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Parish Committee Chairman – **Mr. Lance Nelson**



Fifth Sunday of Lent - "B"

Passion Sunday

March 22, 2015

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

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, March 22nd – V Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday

Lent is a journey to Easter, a journey of hope. In this way our journey through Lent is like our journey through life.

^ The oath of the Parish Committee.

^ **Lenten Penitential Service**

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

^ Choir practice before Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Daniel 13:1-9.15-17.19-30.33-62 or Daniel 13:41c-62; John 8:1-11; **Tue.**, Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30; **Wed.**, Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38; **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

TUESDAY, March 24th – Feast – St. Gabriel, Archangel

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

WEDNESDAY, March 25th - Solemnity – Annunciation of the BVM

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for

7:00PM – Lenten Community Ecumenical Service (Zion Lutheran Church).

FRIDAY, March 27th - Lenten Weekday

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Bp Anthony Rysz**.

6:00PM – Bitter Lamentations.

SATURDAY, March 28th - Lenten Weekday

10:00-10:50AM – Confirmation Class

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

NEXT SUNDAY, March 29th – VI Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Janina Plichta on her Birthday.

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 (Psalm 43:1-2)

V. Do me Justice, o God, and fight my fight against a faithless people; from deceitful and impious men rescue me.

R. For You, o God, are my strength. Why do You keep me so far away? Why must I go about in mourning, with the enemy oppressing me?

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

I Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

We live in the present but we live for the future, a future written in our hearts.

GRADUAL (Psalm 143:9-10)

V. Rescue me from my enemies, o Lord, for in You I hope.

R. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

II Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Progress can make us better, but only Christ can make us perfect.

TRACT (Psalm 129:1-4)

V. Much have they oppressed me from my youth, let Israel say, Much have they oppressed me from my youth; yet they have not prevailed against me.

R. Upon my back the plowers plowed; long did they make their furrows but the just Lord has severed the cords of the wicked.

GOSPEL: John 12:22-30

If our life gives us exactly what we expect, then we are like the seed that doesn't grow. A fruitful life will bear always bear fruit in unexpected ways.

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.

May the passion of Jesus be the source of all blessings for you.

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 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 **Joe and Dylan** for their help at the altar.
- to **Sunday greeters**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, March 15 – 33 (**18** participants at the Annual meeting).

2015 PARISH COMMITTEE:

Pastor: Father Robert Plichta

Chairman: Mr. Lance Nelson

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Joseph Petrusky

Rec. Secretary: Mrs. Sandra Elsavage

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Treasurer: Mr. James Abicunas

Directors: Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck, Ms. Angela Elsavage, Mrs. Eugenia Tyrrell, Mrs. Elaine Antalosky, Mrs. Sharon Chiao, Mr. John Plaxa, Mr. George Wycheck.

Serving the parish outside the committee:

Auditors: Mrs. Joanne Plaxa, Mr. Michael Russell

Tribunal: Mrs. Theresa Petrusky (1st year), Mrs. Jean Keim (2nd year) + pastor

Envelopes system: Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck, Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes

DEATH NOTICE – On Friday, March 20 passed away Our Former Diocesan Bishop (1969-1999– the **Rt. Rev. Anthony M. Rysz** (91). *Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord...*

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 Scott Lill**, his family and parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmen Parish in Lilly, PA and St. Barbara's Parish in Houtzdale, 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 27 – Mary Ann Tokarczyk.



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 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; **May 17:** Sp. James Dean; **June 7:** Sp. Josephine Studlick; **June 14:** Sp. James Dean.

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.**

HOLY MASS - The Eucharistic Sacrifice is also offered for the *faithful departed* who “have died in Christ but are not yet wholly purified,” so that they may be able to enter into the light and peace of Christ.

April/May Promotion - A Time for Growth and Renewal with the PNU

Spring is a time when sunny days lead to blooming trees, flowers, and new growth. This is a good time to find out how the PNU can help add new growth to your financial portfolio. Endowments, insurance policies, and annuities are just some of the things the PNU can offer to help you and your family grow financially. Contact the PNU Home Office at **1-800-724-6352** for more information on ways to grow financially.

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.

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything. (Mark Twain)