

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

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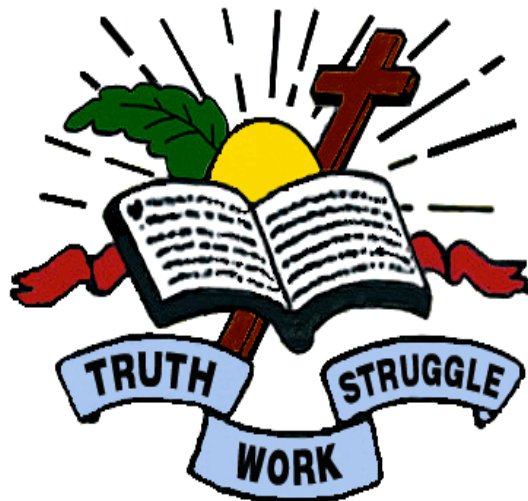
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**Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC - “A”**

Uroczystość Ustanowienia Naszego Kościoła

**March 12, 2017**

*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 12<sup>th</sup>** – Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC - II Sunday of Lent

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC - 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of organizing of the first parish and mother cathedral of our Church.

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Michael and Sophia Stetts**, of. by Children.

- ⋈ The oath of the Parish Committee.
- ⋈ Collection for National Church Center.
- ⋈ ANS meeting after the Mass in the church.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38; **Tue.**, Isaiah 1:10.16-20; Matthew 23:1-12; **Wed.**, Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31; **Fri.**, Genesis 37:3-4.12-13a.17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43.45-46; **Sat.**, Micah 7:14-15.18-20; Luke 15:1-3.11-32

**MONDAY, March 13<sup>th</sup>** – *Lenten Weekday*

**Requiem Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Father Raymond Drada**.

**TUESDAY, March 14<sup>th</sup>** – *Lenten Weekday*

**Requiem Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Edward Zaborowski**.

**WEDNESDAY, March 15<sup>th</sup>** – *Lenten Weekday*

**6:30PM** – Lenten Ecumenical Service in our church.

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

**Holy Mass**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

**FRIDAY, March 17<sup>th</sup>** – *Lenten Weekday*

**6:00PM** – Stations of the Cross.

**SATURDAY, March 18<sup>th</sup>** – *Lenten Weekday*

**10:00AM** – First Holy Communion Class.

**NEXT SUNDAY, March 19<sup>th</sup>** – *III Sunday of Lent*

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

✧ First day of Spiritual Lenten Retreat.

#### **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 (Psalm 23:1-3.5)**

V. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name.

**R. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

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: 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**

V. In You, Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

**R. In Your justice deliver me.**

#### **GOSPEL: John 15:1-7**

#### **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 our loving Father, who reveals himself to us in Jesus, keep you firmly on the path to eternal life.*

#### **COMING EVENTS**

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

March 15- Lenten Ecumenical Service (our church).

March 19 & 26 – Lenten Spiritual Retreat.

**April 9 – Palm Sunday.**

**April 16 – Easter Sunday.**

May 14 – Mother's Day Celebration.

May 21 – First Holy Communion Day Celebration.

June 11 – Mother's & Father's Day Brunch.

June 15 – Corpus Christi Service in Middleport, PA.

June 16 – Bleenie Sale.

June 18 – Father's Day Celebration.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special **Thanks** go out to:

- to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** for preparing the altars, and the church for services, especially for Lent.
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** and to the Parishioners for help to sing;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

### **OUR 2017 PARISH COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson** – Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck

**Vice-Chair** – Mrs. Marjorie Dean

**Recording Secretary** – Mr. Lance Nelson

**Treasurer** – Mr. James Abicunas

**Financial Secretary** – Mrs. Sandra Elsavage

**Directors:** Mrs. Elaine Antalosky, Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage, Mrs. Judith Touchinsky, Mrs. Betty Brazausky, Mrs. Jean Keim, Mr. John Plaxa, Mr. George Tokarczyk, Mr. George Wycheck.

Congratulations and May God Bless You All!

**THANK YOU** to **Ms. Angela Elsavage** for working as the Financial Secretary last year.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Mark Swoger**, his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Washington, PA [web: holytrinitywashingtonpa.org; FB: Holy Trinity National Catholic Church].



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




**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Marcia Hessert – Frank Savitsky. At **Nursing Homes:** NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda.



**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.

**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.**

**EASTER POPPY SEED & NUT ROLLS** – Holy Cross Parish in Wilkes-Barre, PA are selling these cakes. Order form is in the vestibule, by **March 26**, price: **\$11.00** each. Thank you for your generosity and understanding.

**PNCC Future Direction Message** - If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at [FutureDirection@pncc.org](mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org) to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

### **P.N.C.C. Future Direction - Action Plan for P.N.C.C. Parishes in 2017: Year of Commitment**

**March** – commitment to our PNCC

I. Growth and Membership II. Increase Spirituality  
III. Lifelong Learning IV. Sacred Vocations  
V. Community Involvement

**Complete at least four community service projects:** One service project could be in conjunction with the Institution of the P.N.C.C. in March 2017 and the others, selected by the local parish. It is important that these three projects be done in the local community of the parish so that these efforts will create a greater presence of the parish in the community.

Various options include but are not limited to: Food Drives, serving a free meal for the community, providing a community breakfast/meal for First Responders – for Veterans, prayer blanket ministry, clothing drive for the community, sponsoring a local family in need, responding to a particular need in the local community, etc.

**Stewardship component:** To increase our financial commitment to our parishes, diocese and national church components will be developed. A Pamphlet will be shared with all parishes. We then encourage parish committees to communicate this with the people and stress to them that stewardship is an integral part of a lived faith.

### **A Gift of Love**

As many of you throughout the P.N.C.C. know, the Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski, Diocesan Bishop of the Western Diocese has been waiting for some time for a kidney transplant. Through the pages of **God's Field** we ask for your continued prayers for Bishop Stanley as he awaits this procedure. We also wish to find those who may be interested in giving the selfless gift of serving as a transplant donor in this case. After much prayer, if you are interested in helping Bishop Stanley, please reach out to him at (847) 698-0578 to discuss this matter.

