

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
414 West Oak Street, Frackville, PA 17931
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First Sunday of Lent - "A"
Pierwsza Niedziela Wielkiego Postu
Prima Domenica di Quaresima

March 1, 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 – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, March 1st – 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.

MONDAY, March 2nd – Lenten Weekday

Requiem Holy Mass, intention for: **Grandparents: Helena and Edward Zaborowski**, of. by Fr. Robert & family.

TUESDAY, March 3rd – Lenten Weekday

Requiem Holy Mass, intention for: those who are in Purgatory.

WEDNESDAY, March 4th – Lenten Weekday

Requiem Holy Mass, intention for: **Grandparents of Jaskowiak and Zaborowski Family**, of. by Mrs. Janina Plichta & family.

6:00PM – Lenten Ecumenical Community Service – Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church.

THURSDAY, March 5th – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass, intention for: **Father Tadeusz Czelen**, his family and parishioners of St. Mary's Parish in Winnipeg, St. Joseph's Mission in Libau and St. Joseph's Mission in Beausejour, Canada.

FRIDAY, March 6th – **First Friday of the month**

Holy Mass and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

6:00PM – Stations of the Cross.

SATURDAY, March 7th – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 8th – **Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC - II Sunday of Lent** – *Daylight Savings Time Begins!*

- **The Oath of the Parish Committee Members.**

10:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for all Parishioners.

- Collection – National Church Center.

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; 17:8)

V. You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord, My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.

R. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.

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 2:7-9; 3:1-7

GRADUAL (Exodus 20:20; Psalms 26:2-3)

V. "Do not be afraid, for God has come to you only to test you and put fear upon you, lest you should sin."

R. Test me, o Lord, and try me; search my heart and my mind. Your love is before my eyes; I walk guided by Your faithfulness.

II Reading: Romans 5:12-19

TRACT (1 Corinthians 10:13b; Matthew 6:13)

V. God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial He will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it.

R. Do not subject us to the final test but deliver us from the evil one.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. 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.
- **March 22** – Mass with the Sacrament of Holy Anointing.
- **March 29** – Lenten Penitential Service (before the Mass).
- **Palm Sunday – April 5**
- **Easter Sunday – April 12** – the liturgy begins at 10:00AM?...

2020 PARISH COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Chairperson – Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck

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Good Luck and All the Best!

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

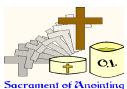
March 25 - Zion Lutheran Church

April 1 - St. Joseph the Worker Parish RCC

THIS WEEK PRAYER for: - **Father Tadeusz Czelen**, his family and parishioners of St. Mary's Parish in Winnipeg, St. Joseph's Mission in Libau and St. Joseph's Mission in Beausejour, Canada.



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 – Marjorie Dean - Edward Jurewicz – Jaden Leiby. ***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.

20TH MISSION & EVANGELISM WORKSHOP – Friday, March 27 – Sunday, March 29, 2020 – Resurrection Parish in Temperance, MI. – Deadline cut – off date for obtaining the guaranteed room rate of **\$69.00 us tax WAS (!) Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020**. This event is mostly for lay members of the PNCC. For more details, please ask the Pastor.

PNCC 2020 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 **2020**: *Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This will give us a better sense of ourselves as the Church. During 2020 we will examine the lives of the early disciples of our Lord and their discipleship to see what we can learn from them and apply to our daily living. Please, see the monthly Future Direction messages regarding this effort with reflections for living this out daily.*

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?*

“**Martha** has been compared to the Apostle Peter: practical, impulsive, and short-tempered to the point of rebuking the Lord himself. **Mary** is more like the Apostle John: reflective, loving, and calm.

Even still, Martha was a remarkable woman and deserves considerable credit. It was quite rare in Jesus' day for a woman to manage her own affairs as the head of the household, and especially to invite a man into her home. Welcoming Jesus and his entourage into her house implied the fullest form of hospitality and involved substantial generosity.

Some of us tend to be more like Mary in our Christian walk, while others resemble Martha. It's likely we have qualities of both within us. We may be inclined at times to let our busy lives of service distract us from spending time with Jesus and listening to his word. It's significant to note, though, that Jesus gently admonished Martha for being "worried_and upset," not for serving. Service is a good thing but sitting at Jesus' feet is best. We must remember what is most important. Good works should flow from a Christ-centered life; they do not produce a Christ-centered life. When we give Jesus the attention he deserves, he empowers us to serve others.”

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.