

"You can make me clean."


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Septuagesima Sunday – "B"
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Events for the week:

Sun., 1/28/24 – Pre-Lent I – *Music Scholarship Sunday*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention for:
+John Michael Stabinsky, of. by Parents.

 *Collection for the Music Scholarship Program.*

Mon., 1/29/24 – *Pre-Lent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

Thu., 2/1/24 – *Pre-Lent Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass for the PNCC Clergy asking for God's blessing for their ministry

Fri., 2/2/24 – Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord

9:00AM – Holy Mass and Litany to the SHofj.

Pre-Lent – With the season of Septuagesima begins the second section of the Temporal Cycle having for its center the greatest of solemnities, the Solemnity of our Lord's Resurrection. This liturgical period is a prelude to Lent and a remote preparation for Easter. It serves as a time of transition during which the Church passes from the Christmas joys to Lenten sobriety. The more familiar designations for the Sundays are, respectively, Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima. These designate in Latin, the Sunday's relationship to Passion Sunday. Thus, Septuagesima is seven Sundays from Passions Sunday, Sexagesima is six, Quinquagesima is five. Rose vestments are worn. Flowers are permitted during this period. The "Gloria" is omitted from the Mass liturgy. The "Alleluia" verse following the lesson readings is replaced with a "Tract".

I Reading: Leviticus 13:I-2, 44-46

II Reading: I Corinthians 10:31-II:I

GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Him [and kneeling down] begged Him and said, "If You wish, You can make me clean." Moved with pity, He stretched out His hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, He dismissed him at once. Then He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to Him from everywhere.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, February 4: Sexagesima Sunday – Pre-Lent 2

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention for: +James Dean.



Confession.



Benediction and Litany of the Most Blessed Sacrament.



Blessing of throats.



Collection for missions.

Next Sunday's Mass intentions: Feb. 4: +James Dean; Feb. 11: +John David's family.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday best wishes are extended to: Jan. 25 – Dolores Halaburda; Jan. 26 – Jan Cegielski; Jan. 27 – Mark Fried; Jan. 30 – Jiselle Macaro.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for: Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Marjorie Dean – Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause - Shawn Matz. *H & R Center Tremont*. Dolores Halaburda. *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen.

Special **Thanks** go out to: Organist, Mrs. Janina for cleaning and decorating the church, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

Thank you very much to **Mr. Kenneth Payne** who took care of the snow removal from our parking lot!

Upcoming events:

- February 14 – **Ash Wednesday**
- March 3 – Annual Parish Meeting.
- March 10 – Solemnity: Institution of the PNCC (127th Anniversary).
- March 24 – Palm Sunday.
- March 31 – Easter Sunday.

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.

In the case of freezing rain, please use the front porch to come to the rectory, if you need it (back porch stairs are “icy” all the time in this case).

“When you gain friends, gain them through testing, and do not be quick to trust them. For there are friends when it suits them, but they will not be around in time of trouble.” (Sirach 6:7-8)