

**St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church**

90th Anniversary of Organizing

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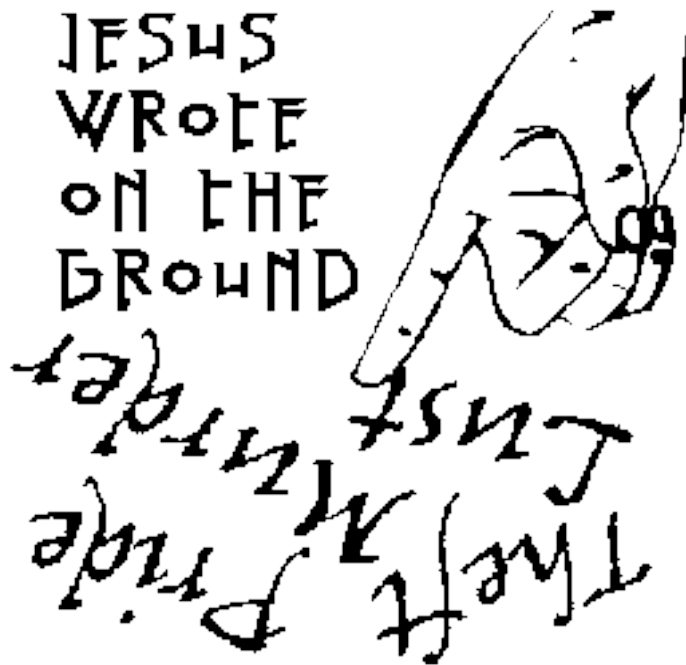
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Fifth Sunday of Lent - "C"

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March 17, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, March 17th – Fifth Sunday of Lent

God does not cling to our sins. God wants us to let go of them too. In this time of reconciliation and forgiveness, let us thank the Lord for His mercy and kindness. Let us come closer to Him in all we say

and do.

The Oath of the Parish Committee Members and Blessed Sacrament Society Officers takes before the Mass **8:45AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Vera Pilo**, of. by Bill & Marion Preneta.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Daniel 13:1-9.15-17.19-30.33-62 or Daniel 13:41c-62; John 8:1-11; **Tue.**, 2 Samuel 7:4-5a.12-14a.16; Romans 4:13.16-18.22; Matthew 1:16.18-21.24a or Luke 2:41-51a; **Wed.**, Daniel 3:14-20.91-92.95; John 8:31-42; **Thu.**, Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59; **Fri.**, Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42; **Sat.**, Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

MONDAY, March 18th - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass for health.

6:00PM – Blessed Sacrament Society meeting in the hall.

TUESDAY, March 19th - Solemnity – **St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**

Joseph is considered the second greatest saint, next to the Blessed Virgin Mary, because of his humility and the closeness he had to Jesus as his foster father. Scripture tells us that Joseph was just, pure, gentle, prudent, and unfailingly obedient to the divine will. We wish to imitate him by renewing our desire to be faithful. We know, that the only meaning of our life is to be faithful to the Lord till the last day, as Joseph was.

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for God's blessing.

6:00PM – Choir practice before Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

WEDNESDAY, March 20th - *Lenten Weekday*

7:00PM – Frackville Ministerium Community Lenten Service in our church.

FRIDAY, March 22nd - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass

5:00PM – 6:00PM – First Holy Communion Catechism Class

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

SATURDAY, March 23rd - *Lenten Weekday*

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

NEXT SUNDAY, March 24th – VI Sunday of Lent – **Palm Sunday – Blessing & Distribution of palms**

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Josephine Studlick, of. by Mr. Daryl Davis.

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.

ENTRANCE RITE (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

V. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

R. And all this is from God, Who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

ENTRANCE 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.

I Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

The Lord is always seeking to do good for His people.

GRADUAL (Lamentations 3:22a-24)

V. The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, His mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is His faithfulness.

R. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in Him.

II Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Perfection comes from Christ, not through our own efforts. Yet we still strive our utmost to capture the prize Christ Jesus won for us.

TRACT (Psalms 103:8,13-14)

V. Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness

R. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful. For he knows we are formed; remembers that we are dust.

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

Jesus does not condemn. He calls us to sin no more.

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 – 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.

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.
5. What a wondrous act of glory, What a wondrous act of glory. Now this bread becomes His Body! Now this bread becomes His Body!

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.

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.

May God be with you in all the joys and sorrows of your lives.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Apr. 12-14th Mission & Evangelism Workshop in Scranton, PA

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)

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

May 18th First Holy Communion Day (Saturday 10:00AM)

May 30th Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

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 help at the altar last Sunday.

PARISH COMMITTEE 2013

Priest (Pastor) Father Robert P. Plichta

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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.

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 **Father Jose Rojas**, his family and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish in Chicago, IL.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – James Chistakoff – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Dorothy Halaburda - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavege – 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.

UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS: **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 5:** sp. Walter Keim; **May 12:** all Mothers; **May 19:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **May 26:** sp. Vera Pilo; **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.

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.

JESUS WROTE ON THE GROUND

The law of the Old Testament decreed that adultery was a crime punishable by death. It applied only to the woman involved. Her husband had the right to denounce her and plea for her execution. Normally this was done by stoning: rocks thrown at the victim until she was battered to death. The aggrieved husband had the right and duty of throwing the first rock.

A crowd of religious leaders bring a prostitute to Jesus. They are trying to trap him. He must either approve of the death sentence or continue his avowed policy of mercy.

Faced with this dilemma, Jesus simply crouches down and scribbles on the ground. When the leaders persist, Jesus begins writing on the ground. There is a change of verbs in Greek, which implies that Jesus is printing law in the second instance. We can have little doubt that the accusers see themselves described. Finally, our Lord arises and suggests that the innocent party begin the execution. There is none except Christ, and he will not.

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Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage