:00PM – Bitter Lamentations (Gorzkie Żale)

NEXT SUNDAY, March 4th - II Sunday of Lent

11:15AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Ann Balsler, of. by Mr. John Etcho.

- Collection for missions.
- Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- **Annual Parish Meeting.**

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 (Sirach 44:17-18)

V. Noah, found just and perfect renewed the race in the time of devastation. Because of his worth there were survivors, and with a sign to him the deluge ended.

R. A lasting agreement was made with him, that never should all flesh be destroyed.

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Holy Cross – PNCC Hymnal, p. 92

1. Holy Cross, O Tree all beauteous, Tree all peerless and divine! No grove on the earth can show us Such a flow'r and leaf as thine! Precious nails and precious the wood On which hung our dying Lord.
2. Lofty tree bend down thy branches, To embrace thy sacred burden; Relax, oh, relax the tension Of that all too rigid wood. Gently, gently bear the members Of thy dying King and God.

I Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God makes a new covenant with Noah. The rainbow is a sign of hope.

The Responsorial Psalm: Your ways, o Lord, are love and truth to those who keep Your covenant.

II Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

St. Peter links the story of Noah and the flood with our baptism.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Jesus begins His mission after 40 days spent wrestling with the power of evil.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Thou Creator Spirit blest. And in our souls take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Amen.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH [page 71]

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

We bring our prayers to the Lord who is close at hand.

- That in this Lenten season we may find time to reflect on and pray about the meaning of our baptism. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who feel overwhelmed by the burden of sin: may they find renewed hope in Christ who overcame the power of evil. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who struggle with pain and sickness: may they be filled with a sense of hope and experience the comforting presence of Christ. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who have died: may they reap the rewards of their labors and come to the glory of the resurrection. **R. Lord hear our prayer.**

God our Father, help us to use Lent well. Free us from anxiety, and help us to live in peace and joy as we prepare to celebrate Easter, through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

OFFERTORY VERSE (Genesis 9:17)

V. God told Noah: "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between Me and all mortal creatures that are on earth".

OFFERTORY HYMN – O, My Jesus – PNCC Hymnal, p. 86

1. O, my Jesus, knelt in anguish On that night of pain and grief. Lo, an angel soothes Your sorrow, Brings unto Your soul relief. **Refrain:** Come, my Jesus, Come, my Jesus, Come, my Jesus, hear my pray'r. Grant me Lord, Your grief to share./x2

2. O, my Jesus, how You suffer, From the piercing thorny crown. Your most holy face is crimson As Your head in blood does drown. **Refrain:** Come, my Jesus, Come, my Jesus, Come, my Jesus, hear my pray'r. Grant me Lord, Your grief to share./x2

COMMUNION HYMN – Hallowed Be Forever – PNCC Hymnal, p. 155

1. Hallowed be forever, Living Host Divine, In which Christ our Savior hidden is sublime. **Refrain:** Hail Thou Jesus, Son of Mary, Thou art God eternal, Won'drous mystery.

2. Hallowed be forever, Thou Angelic Bread, Sacrament Most Holy, by which we are fed. **Refrain:**

3. Hallowed be forever, Shepherd Crucified, For us Thou didst suffer, for us Thou hast died. **Refrain:**

4. Hallowed be forever, ris'n in victory, In this Bread Most Holy we would worship Thee. **Refrain:**

COMMUNION VERSE (Hebrews 4:15)

V. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one Who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.

RECESSIONAL HYMN – People, My People – PNCC Hymnal, p. 94

1. People, my people, how have I betrayed you? How have I grieved you, How could I have failed you?
For I have saved you from the might of Pharaoh, But now you lead Me to the cross to suffer.
2. People, My People (*begins each verse*)...For I have raised Y you over ev'ry nation, But you would have
Me bear shame and crucifixion.

May you know the love of God our heavenly Father for you and for our world. May the Lord Jesus strengthen you to cope with all you may face in the coming week. May the Holy Spirit of God comfort you in times of sorrow and distress.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

- Apr. 14th Diocesan Council meeting (Scranton, PA)
Oct. 11-13th Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

- Apr. 21st Seniorate Council meeting (**Shenandoah, PA**)
June 7th Corpus Christi Service (**Middleport, PA 7:00PM**)

FRACKVILLE

- March 4th Annual Parish meeting (after 11:15AM Holy Mass)
March 18th Lenten Penitential Service (8:30AM)
March 23rd Funeral: sp. Ann Balsler (10:00AM)
March 25th Baptism: Joseph Tokarczyk
Apr. 15th Baptism: Joslin Payne
Apr. 29th “Chinese” Auction

SHENANDOAH

- March 18th Lenten Penitential Service (10:45AM)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to:

- **Mrs. Betty Brazausky** and members of the Parish for preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** for musical preparations, and to the Choir members;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector,
- to the **Sunday greeters**, the people working on fundraisers.

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners who came to the hall to make Easter Eggs last week!

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY - ..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.



CHINESE AUCTION will be held on **April 29, 2012** 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.

The ANS Society is asking Parishioners for donating items for **Big** and **Small** tables. Thank you!

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Andrew Machowski**, his wife, and parishioners of the Guardian Angel Parish in Los Angeles, CA.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 1 – Marcia Hessert.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – James Chistakoff – Josephine Studlick – Dorothy Halaburda – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - George Chesko – Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff - Eugenia Halaburda – Dolores Halaburda - **Frackville Nursing Home** – Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108) – Stanley Bulcavage (313); NY – Cecelia Pyzowski; **Shenandoah Hts.** - Elizabeth Tokarczyk (308).



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.

SNOW and ICE ALERT – During winter days, please remember that we do not cancel our Worship Services. In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth.

UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS: **March 4:** sp. Ann Balsler; **March 11:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **March 18:** sp. Charles Touchinsky Sr. **March 25:** for those who are/were touched with cancer. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.*

PNCC MISSION & EVANGELISM WORKSHOP – our goal has been that the Faithful come away with a burning desire to bring faith-driven work of the Workshop back to their parishes, and be a light to that local Community of Faith, the Parish, and the communities in which they live. This year the Workshop will take place on **Apr. 27-29** in St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Cedar Lake, IN, the theme: **“Nourished to Serve”**. Deadline for registering is April 16, 2012. For more details, please contact Fr. Robert.

67 ANNUAL PNCC/YMSofR Bowling Tournament – will be held on **May 18-20, 2012** sponsored by Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Schenactedy, NY. Registration closes on April 15, 2012. For more details, please contact Fr. Robert.

LENTEN COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Wednesday, Feb. 29 – 7:00PM – First UMC
- Wednesday, March 7 – 7:00PM – St. Peter's UCC
- Wednesday, March 14 – 7:00PM – Annunciation RCC
- Wednesday, March 21 – 7:00PM – Zion Lutheran
- Wednesday, March 28 – 7:00PM – St. Peter's UCC

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 **8:30AM** (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.



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.

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