

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
**Polish National Catholic Church**  
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**Third Sunday of Lent - "C"**  
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**March 24, 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 24<sup>th</sup>** – III Sunday of Lent (*9 months to Christmas Eve*)

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

**MONDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>** – Solemnity – Annunciation of the BVM

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

**WEDNESDAY, March 27<sup>th</sup>** – *Lenten Weekday*

**7:00PM** – Lenten Ecumenical Service hosting in our church.

**FRIDAY, March 29<sup>th</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday*

**Holy Mass and Litany** to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus; intention: God's blessing for **Janina Plichta**.

**6:00PM** – **The Way of the Cross**.

**SATURDAY, March 30<sup>th</sup>** – *Lenten Weekday*

**Requiem Holy Mass** and Litany to the BVM on Saturday, intention: for Sp. **Jan Zaborowski** (6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of eternal life).

NEXT SUNDAY, March 31<sup>st</sup> – IV Sunday of Lent

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

### **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** (Habakkuk 3:17; Isaiah 3:10)

V. Though the fig tree blossom not nor fruit be on the vines, Yet will I rejoice in the Lord and exult in my saving God.

**R. Happy the just, for it will be well with them, the fruit of their works they will eat.**

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 3:1-8.13-15**

**GRADUAL** (Lamentations 5:19-22)

V. You, o Lord, are enthroned forever; your throne stands from age to age. Why, then should you forget us, abandon us so long a time?

**R. Lead us back to you, o Lord, that we may be restored: give us anew such days as we had of old.**

**II Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12**

**TRACT** (Ezekiel 18:30-31)

V. Turn and be converted from all your crimes, that they may be no cause of guilt for you.

**R. Cast away from you all the crimes you have committed and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:11-9**

### **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.
- **April 5** – “Babka” sale.
- **April 7** – **Lenten Penitential Service** before the Mass.
- **June 20 at 7:00PM** – Seniorate Corpus Christi Service in our church.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 27 – Mary Ann Tokarczyk;  
March 29 – Janina Plichta.



**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:** “Declare your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may find healing. The fervent petition of a holy man is powerful indeed. My brothers, the case may arise among you of someone straying from the truth, and of another bringing him back. Remember this: the person who brings a sinner back from his way will save his soul from death and cancel a multitude of sins”. (James 5:16.19-20).

**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.

**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 (position already taken), Resurrection Statue...Resurrection Cross (position already taken)*

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

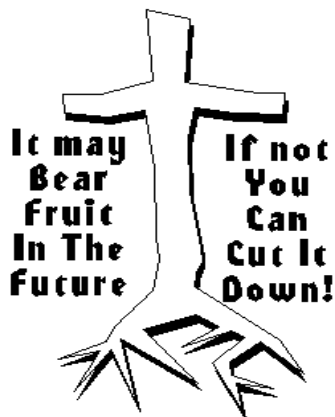
**March 27** – St. John the Baptist PNCC, 414 W. Oak St.

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

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

**BAPTIZED INTO MOSES**

Paul makes an analogy between the Crossing of the Red Sea and Christian Baptism. He talks about the cloud--a symbol of God's presence--which overshadowed the Israelites and the sea water. They were sort of a baptism into Moses. This means that they were immersed into the life that God sent them through Moses. As Christians we enter into God's presence by baptism in which we are immersed in Christ. His point is that some of those who followed Moses later fell away through sin. As followers of Jesus, we could meet the same fate, unless we remain strong in our faith.



## **THE GALILEANS WHO SUFFERED**

There was a common belief in the Old Testament that all suffering and death was caused by sin. The worse the sin, the worse the disaster. Jesus rejected this idea. He cites two recent events in Jerusalem. There were two groups who died, but had directly opposite beliefs.

The first group were revolutionaries from Galilee. They started a rebellion against the Romans. They were slaughtered in front of the Temple. Their own blood mixed with their sacrifices.

The second group were collaborators with the Romans. They were helping to build a Roman aqueduct to bring water to the pool of Siloam in Jerusalem. The tower they were constructing collapsed and killed them.

Jesus notes that both groups were sincere in their belief that they were doing right. They did not die because of any sin. God wants people to live and bear the fruit of love.