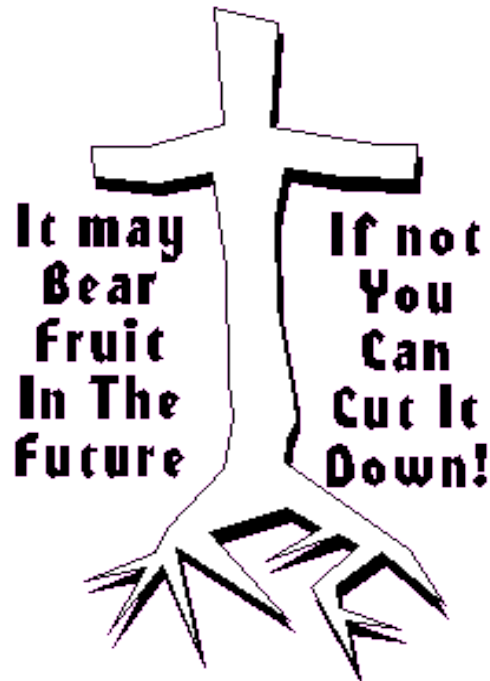


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Third Sunday of Lent - "C"
Trzecia Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 28, 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 – Contemporary liturgy in English.

Today, February 28th – III Sunday of Lent

The ever-present and extremely difficult question of the suffering of innocent people is at the heart of today's Gospel. Jesus makes it plain that personal tragedy is never God's punishment for sin.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Paul Elsavage**, of. by Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage.

- ✦ Second Lenten retreat session (Litany of the Passion after the Mass).
- ✦ ANS election meeting after the Mass.

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

MONDAY, February 29th – Lenten Weekday

9:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Keim family...(All Souls).

TUESDAY, March 1st – *Lenten Weekday*

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

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

WEDNESDAY, March 2nd – *Lenten Weekday*

6:00PM – Holy Mass for Health.

7:00PM – Community Lenten Service – New Hope Wesleyan Church.

THURSDAY, March 3rd – *Lenten Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass – intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

FRIDAY, March 4th – *First Friday of the month*

8:30AM - Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

5-6:00PM – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

6:00PM – Bitter Lamentation, part 2.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 6th - *IV Sunday of Lent*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Those Whose Life was Touched by a 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 (Psalms 106:47)

V. Save us, Lord, our God; gather us from among the nations.

R. That we may give thanks to Your Holy Name and glory in praising You.

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: Exodus 3:1-8.13-15

The Lord not only reveals the name by which He wants to be known; He declares that He has heard His people's cry in their distress. God acts on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12

In a brief history lesson, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians of the deeds of God on behalf of God's people in the past. Their infidelity should be a warning to greater effort in the present.

Verse before the Gospel

V. Repent, says the Lord;

R. The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus makes it clear that sudden death is never to be seen as a punishment for sin. A more important issue is that people take to heart the call to embrace the arrival of God's kingdom.

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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

- ^ **Celebrant:** We have listened to God's word attentively, and professes our faith sincerely. Now we present our needs and the needs of all our brothers and sisters to our heavenly Father.
- We pray for the Church: that by God's grace, we may live as people of faith, trusting in God who provides for our innermost needs. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - For all who suffer injustice: that our hearts may be stirred to take action to free those bound unjustly and lift the burdens from those who are oppressed. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - For the grace of conversion: that we may live the great commandment, loving God with all our heart and soul and our neighbor as ourselves. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - For a growth of faith in our community: that God will give us greater insight into our relationships with each other, and a deeper trust in God's care for us through the challenges of each day. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - We pray for all who have died – especially for **Paul Elsavage**– may they be received with joy into the kingdom of their Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ^ **Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, You keep all Your people constantly in Your care; we ask You to hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May God the Father keep you in His care. May God the Son be to you a true shepherd. May God the Holy Spirit be with you as advisor and comforter.

COMING EVENTS

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

March 13 The Oath of the Parish Committee and ANS officers, before the Mass.

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.**


CHURCH & RECTORY NEWS – **Mr. Michael Russell** with the son, **Michael** changed all bulbs in the vestibule, and in the rectory's kitchen. **Mr. George Wycheck** with his wife **Ann Marie** replaced bulbs in outside the church. THANK YOU.

LAST WEEK STATISTIC: February 21 – 24.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Joseph Soltysiak**, his family and parishioners Holy Cross Paris in Enfield, CT, [web: hpcchurchpncc.tripod.com] and St. Joseph's Parish in Westfield, MA [web: stjosephspncc.org].

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: February 29 – Jourdin Karvois; March 1 – Marcia Hessert; March 2 – Natalie McDonald; March 4 – Jennifer Stetts.

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – John Kruk – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Eugenia Tyrrell. 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: **March 6** – Cancer; **March 13:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **March 20:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Apr. 3:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Apr. 10:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Apr. 17:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Apr. 24:** Sp. Helen Seamon. *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 time until **December 31, 2016.**



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.

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.**

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.