

**St. John the Baptist Parish  
Polish National Catholic Church  
90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Organizing**

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent - "C"  
Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC**

**March 10, 2013**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Today we commemorate the Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC - 116<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the organizing of the first parish and mother cathedral of our Church.

**8:30AM – Lenten Penitential Service.**

**The Oath of the Parish Committee Members and Blessed Sacrament Society Officers** takes place now.  
**8:45AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for **Prime Bishop, Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Faithful Members** of the PNCC.

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### **WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54; **Tue.**, Ezekiel 47:1-9.12; John 5:1-16; **Wed.**, Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30; **Thu.**, Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47; **Fri.**, Wisdom 2:1a.12-22; John 7:1-2.10.25-30; **Sat.**, Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

#### **MONDAY, March 11<sup>th</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday*

**9:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Paweł and Antonina Jaskowiak, Michał and Maria Zaborowski**, of. by Janina Plichta.

#### **WEDNESDAY, March 13<sup>th</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday*

**9:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for **Jan Zaborowski** (good health), of. by Janina Plichta & family.

**7:00PM – Frackville Ministerium Community Lenten Service – Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church** (Balliet Street)

#### **FRIDAY, March 15<sup>th</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday*

**9:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for those who are in Purgatory.

**7:00PM – Stations of the Cross.**

#### **SATURDAY, March 16<sup>th</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday*

**5:00PM – Holy Mass**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, March 17<sup>th</sup>** – V Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday

**8:45AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. Vera Pilo, of. by Bill & Marion Preneta.

### **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 (Psalm 23:1-3.5)**

V. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name.

**R. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

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 – Our Symbol – PNCC Hymnal, p. 9**

Prawdą, Pracą, Walką Zwycięzimy, With Truth, Work and Struggle our victory will be won. The Word of God, the Palm, the Sun and the Cross: The symbol of our Holy Church proclaims God's love for us. Prawdą, Pracą, Walką Zwycięzimy, With Truth, Work and Struggle our victory will be won.

#### **I Reading: Wisdom 5:1-5**

#### **GRADUAL (Psalm 30:2-4)**

V. I praise You, Lord, for you raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

**R. Lord, my God, I cried out to You and You healed me. Lord, You brought me up from Sheol; You kept me from going down to the pit.**

**II Reading: 1 Timothy 4:1-5**

**TRACT (Psalm 31:2)**

V. In You, Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**R. In Your justice deliver me.**

**GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**

### **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 – 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:**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN – Tyle Lat – PNCC Hymnal, p. 2**

Tyle lat my Ci, o Panie, Służbę wierną wypełniali, Szli ku słońcu, w świt zaranie, Łańcuch niewoli targali, Łańcuch niewoli targali.

O bodajem wierni byli, O bodaj ten sztandar święty, Aż do zgonu naszej chwili, W duszy, w sercu był rozpięty, W duszy, w sercu był rozpięty.

**God our loving Father has again shown us the heart of God's mercy, so may we bring this love and mercy to the world.**

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **GENERAL CHURCH**

Apr. 12-14<sup>th</sup> Mission & Evangelism Workshop in Scranton, PA

#### **PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

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)

May 17<sup>th</sup> Sacrament of Penance before the First Holy Communion (6:00PM)

May 18<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion Day (Saturday 10:00AM)

May 30<sup>th</sup> Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

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

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – St. John the Baptist PNCC**

### **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;
- **Victoria Plichta** for help at the altar last Sunday.

### **PARISH COMMITTEE 2013**

**Priest** (Pastor)

Father Robert P. Plichta

**Chairman**

Mr. Edward Halaburda

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### **BLESSED SACRAMENT SOCIETY OFFICERS**

**President**

Ms. Elizabeth Greenman

**Vice-President**

Mrs. Sharo Chiao

**Recording Secretary** Mrs. Elaine Antalosky

**Treasurer** Vacant

Thank you to **Mrs. Sandra Elsavege** and **Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck** for their work for the Society and for the Parish! May God bless you.

The Blessed Sacrament Society is looking for volunteers (Ladies) to take an office in the Society.

**OUR PARISH** is looking for volunteers and ideas needed for fundraiser and for the benefit of our congregation.

**“EASTER EGG” SALE** – **March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**: 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.

**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 Zbigniew Wsul**, his family and parishioners of SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Chicago, IL.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 10 – Sarah Powanda; March

15 – Betty Brazausky; March 16 – Father Robert.



**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 – Jan Zaborowski. 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.

**DEATH NOTICE** – **Walter J. Keim** passed away on Tuesday, March 5. Born in Pottsville Nov. 12, 1958, he was a son of Jean M. Garraway and the late John F. Keim. Walter was raised as a member of our parish. ***Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord....***

**UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:** **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; **Apr. 28:** sp. Walter Keim; **May 12:** all Mothers; **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.



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