

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
414 West Oak Street, Frackville, PA 17931
Rectory: 570-874-1960



Second Sunday of Lent - "C"
Druga Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 17, 2019

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 17th – II Sunday of Lent

The Oath of the Parish Committee Officers before the Mass.

10:00AM – Holy Mass for healing.

- Imposition of the Sacrament of Holy Anointing.

TUESDAY, March 19th – Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

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

WEDNESDAY, March 20th – *Lenten Weekday*

7:00PM – Lenten Ecumenical Service – Zion Lutheran Church

FRIDAY, March 22nd – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

7:00PM – The Way of the Cross.

SATURDAY, March 23rd – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the BVM on Saturday, intention: God's blessing to the family.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 24th – *III Sunday of Lent*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Joseph Petrusky, of. by wife, Theresa.

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 (Psalms 91:1-2)

V. You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

R. Say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust”.

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 15:5-12.17-18

GRADUAL (Psalm 25:8-9)

V. Good and upright is the Lord; Who shows sinners the way.

R. Who guides the humble rightly and teaches the humble the way.

II Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

TRACT (Psalms 27:8-9)

V. “Come,” says my heart, “seek God's face;” Your face, Lord, do I seek!

R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

- **Hall for Rent** is available...**\$100.00 for 2 hours**/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and **\$50.00** returnable deposit.
- **June 20 at 7:00PM** – Seniorate Corpus Christi Service in our church.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 17 – Joelle Amaira Karvois.



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 – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross - Thomas Justen – Edward Jurewicz. ***H & R Center Tremont: Dolores Halaburda (309); Luther Ridge – Pottsville, PA – Marie Demnitski (223).***

Scripture verse of the week: “Stay sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith”. (1 Peter 5:8-9).

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.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT SESSION 2019 – faithful our Seniorate are encouraged to participate in this event and join Scranton Seniorate on **Saturday, March 23, 2019 at St. Adalbert’s church – 515 Mary Street, Dickson City, PA; time: 10:00AM – 1:00PM.** If anyone is interested, please notify Fr. Robert at least next Sunday, March 17.

In Order of the Resurrection Day Procession the church needs the help of parishioners to carry: Processional Cross.... Paschal Candle... Resurrection Statue..., Resurrection Cross..., Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society with candles..., Parishioners... If anyone is interested to be a part of this liturgy, please contact the pastor ASAP. **Following items** is needed to be carry at the procession: *Processional Cross.....Paschal Candle...Resurrection Statue...Resurrection Cross (already taken position)*

Ministerium Lenten Ecumenical Services Schedule (All services are at 7 pm.)

March 20 – Zion Lutheran Church, 48 S. Nice St.

27 – St. John the Baptist PNCC, 414 W. Oak St.

April 3 – St. Joseph the Worker Parish RCC, 49 N. Line St.

10 – First United Methodist Church, 25 S. Balliet St.

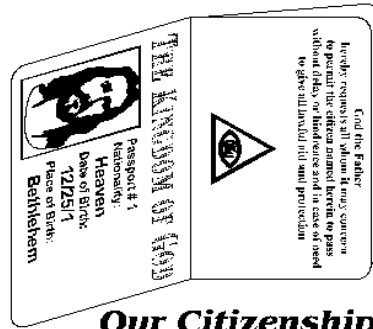
19TH ANNUAL MISSION and EVANGELISM WORKSHOP - This year’s theme is **“Identity: Who We Are in Christ”** and will be hosted by the Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT **Friday, March 29 - Sunday, March 31, 2019**
Greetings from the Mission and Evangelism Commission of the Polish National Catholic Church. Over the past nineteen years the National Commission on Mission and Evangelism has presented to the faithful and clergy of the Church an opportunity to explore one of many faith-driven aspects of the Church on a National level, as well as experiencing the Church on a local Parish level. Our goal for each Mission Workshop has been that the Faithful come away with a burning desire to bring faith-driven work of the Workshop back to their parishes and be a light to that local Community of Faith, the Parish, and the communities in which they live. This year’s Mission Workshop will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, Connecticut. Our accommodation is at **Comfort Suites** located at 64 Knotter Dr, Southington, CT 06489.

The guaranteed **room rate of \$105.00** plus tax. Please use the **code: “Polish National Catholic Church”** when making your reservation. The **deadline** cut - off date for obtaining this guaranteed room rate is **Friday, March 8, 2019**. When you fill out you registration form, send it along with a check for the **Workshop Registration Fee of \$75.00** per person. Please make the check payable to: Holy Trinity Parish. The **deadline for registering is March 15, 2019**. For registrations post-marked after March 15, 2019, the registration fee is \$95.00.

We pray that you will consider joining us for the Nineteenth National Mission & Evangelism Workshop of the P.N.C.C., and we look forward to your attendance. If you have any questions, please contact: Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Commission Chairman Parish Phone: (313) 365-5191 email: nowak@netscape.com.

ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE

God has called Abraham to leave his home and begin a thousand-mile journey to Egypt. The patriarch responds favorably, so the Lord makes a Covenant or pact of friendship with him. The agreement is literally signed in blood in an ancient ritual. When two people wanted to make an accord they would divide a group of animals and walk between the carcasses. This made a blood bond between the individuals in the agreement. Abraham makes such an arrangement. He enters into a spell--a deep darkness--and has a vision of God. The Lord appears as a flaming brazier and moves between the sacrifices. The antiquity of this ceremony befits the time of the patriarchs, just after the second millennium B.C.



Our Citizenship Is In Heaven

HIS GLORIFIED BODY

Western Christianity has been heavily influenced by Greek philosophy. Key to this view is that each human being is a composite of body and soul. The soul is a spirit that can live independently of the flesh. The sages of the Old Testament did not share this view. For them, a human being was a complete unit. Without a body, a person was only a shadow. The name for the afterlife was "Sheol", literally "Shadowland". Hence if there is a resurrection it must be a full body resuscitation. Paul defends this view and teaches that our own revivification must be patterned after the risen body of Jesus. This glorified corpus had the ability to appear at will, to walk through walls, and to levitate. Paul believes that we will share these characteristics.