

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Second Sunday of Lent - "A"
Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC
Druga Niedziela Wielkiego Postu – Rocznica Powstania PNKK
Seconda Domenica di Quaresima

March 8, 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 8th – II Sunday of Lent – Institution of the PNCC

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

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

- Collection – National Church Center.

MONDAY, March 9th – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass, intention for: Bishop Bernard Nowicki, his family, Father Janusz Lucarz and his wife, and parishioners of St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA.

TUESDAY, March 10th – *Lenten Weekday*

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

WEDNESDAY, March 11th – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass for the remission of our sins.

6:00PM – Lenten Ecumenical Community Service.

FRIDAY, March 13th – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the Holy Name of Jesus.

6:00PM – The Way of the Cross.

SATURDAY, March 14th – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 15th – III Sunday of Lent

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

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 Świątemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Psalm 23:1-3.5)

V. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name.

R. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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 12:1-4

GRADUAL (Psalm 30:2-4)

V. I praise You, Lord, for you raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

R. Lord, my God, I cried out to You and You healed me. Lord, You brought me up from Sheol; You kept me from going down to the pit.

II Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

TRACT (Psalm 31:2)

V. In You, Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

R. In Your justice deliver me.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

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**.

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

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: - **Bishop Bernard Nowicki, his family, Father Janusz Lucarz and his wife,** and parishioners of St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: **March 8** – Elizabeth Greenman.



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.**

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 an active 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...

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?*

ANNIVERSARY – Today we celebrate the 123rd anniversary of God’s call to the people of St. Stanislaus Parish in Scranton, PA, to take up their rightful place as children of God and followers of Jesus Christ and organize a church in which they had a say in the workings of their parishes and also in the expression of their faith. If we examine the whole history of the Christian Church from its founding in Jerusalem right down to the present day we find many who struggled for a Church which respected the rights and responsibilities of all of the people of God. These early reformers, like Jerome Savonarola and Jan Hus, did not want to change the Catholic faith, but desired to have a church in which all of God’s people took an active part. Where other Church movements failed to keep their rights and remain Catholic, it was here that the Old Catholic Church was instituted. It was to this church that Father Francis Hodur and the newly organized PNCC turned to insure their apostolic succession. Following the First Vatican Council in 1870, many learned priests and laity, as well as parishes, struggled against the absolute rule of the papacy in the governance of the church. These movements came together as the Old Catholic Churches. Here in the USA many different groups of people struggled against the authorities of the church which denied them their rights and lorded their authority over the people. In Chicago, IL, Buffalo, NY and Scranton, PA, groups of Polish immigrants brought several of these parishes into a church, and finally these movements coalesced into the Polish National Catholic Church. What was begun in the earliest Christian communities, what was fought for during the reformation in Europe, has taken firm hold here within the PNCC, a church that is **one, holy, catholic and apostolic**, yet **democratic** in its governance. A church in which all God’s people, guided by the Holy Spirit, have a rightful say in the governance of their church. At this time we must begin by thanking Almighty God for the faith and courage of Bishop Francis Hodur and all the priests and laity that organized the PNCC. We must spread the word that our Church is one where every Catholic Christian is given the opportunity to share his or her work and talent for the building of the Kingdom of God in all areas of the work of the Church. When we hear of those struggling to exercise their rights, we must show them how they are preserved here in the PNCC.

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.

