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Polish National Catholic Church
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Third Sunday of Lent - "A"

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Terza Domenica di Quaresima

March 15, 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 15th – III Sunday of Lent

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

MONDAY, March 16th – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass, intention for: Father Dennis Ruda, his family, and parishioners of All Saints Parish in Johnson City, NY.

TUESDAY, March 17th – *Lenten Weekday*

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

WEDNESDAY, March 18th – *Lenten Weekday*

6:00PM – Lenten Ecumenical Community Service – First United Methodist Church.

THURSDAY, March 19th – Solemnity – St. Joseph

6:00PM – Holy Mass

FRIDAY, March 20th – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the Most Precious Blood of Christ.

6:00PM – The Way of the Cross.

SATURDAY, March 21st – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 22nd – IV Sunday of Lent

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

- The Sacrament of Holy Anointing will be impart to anyone who would like to receive it after the sermon.

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 42:2-3; Psalm 63:2)

V. As a deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for You, o God. My being thirsts for God, the living God. When can I go and see the face of God?

R. O God, You are my God – for You I long! For You my body yearns; for You my soul thirsts like a land parched, lifeless, and without water.

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 17:3-7

GRADUAL (Psalms 78:15-18)

V. He splits rocks in the desert, gave water to drink, abounding as the deep. He made streams flow from crags, drew out rivers of water.

R. But they went on sinning against Him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert. They tested God in their hearts, demanding the food they craved.

II Reading: Romans 5:1-2.5-8

TRACT (John 7:37-38)

V. On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, “Let anyone who thirsts come to Me and drink.

R. Whoever believes in Me, as scripture says: ‘Rivers of living water will flow from within him.’”

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

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.

Supplication – PNCC Hymnal, p. 290, 3v.

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**.
- **Sep. 26** – Craft Vendor & Food Truck Fall event.

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

March 18 - First UM Church

March 25 - Zion Lutheran Church

April 1 - St. Joseph the Worker Parish RCC

THIS WEEK PRAYER for: - **Father Dennis Ruda, his family**, and parishioners of All Saints Parish in Johnson City, NY.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 15 – Betty Brazausky; March 16 – Father Robert.



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 – Battista Amato. ***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...

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?

A PRAYER in OUR TIME of the CORONAVIRUS (*adapted from the monthly publication, America*)

O Jesus Christ, my Savior and healer, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help, who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. **Amen.**

The Coronavirus Prayer in Its Essence (*also one, in Tweet-able form*)

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

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.

