

“I have not come to abolish, but to fulfill”.

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
414 West Oak Street, Frackville, PA 17931
Rectory phone: 570-874-1960
Email: robertb1@ptd.net
Septuagesima Sunday – “A”
Niedziela Siedemdziesiątnicy

February 5, 2023
100th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 2/5/23 – Pre-Lent I

10:00AM – 10:00AM – Holy Mass for God’s blessing for Victoria.

- Confession.
- Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- Collection for missions.
- First Holy Communion Catechism class.

Wed., 2/8/23 – Pre-Lenten Weekday –
9:00AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

Fri., 2/10/23 – Pre-Lenten Weekday
9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass

Next Sunday, Feb. 12: Pre-Lent 2 – Sexagesima Sunday
10:00AM – Holy Mass for +John David’s family.

Septuagesima Sunday is the third Sunday before the start of Lent, which makes it the ninth Sunday before Easter. Traditionally, Septuagesima Sunday marked the beginning of preparations for Lent. Septuagesima and the following two Sundays (Sexagesima, Quinquagesima) were celebrated by name in the traditional Catholic liturgical calendar, which is still used in our Holy Church. Starting on Septuagesima Sunday, neither the Alleluia nor the Gloria are sung. They do not return until the Easter Vigil when we mark the triumph of Christ over death in His Resurrection.

I Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

II Reading: I Corinthians 2:6-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-37

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell. “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – to Feb. 5 – Victoria (19th)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Helen Hopko - James Panco – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Marjorie Dean – Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause. *H&R Center Tremont*: Dolores Halaburda; *Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski, Carl Guzik; *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen.

Upcoming Mass intentions: Feb. 12: +John David's family; Feb. 19: +James Dean.

BLESSING of THROATS - *“Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, † and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”*

thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made. But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

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.
- **Feb. 18** – Free community spaghetti dinner at South End Field & Stream-Whirlpool Dam, Frackville – 11:00AM til gone.
- **Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday**
- **March 5** – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, after the Mass.
- **Apr. 2 – Palm Sunday**
- **Apr. 9 – Resurrection of the Lord Solemnity**
- **June 11, 2023** – First Holy Communion Day.
- **June 17** – Craft show
- **October 15, 2023, at 4:00PM Anniversary Holy Mass** – Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of organizing our parish; dinner will be in the Roman’s restaurant, Frackville, PA.

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.