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The Supreme Good



Fifth (Passion) Sunday - "C"
Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC

March 13, 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, March 13th – Passion Sunday – Institution Day of the PNCC

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC - 119th Anniversary of organizing of the first parish and mother cathedral of our Church.

9:50AM – The Oath of the Parish Committee and Blessed Sacrament Society officers.

10:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Paul Elsavage**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. George Tokarczyk.

- ⤴ Collection for National Church Center.
- ⤴ Third and last day of Lenten Spiritual Retreat (short conference before the Mass, Lenten Penitential Service with Confession) and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament after the Mass).
- ⤴ Refreshments available after today's Liturgy. Come & Join Us!

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.**, Daniel 3:14-20.91-92.95; John 8:31-42; **Thu.**, Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59; **Fri.**, Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42; **Sat.**, 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

MONDAY, March 14th - Lenten Weekday

8:30AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **John Kruk**, of. by Ms. Jeanne Kibler.

TUESDAY, March 15th - Lenten Weekday

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

WEDNESDAY, March 16th - Lenten Weekday

8:30AM - Holy Mass

7:00PM - Frackville Community Lenter Service (Trinity Evangelical Church – N. Balliet Street).

THURSDAY, March 17th - Lenten Weekday

8:30AM - Holy Mass, intention for: Sp. **John Kruk**, of. by Ms. Marlene Kruck.

FRIDAY, March 18th - Lenten Weekday

6:00PM - Bitter Lamentation (3).

SATURDAY, March 19th - Solemnity - St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

9:00AM - Holy Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, March 20th - Palm Sunday - Blessing & Distribution of Palms

10:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Paul Elsavage, of. by Mrs. Betty Brazausky.

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 (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

V. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

R. And all this is from God, Who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

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;

R. 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.

We have heard with joy the liberating word of the Gospel: there is no need to be bound by our past; our God is doing a new thing in the world. May we go out from here filled with God's Spirit, to proclaim this freedom and compassion to all.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

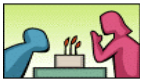
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, March 6 – 21.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Paul Lukaszewicz**, his family and parishioners of Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish in Chicopee, MA [hmrpcc.org; FB: Holy Mother of the Rosary].



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 14 – Brett Russell; March 15 – Betty Brazausky; March 16 – Father Robert Plichta; March 17 – Joelle Amaira Karvois.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – 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: **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.*

DEATH NOTICE – **Sp. John Kruk** (age: 88) passed away on Saturday, March 5 at Hershey Medical Center. His funeral service was held on Monday, March 7, and he was buried at our cemetery. ***Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord...***

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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ANNIVERSARY – Today we celebrate the **119th** anniversary of God’s call to the people of St. Stanislaus Parish in Scranton, PA, to take up their rightful place as children of God and followers of Jesus Christ and organize a church in which they had a say in the workings of their parishes and also in the expression of their faith. If we examine the whole history of the Christian Church from its founding in Jerusalem right down to the present day we find many who struggled for a Church which respected the rights and responsibilities of all of the people of God. These early reformers, like Jerome Savonarola and Jan Hus, did not want to change the Catholic faith, but desired to have a church in which all of God’s people took an active part. Where other Church movements failed to keep their rights and remain Catholic, it was here that the Old Catholic Church was instituted. It was to this church that Father Francis Hodur and the newly organized PNCC turned to insure their apostolic succession. Following the First Vatican Council in 1870, many learned priests and laity, as well as parishes, struggled against the absolute rule of the papacy in the governance of the church. These movements came together as the Old Catholic Churches. Here in the USA many different groups of people struggled against the authorities of the church which denied them their rights and lorded their authority over the people. In Chicago, IL, Buffalo, NY and Scranton, PA, groups of Polish immigrants brought several of these parishes into a church, and finally these movements coalesced into the Polish National Catholic Church. What was begun in the earliest Christian communities, what was fought for during the reformation in Europe, has taken firm hold here within the PNCC, a church that is **one, holy, catholic and apostolic**, yet **democratic** in its governance. A church in which all God’s people, guided by the Holy Spirit, have a rightful say in the governance of their church. At this time we must begin by thanking Almighty God for the faith and courage of Bishop Francis Hodur and all the priests and laity that organized the PNCC. We must spread the word that our Church is one where every Catholic Christian is given the opportunity to share his or her work and talent for the building of the Kingdom of God in all areas of the work of the Church. When we hear of those struggling to exercise their rights, we must show them how they are preserved here in the PNCC.

