

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
**Polish National Catholic Church**  
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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"**  
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Settima Domenica nel Tempo Ordinario

**February 23, 2020**

*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, p. 63**

**Today, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – VII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

- Annual Parish Meeting after the Mass in the hall.

**MONDAY, February 24<sup>th</sup> – Weekday**

**9:00AM - Holy Mass**, intention: for health of **Sherry Larson**, of. by Mrs. Sandra Elsavage.

**TUESDAY, February 25<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

**Requiem Holy Mass** for Sp. **Krystyna Plichta**.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00AM - Holy Mass** with distribution of ashes, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

**4:00PM** – Prayer Service with Holy Communion & distribution of ashes.

**6:30PM - Holy Mass** with distribution of ashes.

**THURSDAY, February 27<sup>th</sup>** – *Lenten Weekday*

**Requiem Holy Mass** for Sp. **Abp. Tadeusz Gocłowski**.

**FRIDAY, February 28<sup>th</sup>** – *Lenten Weekday*

**Holy Mass** and Litany of the Passion, intention: for **Father Marek Michalik**, his family and parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Montreal, Canada.

**6:00PM** – Stations of the Cross.

**SATURDAY, February 29<sup>th</sup>** – *Lenten Weekday*

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

**NEXT SUNDAY, March 1<sup>st</sup>** – *I Sunday of Lent*

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Helena Kurek-Bednarek, of. by the son, Julian Bednarek.

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

### **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** (James 2:1,9)

V. My brothers show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

**R. But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.**

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:** Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**II Reading:** 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

**ALLELUIA** (1 John 2:5)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:38-48

### **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.

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

**Celebrant:** In our quest for holiness we need divine assistance, let us now turn to the Lord and ask His help.

- We pray for bishops and all clergy and leaders of God's people: may their lives be luminous with holiness. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for all parishes and ministries in the Church of God: may they show God's holiness and love to the world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for all governments and those in positions of political responsibility: may they use their influence to enhance life and communion in the world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the **President** of the **U.S.** and for the entire **Government**: may they succeed in their mission to lead our nation wisely. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for those who passed away – Sp. **James Dean** – may our heavenly Father receive them into His eternal Home. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Lord God, Your holiness transfigures all that it touches; hear our prayers and transform us as we make our petitions, 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.
- **Palm Sunday – April 5**
- **Easter Sunday – April 12** ...liturgy begins at 10:00AM.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER for:** - **Father Marek Michalik**, his family and parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Montreal, Canada.

**SCHEDULE OF FRACKVILLE MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERVICES:** begins at **6:00 p.m.**

March 4 - Trinity ECC

March 11 - St. John the Baptist Polish PNCC

March 18 - First UM Church

March 25 - Zion Lutheran Church

April 1 - St. Joseph the Worker Parish RCC.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Helen Hopko - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen – Jaden Leiby - Edward Jurewicz – Marjorie Dean. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda (309); **Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA** – Marie Demnitski (223); **Shenandoah Manor:** Helen Menzyk (D14).



**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.**

**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.

**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.

**THE HOLY SEASON OF GREAT LENT** began on Ash Wednesday. As Jesus fasted for 40 days in the desert, the Church traditional fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christian reminds us of our total dependence on and love for God. Please remember that Fridays are days of **abstinence** from meat. **Fasting:** all those of post-confirmation age are to fast on Fridays, and on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** limiting themselves to **one full meal and two smaller meals**, with **no snacking between meals**. Our Lenten regulations are recommended for healthy adults. Children under First Holy Communion age, the infirm, those on restrictive medication and the elderly are exempt from the obligation of fasting. During this holy and grace-filled season of Lent, all of you are encouraged to share in our Lenten Journey in preparation for Christ's Resurrection by faithfully attending not only Sunday's Mass but also our Lenten services that will include: **Stations of the Cross at 6:00PM.**

**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.

**PNCC 2020 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> General Synods.**

Continue to develop Discipleship through 2020: Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord Jesus Christ. During 2020 we will examine the lives of some of the early disciples of our Lord and their discipleship virtues to see what we can learn from them and apply to our daily living.

**MARCH** – Martha and Mary of Bethany: Prayerfulness, Service

**Reflecting question:** *Martha and Mary together give us a balanced model of the aspects of our discipleship. Do you have this same balance of prayer and service in your daily life? What can you do to achieve it?*

#### **Prayer to St. Michael**

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wiles and wickedness of the devil. Restrain him, o God, we humbly pray, and you, o Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin and destruction of souls. Amen.