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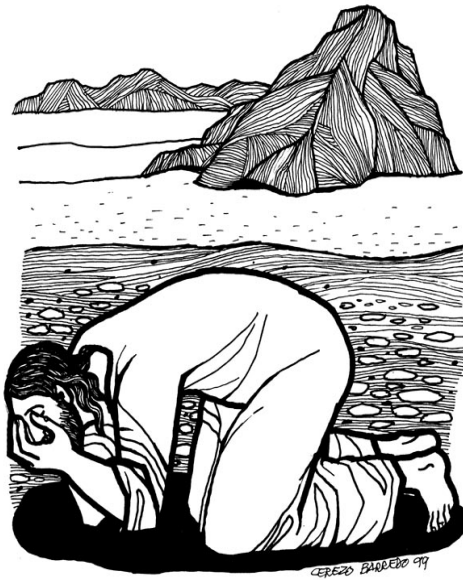
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First Sunday of Lent - "B"

Pierwsza Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 22, 2015

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow in number of holy and dedicated people.

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, February 22nd – I Sunday of Lent

Sundays in Lent are like milestones on a journey. They mark our progress, they tell us how far we still have to travel. Our Lenten journey always begins with an account of Jesus' testing before His ministry. These accounts help us to reflect on our journey through this season.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **James Dean**, of by Wife Marjorie.

^ Pierogie are available - \$5.00 per dozen.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Leviticus 19:1-2.11-18; Matthew 25:31-46; **Tue.**, Acts 1:15-17.20-26; John 15:9-17; **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

TUESDAY, February 24th - 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.*

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

WEDNESDAY, February 25th - Lenten Weekday

7:00PM – Community Lenten Ecumenical Service – St. Ann's RCC.

THURSDAY, February 26th – Lenten Weekday

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for

FRIDAY, February 27th - Lenten Weekday

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Grandparents: **Pawel and Antonina Jaskowiak**, of. by Janina Plichta.

6:00PM – Bitter Lamentation (Gorzkie Żale)

SATURDAY, February 28th - Lenten Weekday

10:00-10:50AM – Confirmation Class.

11:00-12:00 – First Holy Communion Catechism Class.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 1st - II Sunday of Lent

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for those whose life was touched by the cancer.

- ^ Confession.
- ^ Collection for missions.
- ^ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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 (Sirach 44:17-18)

V. Noah, found just and perfect renewed the race in the time of devastation. Because of his worth there were survivors, and with a sign to him the deluge ended.

R. A lasting agreement was made with him, that never should all flesh be destroyed.

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 9:8-15

God tells Noah of a covenant, a binding agreement that will exist between God and Noah – and Noah's descendants.

Responsorial Psalm: Your ways, o Lord, are love and truth to those who keep Your covenant.

II Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

At the start of Lent we are reminded that the innocent Christ died for the guilty, to lead us to God. This passage links the waters of the flood in Noah's time to the waters of baptism by which we come to life in Christ who died for us.

Verse before the Gospel (Matthew 4:4b)

V. One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:12-15

This experience undergone by Jesus after His baptism is not so much a temptation as a time of „testing”. Unlike Matthew and Luke, Mark does not describe the testings.

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.

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GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: As we look forward in faith to eternal life, let us pray for all our needs in this life.

- We pray for the Church, the people of God, as we begin our annual Lenten journey: may our works of penance help us grow in the love of God and neighbor. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the leaders of the nations: may they be promoters of peace and bringers justice for those who are poor and weak. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those whose life are characterized by severe tests and trials: may they be supported by the prayers of their brothers and sisters. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who are sick: that they may trust in God's loving care for them. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for our departed – **James Dean** – that they may see God in His kingdom. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Thank You, Father, for all Your many gifts. Give us the courage and generosity to put them at the service of all our brothers and sisters, through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May your Lenten journey begin with the peace and blessing of God.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

May 2 Diocesan Council Meeting

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

March 4 Frackville Ministerium Lenten Ecumenical Service (7:00PM)

March 29 Palm Sunday

Apr. 5 Easter Sunday

May 16 First Holy Communion Day (Saturday – 11:00AM)

June 14 Confirmation (3:00PM)

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 **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to **Veronica and Dylan** for their help at the altar last Sunday;
- to the **Sunday greeters.**

LAST WEEK STATISTIC: Feb. 15 – 7; **Ash Wed.:** 10:00AM Mass – 5; 12:00Noon Prayer Service with ashes – 8; 4:00PM Prayer Service with ashes – 8; 6:00PM Mass – 10. 19 adult members (of 68) participated and 4 children; Feb. 20 -Stations of the Cross – 6.

GENERAL CHURCH DUES – has been increased to **\$100.00**; therefore beginning January 2015, our church dues is **\$124.00** per adult member.

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 Melvin Walczak** and parishioners of St. Casimir Parish in Rochester, NY

CONFIRMATION – Our Diocesan Bishop – the Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki will impart the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 3:00PM**. We have two students-candidates; if any adult members didn't receive Confirmation yet – please contact Fr. Robert ASAP. The deadline is: **March 31, 2015**.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 26 – Joseph Petrusky; February 29 – Jourdin Karvois.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Bishop Bernard Nowicki - Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Carolyn Boychak – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Patricia Abicunas – Joseph Petrusky. At **Nursing Homes:** – ***Frackville Nursing Home:*** Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108); NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. ***H & R Center Tremont:*** Dolores Halaburda. ***Fritzingertown 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 1:** for those who were touched with cancer; **March 8:** Sp. Anna Folta; **March 15:** Sp. Anna Folta; **March 22:** Sp. James Dean; **March 29:** Janina Plichta on her Birthday; **Apr. 12:** Sp. Anna Folta; **Apr. 19:** Sp. Michael & Sophia Stetts; **Apr. 26:** Sp. James Dean; **May 3:** Sp. Anna Folta; **June 7:** Sp. Josephine Studlick.



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.

2015/2016 - Upcoming First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes – Parents and guardians must bring their children to the church for Sunday Mass – at least 1 year before the class begins. It does apply to children who presently don't come to the church at all or once/twice a year. Holy Communion is to receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, not cookies or a bar of chocolate – so children **must** be familiar with church services.

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.



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. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend!**

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.

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.

Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it. (Dwight E. Eisenhower)