

St. John the Baptist Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Lent - "B"

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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 4th - III Sunday of Lent

Today we hear how Jesus cleansed the Temple by clearing out those who were demeaning His Father's house.

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.

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, March 5th - *Lenten Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Helena Zaborowska**, of. by Fr. Robert.

TUESDAY, March 6th - *Lenten Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for **Deceased Members of Jaskowiak and Zaborowski families**, of. by Mrs. Janina Plichta

WEDNESDAY, March 7th - *Lenten Weekday*

6:30PM – Community Lenten Service in First United Methodist Church.

FRIDAY, March 9th - *Lenten Weekday*

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

6:00PM – Stations of the Cross.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 11th – Solemnity - Institution of the PNCC IV Sunday of Lent – *Daylight Saving Time begins*

✧ The Oath of the Parish Committee Members before the Mass.

10:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Josephine Studlick, of. by Mr. Deryl Davis.

✧ First Day of Spiritual Retreat.

✧ Collection for National Church Center.

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 (Deuteronomy 6:4-5.13)

V. Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

R. The Lord your God shall you fear; Him you shall serve, and by His name shall you swear.

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 20:1-17

The Ten Commandments – indicators of where genuine human fulfillment is to be found.

GRADUAL (Psalm 103:17-18)

V. But the Lord's kindness is forever, toward the faithful from age to age.

R. He favors the children's children of those who keep His covenant, who take care to fulfill its precepts.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

The Christian paradox: Christ crucified is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

TRACT (Romans 8:3-4)

V. For what the Law, weakened by the flesh, was powerless to do, this God has done; by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for the sake of sin,

R. He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous decree of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who live not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

GOSPEL: John 2:13-25

In cleansing the Temple, Jesus declares that He, through His death and resurrection, is to replace the Temple.

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 the Father, to whom all honor and glory belong, pour out His blessings upon you. May the risen Christ be the living temple in which you give all honor and glory to God. May the Holy Spirit keep alive the fire of love planted in you by baptism.

COMING EVENTS

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

March 11 & 18 – Spiritual Retreat Sundays; Lenten Penitential Service on March 18.

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

March 25 – Palm Sunday.

April 1 – Easter Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to:

- to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** for preparing the altars, and the church for services, and thank you so much for you so many hours work during this week;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** and to the Parishioners who are singing;
- 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 Henry Smolinski**, his family, and Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish in Manchester, CT [web: www.saintjohnspncc.com; FB: St. John the Baptizer PNC Church in CT].

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

MASS ON APRIL 15 – will be celebrate in our church by **Rev. Richard Wosiak** of Middleport, PA at **10:30AM**.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 4 – Jennifer Stetts; March 8 – Elizabeth Greenman; March 10 – Sarah Powanda.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria

Dymkowski – Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Frank Savitsky – Jean Keim – Al Gursky. 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.**

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 to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

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.

OUR MINISTRY – the Parish Committee is not a Board of Directors. Its work goes beyond the “material” necessities of a parish. It is a unique group of committed Christians with a conviction – to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. Thus, each member of the Committee has a vocation: to be a steward, a good manager of the gifts of God. The Parish Committee member is one who is called to make commitment, with a conviction to function for the sake of the Gospel. To be this person, we must be good stewards or managers of the mysteries of God and faithful witnesses of the same.

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.

March – Celebration of Lent as a Family.

DUES 2018. Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the ‘family plan’ method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the 2002 General Synod.

Each adult member (18 years old+) will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at St. John the Baptist parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

Total dues for 2018 per Adult Member: \$137.00 Per Year

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations: Sunday Collection, St. Johns Fund, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Donations, Flower Funds, and Christmas Donations.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Catholic lectionary offers two options for today's first reading: short and long forms. Often the longer version contains material that is extraneous to the theme of the day. At other times the long text contains controversial material, such as Paul's attitude toward wives. Today it is worth reading the full alternative. We usually teach children the "10 Commandments". In fact these are condensed renditions or summaries of the actual ones. Centuries of traditions and specifics have been added to the Exodus law code. These refinements deal with specific circumstances in which the original decalog have been applied. Religion usually starts out simple but then aggregates as people bring new questions and situations to bear. It is useful to reflect on the entire law rather than the condensed version for children.

MONEY CHANGERS

The people of Jesus' day believed that sin could only be forgiven by offering a sacrifice at the Temple in Jerusalem. (Imagine if you could only go to Confession in at St. Peter's in Rome!) Originally people would bring the fruit of their labor--crops or young animals. Gradually the leaders at the Temple began demanding that only the purest offerings could be made. Naturally the leaders sold these in the Temple plaza--at a handsome profit. Worshippers could not even use common money to buy these holocausts. Jewish law forbade any images of human beings or animals. The Roman coins in daily use depicted the Emperor and were thus taboo. Thus to even buy a "pure" sacrifice people had to change their "pagan" money for official "religious" money, again at a profit to the religious leaders. Jesus is furious over this legalized theft for God.

PARISH INFORMATION. **Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. **Only practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

The parish bulletin - is made on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be

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