

## **St. John the Baptist Parish**

### **Polish National Catholic Church**

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### **Fourth Sunday of Lent - "B"** **Feast of Institution of the PNCC**

**March 11, 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 – Traditional liturgy in English.**

**Today, March 11<sup>th</sup> - IV Sunday of Lent – Feast of Institution of the PNCC**

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC - 121<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of organizing of the first parish and mother cathedral of our Church.

- 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 – Litany of the Passion at the end
- Collection for National Church Center.

### **WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54; **Tue.**, Ezekiel 47:1-9.12; John 5:1-16; **Wed.**, Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30; **Thu.**, Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47; **Fri.**, Wisdom 2:1a.12-22; John 7:1-2.10.25-30; **Sat.**, Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

### **TUESDAY, March 13<sup>th</sup> - *Lenten Weekday***

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

### **WEDNESDAY, March 14<sup>th</sup> - *Lenten Weekday***

**6:30PM** – Community Lenten Service in New Hope Wesleyan Church

### **FRIDAY, March 16<sup>th</sup> - *Lenten Weekday***

**6:00PM** – Stations of the Cross.

### **NEXT SUNDAY, March 18<sup>th</sup> – V Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday**

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

- Second Day of Spiritual 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 5:2-5**

### **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**

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.

May God the Father shower you with His love. May God the Son inspire you every thought and action.  
May God the Holy Spirit console you and teach you of the things of God.

### **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.

April 15 – Victoria's Confirmation in Dupont, PA.

### **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 **Joe Karvois** for his help at the altar last Sunday;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

### **OUR 2018 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. Barbara David, Mrs. Judith Touchinsky, Mrs. Betty Brazausky, Mrs. Jean Keim, Ms. Angela Elsavage, Mr. John Plaxa, Mr. George Tokarczyk, Mr. George Wycheck.

Congratulations and May God Bless You All!

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Michal Gitner**, his family, and Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish in Stratford, CT [web: [stjosephsofstratford.org](http://stjosephsofstratford.org)].

**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 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 - 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](mailto: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+) is 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.

**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 submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

**Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky – *God's Field*, issue #2, 2018**

“While we often think of the word “reconcile” only in terms of the forgiveness of sins in the Sacrament of Penance, it is really a term that goes beyond this. It begins with the forgiveness of sins, but continues on to creating a harmony and compatibility between our lives and the ways of God in the world today. Reconciliation is a state of mind, an attitude where we seek to bring our thinking, our lives and our entire way of life into accord with the will and the ways of God, shown to us through Jesus Christ.

Our Lord calls us to increased prayer, fasting, giving and reconciliation to God. Each of these things, on the surface can be looked at simply as Lenten disciplines, but actually they each call us to a reorientation of our lives, our actions and our motives. We fast or abstain to make sure that we do not become slaves to our own desires, but rather seek God's ways first. We have to move on to the Lenten practice of increased prayer. We must come to know and listen to God we follow. This too must be accomplished in many different ways. There is the communal prayer of our parish families during Holy Mass and other devotions, which allow us to gather together and seek God as a family in Christ.

There is so much that we can focus our attention on this Lenten season that we must start now so that we can further unite ourselves with Jesus, especially as we join ourselves with His ultimate giving of Himself upon the cross. Yes, we must take up the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer and giving, but we must also do them the full intention of following the way of Jesus Christ

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