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Second Sunday of Lent – Cycle “B”

Druga Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 4, 2012

“Any man who is too busy to pray is busier than God ever intended he should be.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 11:15AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, March 4th – II Sunday of Lent

Abraham's faith and Jesus' transfiguration are grounded in suffering. We are called to trust in God always, especially in times of trial.

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

- ✠ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ✠ Collection for mission.

⤴ **Annual Parish Meeting.**

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38; **Tue.**, Isaiah 1:10.16-20; Matthew 23:1-12; **Wed.**, Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31; **Fri.**, Genesis 37:3-4.12-13a.17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43.45-46; **Sat.**, Micah 7:14-15.18-20; Luke 15:1-3.11-32

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

TUESDAY, March 6th - *Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass; intention: for all **Parishioners**.

THURSDAY, March 8th - *Lenten Weekday* – **Women's Day**

7:30AM – Holy Mass for all **Ladies** from our congregation.

FRIDAY, March 9th - *Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Helena Zaborowska**, of. by Fr. Robert & family.

6:00PM – Stations of the Cross.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 11th - Third Sunday of Lent – **Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC**

8:40AM – The Oath of the Parish Committee.

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Mary Ann Etcho, of. by Mr. John Etcho.

⤴ Collection for National Church Center.

⤴ Daylight Saving Time begins.

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 (Deuteronomy 5:24; Psalm 104:1b-2a)

V. The Lord our God has indeed let us see his glory and majesty. We have heard his voice from the midst of the fire, and have found out today that a man can still live after God has spoken with him.

R. Lord, my God, you are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak!

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 – **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

I Reading: Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

Abraham's love of his only son, Isaac, is tested to the utmost limit, but his faith in God does not falter and Isaac is spared from death.

GRADUAL (1 John 3:2; Corinthians 3:18)

V. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

R. All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same

image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit.

II Reading: Romasn 8:31-34

There is a link between this reading and the first: Abraham's willingness to give up his only son foretold the gift of the only Son of God who was not spared from death.

TRACT (2 Peter 1:3-4)

V. His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of him, who called us by his own glory and power.

R. Through these, Christ has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world of evil desire.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10

A glimpse into the glory of Christ as the Son of God, yet tinged with the sadness of His suffering and death as the Son of Man.

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.

OFFERTORY 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 Pharoah, But now you lead Me to the cross to suffer.
2. People, My People (*begins each verse*)...For I have raised you over ev'ry nation, But you would have Me bear shame and crucifixion.
3. People, My People (*begins each verse*)...Freely I led you to lands of milk and honey, You lead Me forth to die on a cross to shame Me.

COMMUNION HYMN – At Thy Door, I Come Before Thee – PNCC Hymnal p. 167

1. At Thy door I come before Thee, At Thy door I come before Thee. And I ask, O Lord, Thy mercy, And I ask, O Lord, Thy mercy.
2. In this Bread we now behold Thee, In this Bread we now behold Thee. Heavn's gift, Thou Lord Almighty, Heavn's gift, Thou Lord Almighty.
3. In this Sacrament Most Holy, In this Sacrament Most Holy. From on high, come, Lord of Glory, From on high, come, Lord of Glory.
4. In this Host, this Bread of Heaven, In this Host, this Bread of Heaven. God's Eternal Son is given, God's Eternal Son is given.

BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Święty, Święty, Święty, święty zawsze święty. Jezu jesteś niepojęcie w Przenajświętszym Sakramencie. /3 times

O Przenajświętsza Hostya, dla której nam niebo sprzyja, broń nas od nieprzyjaciół wszelkich, dodaj mocy i sił wszelkich.

Chwała bądź Panu naszemu, z Dziewicy narodzonemu, Ojcu, Duchowi Świętemu, Bogu w Trójcy Jedynemu.

Przed tak wielkim Sakramentem upadajmy na twarzy, niech ustąpią z testamentem nowym sprawom już starzy. Wiara będzie suplementem, co się zmysłom nie zdarzy.

Ojciec z Synem niech to sprawi by Mu dzięki zabrzmiała, niech Duch Święty błogosławi, by się Jego moc stała. Niech nas nasza wiara stawi, gdzie jest wieczna cześć chwała.

Niechaj będzie pochwalony, od nas wszystkich uwielbiony, Przenajświętszy Sakrament, ten niebieski

Testament. /3 times/ Teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN – **He Hangs on the Cross** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 107

1. Heaven's Creator on the cross is hanging. Mankind so wicked, weep now for your sinning. Ach, ach, on the cross He's dying. Ach, ach, Jesus' eyes are closing. [*“ach” - pronounced “ahk”*]
2. Christ's sacred body beaten so severely, Beaten so cruelly, on the cross He's hanging. Ach, ach, for mankind He's dying, Ach, ach, Jesus' blood is flowing.

May the radiance of God's light illuminate your lives and dispel darkness and fear.

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 1:00PM)
June 7th Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

FRACKVILLE

- March 18th Lenten Penitential Service (8:30AM)
March 23rd Funeral: sp. Ann Balser (10:00AM)
March 25th Baptism: Joseph Tokarczyk
Apr. 15th Baptism: Joslin Payne
Apr. 29th “Chinese” Auction
May 28th Memorial Day Mass at 9:00AM.

