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**Fourth Sunday of Lent - "B"**

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**March 15, 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 15<sup>th</sup> – IV Sunday of Lent**

Rejoice! That is the message for this fourth Sunday in Lent - „Laetare” Sunday. As we gather together, with all our different struggles and blessings, we prepare to hear God's Word and meet the Lord in the Eucharist.

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

^ Annual Parish Meeting after the Mass.

**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.**, 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; **Fri.**, Wisdom 2:1a.12-22; John 7:1-2.10.25-30; **Sat.**, Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

MONDAY, March 16<sup>th</sup> – *Lenten Weekday*

**8:30AM – Holy Mass**

WEDNESDAY, March 18<sup>th</sup> - *Lenten Weekday*

**7:00PM – Lenten Community Ecumenical Service** (New Hope Wesleyan Church – Spencer Street).

THURSDAY, March 19<sup>th</sup> - Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

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

FRIDAY, March 20<sup>th</sup> - *Lenten Weekday*

**8:30AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Peter** and **Mary Studlick**, of. by Ms. Carol Blackwell.

**6:00PM – Stations of the Cross.**

SATURDAY, March 21<sup>st</sup> - *Lenten Weekday*

**11:00AM – 3:00PM** – Lenten Retreat sessions in the Holy Mother of Sorrow church – Dupont, PA.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – V Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday

^ Today's day of worship God will begin with the Lenten Penitential Service.

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

^ Choir practice before Palm Sunday and Easter 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 (Wisdom 16:5-6a.7)

V. For when the dire venom of beasts came upon them and they were dying from the bite of crooked serpents, Your anger endured not to the end. But as a warning, for a short time they were terrorized, though they had a sign of salvation.

**R. For he who turned toward it was saved, not by what he saw, but by You, the Savior of all.**

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: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23

*Such was the persistence of God's people in pursuing their own way and ignoring the Lord's that they found themselves exiled from the land promised to them.*

### GRADUAL (1 Corinthians 10:9.11)

V. Let us not test Christ, as some of them did, and suffered death by serpents.

**R. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us.**

### II Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

*The great gift of God's boundless love and grace comes to us in Jesus, and fills our everyday lives in the Spirit. When we hand ourselves over to the Lord's love, He recreates us as His work of art.*

### TRACT (Psalm 91:9-10.13)

V. Because you have the Lord for your refuge, you have made the Most High your stronghold. No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent.

**R. You will tread upon the asp and the viper; you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.**

### GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

*Nicodemus has come to Jesus by night. In the shadows of this conversation of wondering and searching, Jesus speaks of the love of the Father and the healing that is made possible for all people through the gift of His own life and His sacrifice on the cross.*

### HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

The Father has sent His Son into our world, so that all men and women might share His life of joy. Go now to spread the good news that God loves us with everyone you meet.

## 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 **Veronica** for her help at the altar.
- to **Sunday greeters**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, March 8 – 23; March 13 - (*Bitter Lamentations*) – 4.

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 Senior John Rencewicz, II**, his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in New Castle, 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 15 – Betty Brazausky; March 16 – Fr. Robert Plichta; March 17 – Joelle Amaira Karvois.

Petrusky.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: March 18 – Joseph and Theresa



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 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Luck is a dividend of sweat. The more you sweat the luckier you get.** (Ray Kroc)