

**St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church**

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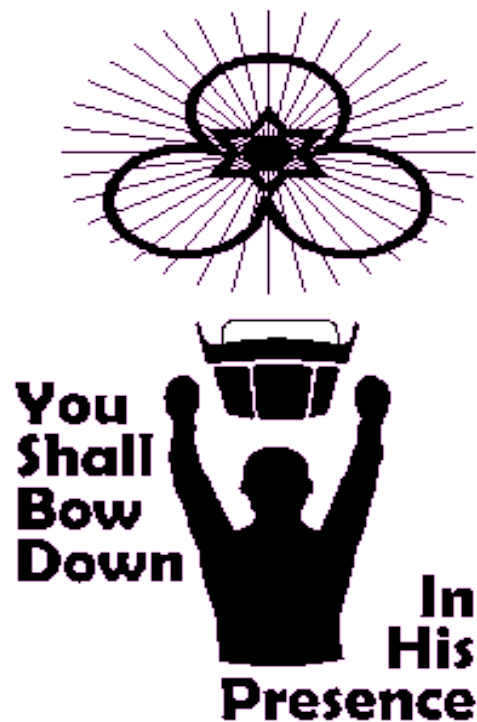
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First Sunday of Lent - "C"

Pierwsza Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 14, 2016

O Lord I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and this parish will grow in number of really holy and dedicated people to God and to the Church.

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, February 14th – I Sunday of Lent

Like the people of Israel, we gather to remember that we are God's chosen people and to offer thanks for the many blessings we have received from the Lord our God.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Mary Irene David**, of. by Mrs. Barbara David.

^ ANS election meeting after the Holy Mass.

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

MONDAY, February 15th - *Lenten Weekday*

6:00PM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **John Zomchick**, of. by Rosemarie Pleva Rieck.

TUESDAY, February 16th - *Lenten Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Prime Bishop Francis Hodur** (63rd anniversary of death).

WEDNESDAY, February 17th - *Lenten Weekday*

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

7:00PM – Frackville Community Lenter Service at First United Methodist Church (S. Balliet Street).

FRIDAY, February 19th - *Lenten Weekday*

6:00PM – Bitter Lamentations (1).

NEXT SUNDAY, February 21st – II Sunday of Lent

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Lauren Feudale, of. by Theresa Petrusky.

^ First day of Lenten Spiritual Retreat (short conference before the Mass and Stations of the Cross after the Mass including).

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 (Joel 1:14)

V. Proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the elders, all who dwell in the land.

R. Into the house of the Lord, your God, and cry to the Lord!

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: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The people make a thanksgiving offering to the Lord, remembering God's great act of liberation.

GRADUAL (Proverbs 3:5-6)

V. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not;

R. In all your ways be mindful of Him, and He will make straight your paths.

II Reading: Romans 10:8-13

The Lord is rich in mercy to all who call on Him.

TRACT (Jeremiah 27:5; Psalms 24:1)

V. It was I who made the earth, and man and beast on the face of the earth, by My great power, with My outstretched arm; and I can give them to whomever I think fit.

R. The earth is the Lord's and all that it holds, the world, and those who live there.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

The devil tempts Jesus with good things.

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 send His holy angels to watch over you and to guard you in all your ways.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 6:00PM)

Feb. 20 Community Meal at the Zion Lutheran Church (12-2:00PM)

Feb. 24 Lenten Community Service (our place) at 7:00PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to:

- to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** 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 the **Sunday greeters**.

THANK YOU very much to **Mr. Kenneth Payne** for snow removal from our parking. And thank you to **Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck** for taking care of it.

OUR 2016 PARISH COMMITTEE

Chairperson – Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck

Vice-Chairman – Mr. John Plaxa

Recording Secretary – Mrs. Sandra Elsavege

Treasurer – Mr. James Abicunas

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Directors: Mrs. Elaine Antalosky, Mrs. Eugenia Tyrrell, Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage, Mrs. Judith Touchinsky, Mrs. Betty Brazausky, Mrs. Jean Keim, Mr. George Tokarczyk, Mr. George Wycheck.

Congratulations and May God Bless You All!

- ^ **THANK YOU** to **Mr. Lance Nelson** and **Ms. Elizabeth Greenman** for serving on the Committee in the past years!
- ^ The newly elected Members of the Parish Committee will have their oath together with new officers of the Blessed Sacrament Society on Sunday, **March 13** when we celebrate Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC – before the Mass.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, February 7 – **27**; Annual Meeting Attendance – **14 (!)**. **Ash Wed.** - 10 AM – **2**; 12 Noon – **8**; 4 PM – **10**; 6 PM – **16**.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Henryk Vos**, his family and parishioners of Our Savior Parish in Woonsocket, RI [oursaviorparishpncc.org]; FB – Our Savior Parish PNCC].

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: Feb. 17 – Joelle Karvois.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: February 17 – Stephen and Joelle Karvois.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – John Kruk – John Etcho - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Eugenia Tyrrell – Joseph Demnitski. At **Nursing Homes:** – **NY** – Cecelia Pyzowski. ***H & R Center Tremont:*** Dolores Halaburda. ***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: **Feb. 21:** Sp. Lauren Feudale; **Feb. 28:** Sp. Paul Elsavege; **March 6** – Cancer; **March 13:** Sp. Paul Elsavege; **March 20:** Sp. Paul Elsavege. **The Sundays Mass intentions are busy until the end of May 2016. Please, do not order Mass intentions for Sunday until Spring of 2016.** Daily Masses are available at any time.

Total dues for 2016 per Adult Member: **\$124.00 Per Year**

The dues should be paid \$124.00 total in one payment until **December 31, 2016**.

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! If you are new to our parish, please submit your name, address and telephone number to **Father Robert**. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. WELCOME! You are always welcome to join us in worship. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend.**

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PNCC FUTURE DIRECTION – 2016 - ACTION PLAN FOR YEAR OF REVERENCE.

February – Reverence at Mass

The Mass is divided into two parts: Mass of the catechumens and Mass of the faithful. The principal parts of the Mass are: 1) Offertory; 2) Consecration; 3) Communion.

We are obliged to attend Mass of Sunday's and Holydays of obligation.

We offer the Sacrifice of the Mass to God, because He alone can claim supreme worship.

We offer the Sacrifice of the Mass: 1) to adore God; 2) to thank Him for all the benefits He bestows upon us; 3) to ask His blessing; 4) to obtain His mercy for the living and the dead; 5) to apply the merits gained on Calvary to the Church in general, and to individual souls, in particular.

A Mass of special intention is one that is offered at the request of an individual or a group for a special purpose, as: 1) Mass of supplication or entreaty; 2) Mass of Thanksgiving; 3) Requiem Mass; 4) Nuptial Mass.