

**St. John the Baptist Parish**

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent – Solemnity Institution of the PNCC**  
**Czwarta Niedziela Wielkiego Postu – Rocznicza powstania PNKK**

**March 14, 2021**

*Daylight Savings Time begins*

**Events for the week:**


**Sun., 3/14/21** – 10:00AM - Holy Mass for our Congregation.

**Mon., 3/15/21** – 8:00AM – Holy Mass for the Remission of sins.

**Wed., 3/17/21** – 8:00AM – Holy Mass, intention for: all **Parishioners**.

**Thu., 3/18/21** – 8:00AM – Holy Mass, intention for: Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski, his family & parishioners.

**Fri., 3/19/21** – 8:00AM – Holy Mass and Litany to St. Joseph.

 6:00PM Stations of the Cross.

**Sat., 3/20/21** – 8:45AM – Holy Mass and Litany to the BVM.

**Next Sunday, March 21** – Holy Mass for Sp. James Dean.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER for:** - Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski, his family, and parishioners of St. Mary Parish in South Bend, IN.

*“With Truth, Work and Struggle, We Will Succeed.”*

**I Reading:** Wisdom 5:I-5

**II Reading:** I Timothy 4:I-5

**GOSPEL:** John 15:I-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes<sup>a</sup> so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

**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.
- **Friday, March 26** – **Halushki sale**; pre-order till March 19 - \$7.00 per quart.
- **March 31 (Holy Wednesday) 7:00PM** – Bitter Lamentations all three parts.

**2021 PARISH COMMITTEE OFFICERS** – elected on March 7, during the Annual Parish Meeting:  
**Chairperson** – Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 15 – Betty Brazausky; March 16 – the Pastor; March 17 – Joelle Amaira Karvois.

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

**FUTURE MASS INTENTIONS:**  
March 21: Sp. James Dean; March 28: Sp. John David's family; Apr. 11 – Sp. Honeylore Elsavage; Apr. 18 – Sp. James Dean; Apr. 25 – Sp. John David's family.

**Vice-chairperson** – Mrs. Elaine Antalosky

**Recording Secretary** – Mr. Lance Nelson

**Financial Secretary** – Mrs. Sandra Elsavage

**Treasurer** – Mr. James Abicunas

**Directors:** Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes, Ms. Elizabeth Greenman, Ms. Barbara David, Mr. George Wycheck, Mr. John Plaxa, Mrs. Betty Brazausky, Mrs. Jean Keim, Mr. George Tokarczyk.

*Good Luck and All the Best!*

**MARCH – BISHOP FRANCIS HODUR**

***Reflection and Action Item:*** Bishop Francis Hodur was called by God and his people to organize our PNCC. This began on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of March in 1897. Bishop Hodur said: “Our Church cannot be blind, soulless copy of any Christian church. It must reach to the source of religious life, Christ the Lord. If we do not have Jesus’ principles more adopted to life and effectively active, we do not have the right to life. Therefore, to work! Find two ways in which you can make Christ’s principles and teachings more effective and evident in your life as we remember our First Bishop and how he followed and served Jesus.

**2021 – PNCC Spiritual virtual Lenten Retreat: Tue., March 23, 7:00PM to 8:30PM;** Register by Passion Sunday, March 21, by emailing: [pbmikovsky@pncc.org](mailto:pbmikovsky@pncc.org) or [RobNem2I@aol.com](mailto:RobNem2I@aol.com).



**March 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Joseph is considered the second greatest saint, next to the Blessed Virgin Mary, because of his humility and the closeness he had to Jesus as his foster father. Scripture tells us that Joseph was just, pure, gentle, prudent, and unfailingly obedient to the divine will. We wish to imitate him by renewing our desire to be faithful. We know, that the only meaning of our life is to be faithful to the Lord till the last day, as Joseph was.