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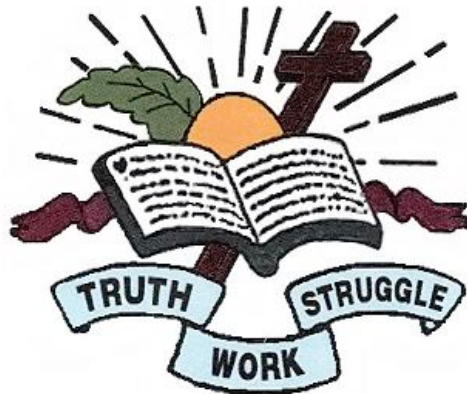
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Prime Bishop of the PNCC – **Most Rev. Dr. Anthony A. Mikovsky**

Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese – **Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki**

Plymouth Seniorate Administrative Senior – **Very Rev. Thaddeus Dymkowski**

Parish Committee Chairman – **Mr. Charles Chiao Jr.**



Third Sunday of Lent - "B"
Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC
March 8, 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 – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, March 8th – Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC - III Sunday of Lent

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC - 118th Anniversary of the organizing of the first parish and mother cathedral of our Church.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Anna Folta.

^ Collection – National Church Center.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 2 Kings 5:1-5ab; Luke 4:24-30; **Tue.**, Daniel 3:25.34-43; Matthew 18:21-35; **Wed.**, Deuteronomy 4:1.5-9; Matthew 5:17-19; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23; **Fri.**, Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34; **Sat.**, Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

TUESDAY, March 10th – *Lenten Weekday*

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Sophia Stetts**, of. by Ms. Carol Blackwell.

WEDNESDAY, March 11th - *Lenten Weekday*

7:00PM – **Lenten Community Ecumenical Service** (Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church).

THURSDAY, March 12th - *Lenten Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

FRIDAY, March 13th - *Lenten Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Michał** and **Maria Zaborowscy**, of. by Janina Plichta.

6:00PM – Bitter Lamentations.

SATURDAY, March 14th

10:00-10:50AM Confirmation Class.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, March 15th – *IV Sunday of Lent*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Anna Folta**.

^ Annual Parish meeting after the Mass.

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.

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. 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.

May the Lord cleanse us of our sins and bring us to eternal life.

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 22 Lenten Penitential Service before the Mass
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 **Dylan** and **Joe** for their help at the altar.
- to **Sunday greeters**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, March 1 – 18; March 4 (*Ecumenical Service*) - 6 of our Congregation; March 6 - (*Stations of the Cross*) – 4.

THE ANNUAL MEETING – on February 1 was cancelled by the Bishop. The next date will be announced later. Please, keep to be in contact with your pastor.

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.

GENERAL CHURCH DUES – beginning January 2015, our church dues is **\$124.00** per adult member.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Paul Zomerfeld**, his family and parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Johnstown, PA.

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: March 8 - Elizabeth Greenman; March 10 – Sarah Powanda, Dylan Whitecavage; March 14 – Brett Russell.

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.


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.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **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. **Remember** that penance during the Confession **MUST BE FULFILLED**, if not – the Sacrament is not **VALID**.

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.**

2015 - YEAR OF REGENERATION – Lenten Retreats in parishes and Seniorates all over the country and Canada are scheduled for this season. The retreats are only one of eight initiatives set forward by this past national Synod for “each and every parishioner to play a role in bringing about a renewed and active spiritual life in the parishes and in the entire Church” as Prime Bishop Anthony wrote in January's God's Field. Our Scranton Seniorate will conduct its **Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 21st in Dupont, PA from 11 am to 3 pm**. All our parishioners are invited to participate in this national and international effort for a program built around the theme: Return to Me with Your Whole Heart. There is no charge for this spiritual exercise.

The program outline for this day of reflection and recollection is given here:

11:00 – 11:15 am - Welcome/Introduction – Bp. Bernard Nowicki
11:15 – 11:35 am – Biblical Reflection/Meditation – Fr. Carmen Bolock
11:35 – 11:50 am – Time for Silent Meditation and Prayer
11:50 am – 12:15 pm - Biblical Reflection/Meditation – Fr. Janusz Lucarz
12:15 – 12:45 pm – Light Lunch
12:45 – 1:05 pm - Biblical Reflection/Meditation – Fr. Walter Placek
1:05 – 1:20 pm – Lenten Hymns
1:20 – 1:45 pm – Seven Last Words of Christ – Fr. Sr. William Chromey
1:45 – 2 pm – Private Prayer
2:00 – 2:30 pm – Penitential Devotions – Fr. Sr. Zbigniew Dawid
2:30 – 2:45 pm – Reflection on Penance – Fr. Sr. Zbigniew Dawid
2:45 – 3 pm - Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament – Fr. Sr. Z. Dawid

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.

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.

A good head and a good heart are always a formindable combination. (Nelson Mandela)