

**“Love your enemies
and pray for those
who persecute you
[...] and be perfect”.**

St. John the Baptist Parish
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Sexagesima Sunday – “A”
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February 12, 2023
100th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 2/12/23 – Pre-Lent 2

10:00AM – 10:00AM – Holy Mass for
+John David’s family, of. by Ms. Barbara
David.

Mon., 2/13/23 – *Pre-Lenten Weekday*

– 8:35AM – Requiem Holy Mass for
+Jerzy Plichta.

Tue., 2/14/23 – *St. Valentine* –

9:00AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

Thu., 2/16/23 – *Pre-Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass for
+Prime Bishop Francis Hodur.

Sat, 2/18/23

11:00AM – gone - Free community
spaghetti dinner at South End Field &
Stream-Whirlpool Dam, Frackville.

Sexagesima Sunday is the second Sunday before the start of Lent, which makes it the eighth Sunday before Easter. Traditionally, it was the second of the three Sundays (Septuagesima is the first and Quinquagesima is the third) of preparation for Lent. Sexagesima literally means "sixtieth," though it falls only 56 days before Easter. It most likely takes its name from Quinquagesima Sunday, which is 49 days before Easter, or 50 if you count Easter itself.

I Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

II Reading: I Corinthians 3:16-23

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

**Next Sunday, Feb. 19: Pre-Lent 3 –
Quinquagesima Sunday**

10:00AM – Holy Mass for +James Dean.

- First Holy Communion
Catechism class.

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. 19: +James Dean; Feb. 26: all Parishioners; May 14: Mother's Day Mass; June 4: 35th Anniversary Mass of the Pastor's Ordination to the Priesthood; June 11: First Holy Communion Day Mass.

- Hall for Rent is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.

Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday; Holy Mass & distribution of ashes will be held at **10:00AM** and **6:30PM**.

- **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.

100th Anniversary meeting: The next Anniversary meeting will be on Tues., Feb. 21, 2023 at 1:00 pm in church hall. Invitation list will be finalized and choosing invitations and other matters will be discussed and decided upon. Anyone interested, please attend!

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.