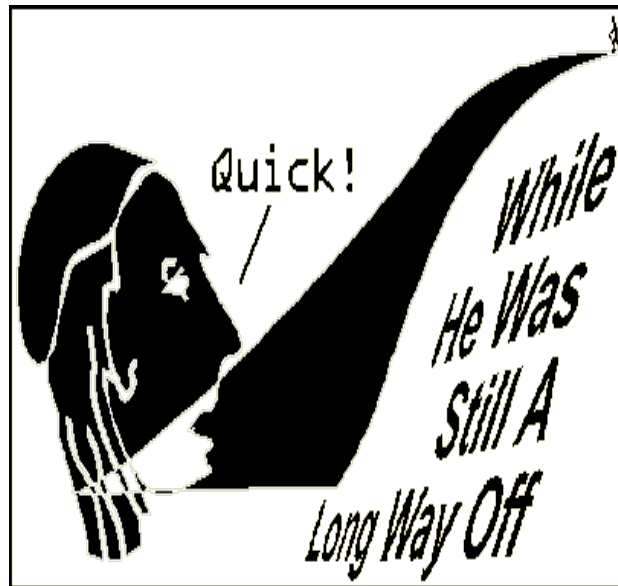


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Fourth Sunday of Lent - "C"
Czwarta Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 31, 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 – Contemporary liturgy in English.

Today, March 31st – IV Sunday of Lent

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

- Blessed Sacrament Society meeting after the Mass. ANS' dues is due asap.

MONDAY, April 1st – *Lenten Weekday*

6:00PM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Helen Pastue**.

WEDNESDAY, April 3rd – *Lenten Weekday*

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

7:00PM – Lenten Ecumenical Service – St. Joseph the Worker, RCC.

FRIDAY, April 5th – **First Friday of the month**

"Babka" Sale: 11:00AM – 1:00PM; 4-6:00PM.

4:15PM - Holy Mass and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
5-6:00PM – Private adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
6:00PM – The Way of the Cross.

SATURDAY, April 6th – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, and Litany.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 7th – *V Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday*

Lenten Penitential Service and Sacrament of Penance

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Robert & William Zamonas, of. by Mrs. Theresa Petrusky.

- Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- Collection for missions.

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 78:21a,23-24)

V. The Lord commanded the skies above; and the doors of heaven He opened;

R. God rained manna upon them for food; bread from heaven He gave them.

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: Joshua 5:9-12

The people prepare to celebrate Passover – a final act of the nation prior to possession of the promised land.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

II Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

We are reconciled to God through Christ.

TRACT (Luke 15:15)

V. I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to Him:

R. Father I have sinned against heaven and against You.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3.11-32

The story of the prodigal son – a story of repentance and mercy.

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.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH [PAGE 71]

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: With trust in God's patient and reassuring love for us, we pray together.

- For our society: that we may learn to give people a second chance, particularly rebellious young people and offenders. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our Church: may our religious activity truly serve the world, particularly people who are vulnerable and in need of support. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - For our young people: that they may feel the support of a loving community, continually helping them to play a productive role in society. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 - For ourselves: that we may become more generous and merciful in our dealings with other people, particularly within our own family and community. **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:** Lord God, may we truly repent and spare no effort to establish a right relationship with You. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. **R. 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: April 6 – Rose Kolos.



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.



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.**

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.)

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

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

Scripture verse of the week: “Declare your sins to one another, and pray of 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).

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.

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.

PNCC 2019 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods

Develop and emphasize Discipleship through 2019: *Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Getting back to basics. Discipleship is who we are – all this flows from being a disciple of Jesus.*

April – The Disciple: Called to Serve. Projected outcome: Church members will be inspired to choose one way to personally serve another person/other people within their everyday lives this month – at home, at work, in school, etc.

THE REPROACH OF EGYPT

The Hebrews spend their first night in the Promised Land. After Moses' death, Joshua took command and led the people across the Jordan river. The first order of business is that all those who have not been circumcised must have the rite performed. Apparently this ritual had not been done in Egypt, hence the word "reproach". With this act finished the Hebrews can now celebrate their first Passover in Canaan (Palestine). The manna--a sort of honey--that fed them in the desert no longer flows.

THE PRODIGAL, THE VINDICTIVE AND THE PROVIDENT

Today's Gospel passage is usually known as the parable of the Prodigal Son. A more fitting title might be the parable of the Prodigal and the Vindictive Sons. Prodigal means "wastefully extravagant". It aptly fits the young man who wants his father's legacy before the father dies. He acts foolishly and shows no regard for the survival of his family. His brother is no less blameless. While he has worked for his father, his words suggest that his motives were not exactly pure. His vindictiveness against his brother also indicates his base character. The real hero of the story is the provident father. He loves both his sons, despite their flaws. In the boys, we see the extremes of human failure. In the father, we see God.