

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Don’t worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself”.

St. John the Baptist Parish

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Quinquagesima Sunday – “A”
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February 19, 2023
100th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 2/19/23 – Pre-Lent 3

10:00AM – Holy Mass for +James Dean;
of. by wife, Marjorie.

- First Holy Communion
Catechism class.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 2/22/23 – *The Great Lent begins* – repent, and believe in the Gospel, can you do it? Or it is too hard?

10:00AM – Holy Mass
6:30PM – Holy Mass

Fri., 2/24/23 – Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle

9:00AM – Holy Mass
6:00PM – The Way of the Cross

Next Sunday, Feb. 26: I Sunday of Lent

10:00AM – Holy Mass for +Jasonlee Helwig.

Quinquagesima Sunday is the final Sunday before the start of Lent, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, which makes it the seventh Sunday before Easter. Traditionally, it is the third of the three Sundays (following Septuagesima and Sexagesima) of preparation for Lent. Quinquagesima literally means "fiftieth." It is 49 days before Easter, or 50 if you count Easter itself. Similarly, Pentecost Sunday is said to be 50 days after Easter, but the number is calculated by including Easter in the count.

I Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

II Reading: I Corinthians 4:1-5

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:24-34

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as

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. 26: +Jasonlee Helwig; March 5: +John David's family; March 12: for all Parishioners; March 19: +James Dean; March 26: +John Michael Stabinsky; May 14: Mother's Day Mass; June 4: 35th Anniversary Mass of Fr. Robert's Ordination to the Priesthood; June 11: First Holy Communion Day Mass.

well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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 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!

THE HOLY SEASON OF GREAT LENT begins on **Ash Wednesday**. As **Jesus** fasted for **40 days** in the desert, the Church traditional fasts during **Lent**. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christian reminds us of our total dependence on and love for God. Please remember that Fridays are days of **abstinence** from meat.

Our Lenten regulations are recommended for healthy adults. Children under First Holy Communion age, the infirm, those on restrictive medication and the elderly are exempt from the obligation of fasting. During this holy and grace-filled season of Lent, all of you are encouraged to share in our Lenten Journey in preparation for Christ's Resurrection by faithfully attending not only Sunday's Mass but also our Lenten services that will include: **The Way of the Cross** (Friday's at 6:00pm) and **Bitter Lamentations** on Holy Wednesday all three parts in Polish at 7:00pm.