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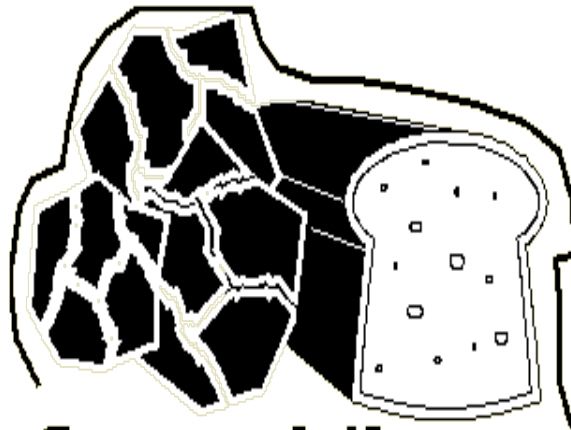
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**Command these
Stones**

First Sunday of Lent - "A"
Institution of the PNCC

March 9, 2014

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow.

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, March 9th – First Sunday of Lent – Institution of the PNCC

Jesus, led by the Spirit, entered into the wilderness where He fasted for 40 days. Having entered into the 40 days of Lent, let us commit ourselves to the guidance of the Spirit.

Today we commemorate the **Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC - 117th** Anniversary of the organizing of the first parish and mother cathedral of our Church.

10:00AM – Holy Mass intention: for Sp. **Sophia Stetts**, of. by Fr. Robert & family.

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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

Easter Eggs Project will continue this week: Mon., Wed., Thu. 9:00AM

MONDAY, March 10th - *Lenten Weekday*

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

WEDNESDAY, March 12th – *Lenten Weekday*

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

6:00PM – Bitter Lamentation (1)

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

THURSDAY, March 13th - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Sophia Stetts**, of. by Rudy Fronczak.

FRIDAY, March 14th – *Lenten Weekday*

6:00PM – Stations of the Cross.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 16th – *II Sunday of Lent*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

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 (Psalms 91:1-2; 17:8)

V. You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord, My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.

R. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.

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.

I Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Using imagery, the story is told of man and woman's creation, of temptation and the origins of sin.

GRADUAL (Exodus 20:20; Psalms 26:2-3)

V. "Do not be afraid, for God has come to you only to test you and put fear upon you, lest you should sin."

R. Test me, o Lord, and try me; search my heart and my mind. Your love is before my eyes; I walk guided by Your faithfulness.

II Reading: Romans 5:12-19

St. Paul compares the disobedience of Adam, whose sin brought death, with the obedience of Christ, whose death restored eternal life.

TRACT (1 Corinthians 10:13b; Matthew 6:13)

V. God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial He will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it.

R. Do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus defeats three temptations as He prepares for His mission as Messiah.

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.

May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 29th–Oct. 3rd, 2014 - 24th General Synod of the PNCC (Erie, PA)

CENTRAL DIOCESE

April 5th Diocesan Council meeting
May 17th Diocesan ANS Convention in Frackville, PA.

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

April 26th Seniorate Council meeting in Hazleton, PA (1:00PM)
June 19th Corpus Christi service in McAdoo, PA (7:00PM)

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

March 19th Lenten Ecumenical Service (7:00PM)
March 23rd Lenten Penitential Service (9:45AM)
April 22nd Pastors meeting (1:00PM)

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** and **Mr. Jacob Komara** for being a lectors;
- to **Joseph Karvois** for his help at the altar;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

THANK YOU very much to our **Parishioners** and Friends for your help making Easter Eggs last week!

FRACKVILLE MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday, **March 12** – First United Methodist Church (7:00PM)
Wednesday, **March 19** – St. John the Baptist PNCC (7:00PM)
Wednesday, **March 26** – Zion Lutheran Church (7:00PM)
Wednesday, **April 2** – St. Ann's RCC (7:00PM)
Wednesday, **April 9** – St. Peter's UCC (7:00PM)
Good Friday, **April 18** – Trinity Evangelical (2:00PM)

THANK YOU very much to **Mr. Morgan** for snow removal from our parking.

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.

FRACKVILLE FOOD BANK – is open on the **3rd Thursday** of every month from 9:00AM to 10:00AM. Anyone with proof of a Frackville address is welcome for 2 boxes of food: one nonperishable & one fresh. We are looking for a few volunteers from our Frackville churches to help out with the distribution. You would need to come at 8:00AM and we are finished just after 10:00AM. Helpers check people in & aid customers in

carrying boxes out to their cars. If you have any questions, please call **Pastor Sue** at **570-874-0792**.

BIBLE STUDY and (or) CATECHISM CLASSES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN – Father Robert is looking for people who will be interested in this matter. Any suggestions, including a day and time will be appreciated. **Responses:** As Soon As Possible.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Joseph Kolek**, his family and parishioners of PNCC of Resurrection in Brooklyn, NY.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 10 – Sarah Powanda, Dylan Whitecavage; March 11 – Connie Sincavage; March 15 – Betty Brazausky.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Bishop John Mack – Father Senior Wiesław Pietruszka - James Chistakoff – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. – Cheryl Stanitis. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff – Dolores Halaburda - ***Frackville Nursing Home:*** Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108); NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda. ***Providence Palace Drums, PA*** - Violet Cegielski. ***Ridgeview (Shen. Hts.)*** - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221).



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 MASS INTENTIONS: **March 9:** Sp. Sophia Stetts; **March 23:** Sp. Jan Zaborowski; **March 30:** Sp. Joseph Studlick. *Please, do not order the Mass intentions 3 months in advance.*



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 **9:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age **must** come to **private** Confession. **If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come and be well prepared for private confession at least once a month.** If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

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.

WARNING – If someone would like to come to the rectory in the winter time, please use **the front porch door**. This is a second year since back porch corner gutter is not fixed, and **stairs are full of ice all the time**.

PNU CARIBBEAN CRUISE – The PNU is inviting everyone to join them for a Caribbean Cruise aboard the Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas. The cruise will be September 14 through the 19th, 2015. The cost for the trip starts at \$570.00 per person based on double occupancy. Please call 1-800-642-2469 for additional details and reservations.



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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