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**Second Sunday of Lent - "B"**  
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**February 25, 2018**

*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 25<sup>th</sup> – II Sunday of Lent**

God our Father sent His Son into the world for the benefit of us all, St. Paul tells us today. We are invited to listen to Him and to allow His words to transform us. Let us give thanks to God for such boundless loving kindness.

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

### **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, February 26<sup>th</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday*

**Requiem Holy Mass**, intention: for **Father Jan Majder**.

#### **WEDNESDAY, February 28<sup>th</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday*

**6:30PM** – Community Lenten Service in Zion Lutheran Church.

#### **THURSDAY, March 1<sup>st</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday*

**Holy Mass**, intention for: **Bishop, Priests and Deacons** of the Central Diocese.

#### **FRIDAY, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday* – **First Friday of the Month**

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

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

**6:00PM** – Stations of the Cross.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup>** – **III Sunday of Lent**

**10:00AM** – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Louise Gursky, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Chester Gursky.

- ⤴ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⤴ Collection for Missions.
- ⤴ Annual Parish Meeting after the Mass in the hall.

### **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** (Isaiah 48:17, Jeremiah 7:23b)

V. Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I, the Lord, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go."

**R. Listen to My voice, then I will be your God, and you shall be My people. Walk in the ways that I command you, so that you may prosper.**

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: Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18**

*Abraham's faith is tested. God showers blessings on him.*

**Responsorial Psalm: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

#### **II Reading: Romans 8:31-34**

*God our Father has given us all that is most precious by sending His Son. We stand acquitted – God is on our side.*

#### **Verse before the Gospel** (Matthew 17:5)

V. From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

**R. This is my beloved Son, listen to Him.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10**

*At the transfiguration, the identity of Jesus is revealed. But the meaning of His identity is something the disciples still struggle to grasp.*

**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.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**Celebrant:** After sending the gift of His Son, God our Father will not refuse anything He can give, St. Paul tells us. So let us bring our needs to the Lord.

- For the Church: that all Christians will continue to listen to the voice of God and be transformed more into the image of God's Son. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all who struggle to hear the voice of God or to believe that God is there at all: that the Lord may open their eyes, heal their wounds and gently lead them to faith in Jesus the Son of God. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who struggle with conscience, or feel compromised or shamed by the choices they have made: that they may experience the unconditional mercy of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the **President** of the **U.S.** and for the entire **Government:** may they succeed in their mission to lead our nation wisely. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all people of faith, especially those who look to Abraham as their father in faith: that we may come to resemble the loving God we profess, and reject all forms of violence and force in the name of religion. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all deceased members of our families – especially for **James Dean** – and whose good deeds go with them: may they experience the fullness of life in Christ. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all of our needs ...(PLEASE, NAME THEM NOW...) **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Father, You ask us to listen to Your Son. May His words be the light to guide our steps this day and every day, through the same Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May the Lord, who makes you His sons and daughters, keep you safe from all harm and lead you to ever deeper trust in His word.

**COMING EVENTS**

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

March 4 – Annual Parish Meeting

March 21 – Lenten Ecumenical Service (6:30PM here)

March 25 – Palm Sunday

April 1 – Easter Sunday

Sep. 16 – Holy Mass commemorating 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our parish.

**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 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**.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Senior Joseph Krusienski**, his family, and Parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT [web: holytrinitypnccsouthington.org], and St. Casimir Parish in Wallingford, CT].

**THE PARISH LETTER** and 50/50 chances tickets are available in the vestibule.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 29 – Jourdin Karvois; March 1 – Marcia Hessert; March 2 – Natalie MacDonald.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Janusz Lucarz - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Frank Savitsky – Jean Keim. 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.



**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.

**STEM SCOUTS-**St. Joseph the Worker Parish sponsors a program for girls and boys in elementary and middle-schooled grades who are interested in technology and science subjects. The program uses interesting, hands-on labs, designed to be grade-level appropriate for the students. Past labs have covered Light & Sounds, Robotics, Vertical Farming, Magnetism, Drones, the Solar System and the Space Station, the Science of Soap Bubbles, and others. The labs are currently held on Sunday afternoons from mid-September to early April. The cost of the 6-month program is \$200, which covers the cost of materials used & can be paid over time (some scholarships may be available for qualifying families). We have openings for the 2018-2019 school year. For more info on the program see [www.stemscouts.org](http://www.stemscouts.org) or contact the Parish Office at 570-874-0610 or Mary at 570-875-2146.

**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.

**PNCC 2018 Future Direction Plan Committee**

Complete at least five community service projects: One service project could be in conjunction with the Solemnity of Humble Shepherds and the other, selected by the local parish. It is important that the five 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: A project to aid an assisted living facility, or other care facility i.e. nursing home, group home; volunteering for a special needs event; having a Mass or event for your local widow's group; aiding a family crisis center, 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, and/or responding to a particular need in the local community, etc.