

**St. John the Baptist Parish
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Second Sunday of Lent - "C"
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February 24, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, February 24th – Second Sunday of Lent

Lent provides an important opportunity for repentance and new beginnings. We are urged to put our faith in God and listen to Jesus.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 1:15-17.20-26; John 15:9-17; **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 25th – Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle

(+64). *After the Ascension of our Lord, St. Peter proposed that the disciples select an apostle to take the place of Judas. The choice was Matthias. He worked for the faith in Palestine, and later was stoned to death. Today we are reminded that our Christian vocation is a gratuitous gift from God which we should accept and live out with gratitude and fidelity.*

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

WEDNESDAY, February 27th – Lenten Weekday

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Jerzy Plichta** (2nd anniversary of death), of. by F. Robert.

7:00PM – Frackville Ministerium Ecumenical Lenten Service (First United Methodist Church – Balliet Street)

FRIDAY, March 1st - First Friday of the month

9:00AM – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

5:00PM – 7:00PM – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

7:00PM – Stations of the Cross

NEXT SUNDAY, March 3rd - III Sunday of Lent

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Vera Pilo, of. by Bill Cabulis.

- ✠ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ✠ Collection for missions.
- ✠ **Annual Parish Meeting** after the Mass in the hall.

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 91:1-2)

V. You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

R. Say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust”.

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 15:5-12.17-18

God enters into a covenant with Abraham, who hears and heeds the voice of God.

The Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

II Reading: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

St. Paul calls on the followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the life and teachings of the Lord.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL (Matthew 17:5)

V. From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

R. **This is My beloved Son, hear Him.**

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Jesus is transfigured on a mountaintop and the voice of God is heard, urging humanity to listen to Jesus.

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

With trust in God's love for us, we pray together.

- For our society: that we may keep the well-being of people who are poor and marginalized to the forefront of our concerns. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our Church: that it may tackle sinful structures in the world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our young people: that they may have hope in a world where justice and peace will reign. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For ourselves: that we may truly listen to and follow the teachings of Jesus who called for social justice. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our departed brothers and sisters who have died – sp. **Vera Pilo**: may they come quickly home to our Father's house. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we ask You to hear the prayers that we offer the Chosen One, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **R. 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 – **Come Unto Jesus** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 180

1. Come unto Jesus, Come while you may; hear how He calls you, Come now this day. How He does love you, follow His way, Gently He calls you, Come! **Refrain:** Lo, the vision wondrous to behold! He would save us from this sinful world. To heaven's blessed glory untold, O dearest Lord, we come!
2. Come, O my child, now, Come heed His call, Give Him your heart, your love and your all. He shall uplift you, lest you should fall, Gently He calls you, Come! **Refrain:**
3. Come, fallen sinner; come while you may! Christ will accept you! Do not delay! Tears of repentance He wipes away. Trust in Him only! Come! **Refrain:**

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 we commit ourselves this Lent to working for the justice and peace so beloved by Jesus.

COMING EVENTS

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

- Apr. 27th Seniorate Council Meeting – Edwardsville, PA (1:00PM)
May 30th Corpus Christi Service – Frackville, PA (7:00PM)
Sep. 29th 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA
Oct. ... 90th 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 3rd Annual Parish Meeting after 11:00AM Holy Mass
March 10th Lenten Penitential Service (**8:30AM**)
May 18th First Holy Communion Day (Saturday)
May 30th Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

FRACKVILLE COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES – 7:00PM

- February 27th – First United Methodist Church
March 6th – St. Peter's United Church of Christ
March 13th – Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church
March 20th – St. John the Baptist PNCC

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- March 10th 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.

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.

“EASTER EGG” SALE – March 1st & 2nd: 10:00AM – 12:00 Noon; 1:00PM – 4:00PM.

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.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Rev. Mark Niznik**, his family, and parishioners of St. Paul Parish in Belleview, FL.

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.



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: **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 25th Anniversary of Ordination. **Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 3 months.** Thank you.



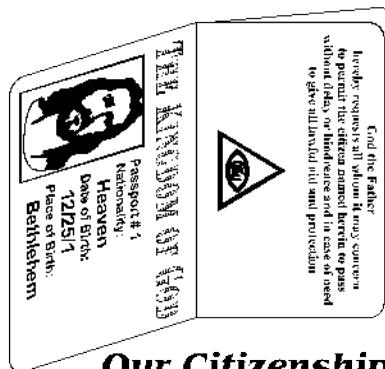
CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child’s religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **8:30AM** (before Mass). Children 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.

HIS GLORIFIED BODY

Western Christianity has been heavily influenced by Greek philosophy. Key to this view is that each human being is a composite of body and soul. The soul is a spirit that can live independently of the flesh. The sages of the Old Testament did not share this view. For them, a human being was a complete unit. Without a body, a person was only a shadow. The name for the afterlife was "Sheol", literally "Shadowland". Hence if there is a resurrection it must be a full body resuscitation. Paul defends this view and teaches that our own revivification must be patterned after the risen body of Jesus. This glorified corpus had the ability to appear at will, to walk through walls, and to levitate. Paul believes that we will share these characteristics.



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