

**St. John the Baptist Parish  
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**First Sunday of Lent - "C"**

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**February 17, 2013**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

**Holy Mass – 8:45AM – Traditional liturgy in English.**

**Today, February 17<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday of Lent**

As our Lord was led into the wilderness, so the Church enters the holy season of Lent, to learn again to "worship the Lord your God, and serve Him alone".

**8:45AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Vera Pilo**, of. by Tony & Dennise Futter.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> - *Lenten Weekday*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

### TUESDAY, February 19<sup>th</sup> - *Lenten Weekday*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for remissions of sins.

**1:00PM** – Pastor's meeting in Middleport, PA

### WEDNESDAY, February 20<sup>th</sup> - *Lenten Weekday*

**7:00PM** – Frackville Ministerium Community Lenten Service – St. Ann's RCC

### FRIDAY, February 22<sup>nd</sup> - *Lenten Weekday*

**5:00PM – 6:00PM** – First Holy Communion Catechism Class **in the church**

**7:00PM** – **Bitter Lamentation** in Polish.

### SATURDAY, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - *Lenten Weekday*

**9:00AM** – Easter Eggs projects continuous...

**11:00AM** – Diocesan Council meeting in Scranton, PA.

### NEXT SUNDAY, February 24<sup>th</sup> – II Sunday of Lent

**8:45AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Vera Pilo**, of. by Keith and John Kellenberger.

## 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** (Joel 1:14)

V. Proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the elders, all who dwell in the land.

**R. Into the house of the Lord, your God, and cry to the Lord!**

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

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

### **I Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

*A thanksgiving to God for life and blessings.*

### **GRADUAL** (Proverbs 3:5-6)

V. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not;  
**R. In all your ways be mindful of Him, and He will make straight your paths.**

**II Reading: Romans 10:8-13**

*Faith is not obscure or complicated. It is pure and simple, and finds its echo in the human heart.*

**TRACT (Jeremiah 27:5; Psalms 24:1)**

V. It was I who made the earth, and man and beast on the face of the earth, by My great power, with My outstretched arm; and I can give them to whomever I think fit.

**R. The earth is the Lord's and all that it holds, the world, and those who live there.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13**

*All the conflicts and struggles of our Lord's life are captures in the drama of the temptations in the wilderness.*

**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 – Jesus Christ, Our Lord And Savior – PNCC Hymnal, p. 90**

1. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Lamb of God so want to suffer; You did bear Your heavy cross in anguish, For the sins in which all men would languish.
2. Weep, O man, for His sad station, How He suffers degradation. Jesus, Jesus on the cross is dying, Sunlight's brilliance now in darkness lying.
3. Then the Lord His last words speaking, Slumped His head as life was leaving. Mother, Mother for her Son lamenting; Barely living, standing there and grieving.

**COMMUNION HYMN – Jesus, My Lord And Savior – PNCC Hymnal, p. 159**

1. Jesus, my Lord and Savior, here would I worship Thee. All that I have I give Thee for Thou didst die for me. Here in this Bread of heaven, here in this Host Divine. Thanksgiving, praise and honor be ev'ry moment Thine. All my vain pride I humble, all my poor soul I give unto my Lord and Savior that with Him I may live.
2. Hosanna in the highest! Angelic choirs do sing, Glorious praise unceasing to Christ our Lord and King. Setting for us a standard as we our songs employ, Bringing us closer to Him, filling us with His joy. He knows the tears of suff'ring through His own earthly life. With trembling heart we praise Him, telling Him of our strife.

**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 Pharoah, 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 the Lord, who endured the wilderness and the cross, be with you on the Lenten journey.**

**COMING EVENTS**

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

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| Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup> | Pastor's meeting – Middleport, PA (1:00PM)            |
| Apr. 27 <sup>th</sup> | Seniorate Council Meeting – Edwardsville, PA (1:00PM) |
| May 30 <sup>th</sup>  | Corpus Christi Service – Frackville, PA (7:00PM)      |

Sep. 29<sup>th</sup> 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA  
Oct. ... 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Organizing SS. Peter & Paul PNCC in McAdoo, PA.

**FRACKVILLE** – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parish Meeting after 11:00AM Holy Mass  
March 10<sup>th</sup> Lenten Penitential Service (**8:30AM**)  
May 18<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion Day (Saturday)  
May 30<sup>th</sup> Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

**FRACKVILLE COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES – 7:00PM**

February 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Ann's RCC  
February 27<sup>th</sup> – First United Methodist Church  
March 6<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter's United Church of Christ  
March 13<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church  
**March 20<sup>th</sup> – St. John the Baptist PNCC**

**SHENANDOAH**

March 10<sup>th</sup> Lenten Penitential Service (**10:45AM**)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special Thanks go out to:

- **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.
- to **Victoria Plichta** for her hekp at the altar last Sunday.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** to our Parishioners and Friends who were in our hall to continue our “Easter Eggs “ Sale project during the week, and to those who came to make eggs yesterday.

**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.

**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.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Krzysztof Mendelewski**, his family and parishioners of St. Joseph Parish in Davie, FL.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 19 – Edward Halaburda.




**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – James Chistakoff – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Dorothy Halaburda - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. - Donna Kolwicz. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff – 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

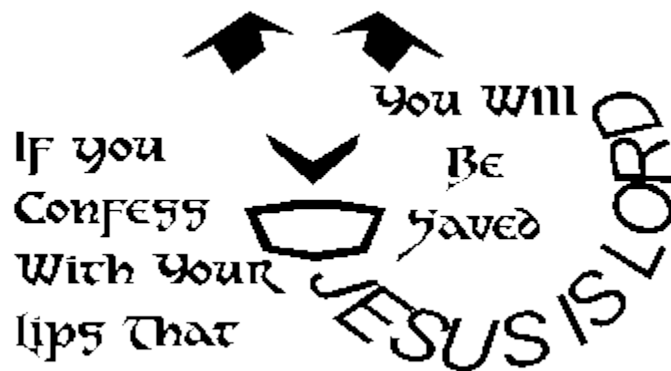
facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification.

**UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:** Feb. 24: sp. Vera Pilo; March 3: sp. Vera Pilo; March 10: PNCC members; March 17: sp. Vera Pilo; March 24: sp. Josephine Studlick; Apr. 7: sp. Vera Pilo; Apr. 14: sp. Vera Pilo; Apr. 21: sp. Rev. Edward Tomczyk; May 19: sp. Mary Ann Etcho; June 2: sp. Vera Pilo; June 9: Fr. Robert 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. **Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 3 months.** Thank you.

 **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.

**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.



### **THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS**

After His baptism, Jesus makes a retreat in the desert of Judea. Since he was alone at the time we must assume that he later shared news of this experience with his apostles. The devil tempts the Lord to use His divine power to win quick acclaim. But Christ has not come to work magic tricks. He has come to teach that salvation is possible for all, with the grace of his Father. The parapet or pinnacle of the Temple was probably part of the great plaza surrounding the building. Its southeast corner had a sheer drop of many yards. If Jesus jumped from this spot and landed safely, he would win public adulation. Jesus rejects this type of fame, knowing how fleeting it would be.

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