SHENANDOAH

- March 18th Lenten Penitential Service (10:45AM)
May 28th Memorial Day Mass at 11:00AM.

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.

EASTER EGG PROJECT – St. John the Baptist Parish is asking our Parishioners for help at this fundraiser. We need everyone's prayer and help to succeed. If you feel a part of our congregation please sign your name on the list in the back of the church, including a time of a day when you may come for help. Thank you so much!!!

ST. JOHN PARISH is looking for the additional voices to our **Choir**: both men and ladies. If you feel that you can help us, please join our Parish Choir. Thank you.

LENTEN COMMUNITY SERVICES

Wednesday, March 7 – 7:00PM – St. Peter's UCC

Wednesday, March 14 – 7:00PM – Annunciation RCC

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THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Zbigniew Dawid**, his son, and parishioners of Holy Mother of Sorrow Parish in Dupont, PA.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 4 – Jennifer Stetts; March 8 – Elizabeth Greenman; March 10 – Sarah Powanda.



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



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.

DEATH NOTICE – Sp. **Josephine A. Studlick** passed away peacefully Wednesday (Feb. 29) morning at her residence. She was a very active member of our parish. She is survived by a son Joseph and his wife Mary, Houston, TX; two daughters, Barbara Davis, and Joyce, wife of Ellis Hatch, a sister Anita Keim, six grandchildren, John, Jeffrey and Daryl Davis, Alan and Laura Hatch and Liz Studlick; two great-grandchildren, Aaron Davis and Alyssa Hatch; several nieces and nephews. Her funeral was celebrated Saturday, March 3. ***Eternal rest grant unto her, o Lord...***

UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS: **March 11:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **March 18:** sp. Charles Touchinsky Sr.; **Apr. 15:** sp. Josephine Studlick **Apr. 22:** sp. Father Edward Tomczyk; **May 20:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.*



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!

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. Also these are our **room rates:** Semi-Private - \$2,097.00; Private - \$2,646.00; Private Deluxe - \$3,087.00.



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.

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 Schenectady, NY. Registration closes on April 15, 2012. For more details, please contact Fr. Robert.

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VISIT LITHUANIA, POLAND and PRAGUE – June 30 – July 15, 2012; \$3,895 Single supplement \$750 from New York to Warsaw. See Eastern Europe on the Baltic Sea, major cities and sights, quaint sea resort towns, visit a health spa and lake districts, Hitler's bunker crystal and pottery shops. Buffet breakfast, and full lunch or dinner daily. LOT airlines, New York departures, bus to/from airport. For more information, please call Margaret Valinsky at: 570-277-6163 or valinskym@verizon.net

PRAYER FOR WOMEN'S DAY

Lord, bless Women everywhere. We pray especially for all those mothers, grandmothers and sisters who work to care for family members in need while forging their paths in life. May their loving hearts and nurturing spirits be blessed with strength and joy. We ask this in Your Holy Name. Amen.

A BREND NEW BEGINNING

Abram and Sarai had many years to deal with any shame or sadness they felt about not having children – especially a son. Maybe they had accepted their fate. But God had a big surprise in store for them. Seeing their reverence, faithfulness and hospitality to strangers, God rewarded them with the promise not only of a child and heir but of descendants “as numerous as the stars.” Their legace would be everlasting. In honor of this historic event, God changed their names to Abraham and Sarah, reflecting the new covenant God made with Abraham. As Christians, we are among those “stars” shining our light in the world today, continuing to trust in God's mercy, goodness and abundance.

Lord, I will trust You today, even if I'm sad or upset. I will choose to believe that You are with me.

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.

DUES 2012. 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 2002 General Synod.

Each adult member (18 years old+) 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 St. John the Baptist parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

Total dues for 2012 per Adult Member: \$79.00 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, St. Johns Fund, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Egg Project Fund, Easter Donations, Flower Fund, Bleenie Sales (we had a great time last year, come out help out, join in the fun...), and Christmas Donations.

OUR MINISTRY – the Parish Committee is not a Board of Directors. Its work goes beyond the “material” necessities of a parish. It is a unique group of committed Christians with a conviction – to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. Thus, each member of the Committee has a vocation: to be a steward, a good manager of the gifts of God. The Parish Committee member is one who is called to make commitment, with a conviction to function for the sake of the Gospel. To be this person, we must be good stewards or managers of the mysteries of God and faithful witnesses of the same.

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 of the PNCC have two major duties:

1) Spiritual duties – a) partaking of the Sacraments (active participation in them will help strengthen members to live a Christian life; b) loving God (members should accept and obey Christ’s teachings, maintain a personal relationship with God, pray to Him often and give Him glory by living a good life; c) sharing faith (members should actively take part in Church worship and listen sincerely to God’s word; d) obeying the 10 Commandments (by obeying them, Church members help strengthen the kingdom of God on earth.

2) Material duties – a) to society: members should: practice Christ’s ideals in their everyday lives, be tolerant of others’ faith, recognize everyone’s right to equality and opportunity, be loyal to their country, work for the good of all human society, rear children in the name of God and set a Christian example for them; b) to the Church: members should: follow the principles of the PNCC, give their time and talents to further church and parish goals, contribute financially to the support of the Church. *Members should participate actively in church affairs, vote on parish matters, serve on committees, etc.*



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