

"Your sins are forgiven."

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Sexagesima Sunday – "B"
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February 4, 2024
101st year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 2/4/24 – Pre-Lent 2

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



Confession.



Benediction and Litany of the Most Blessed Sacrament.



Blessing of throats.



Collection for missions.

Tue., 2/6/24 – Pre-Lent Weekday

9:00AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

Wed., 2/7/24 – Pre-Lent Weekday

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

Fri., 2/9/24 – Pre-Lent Weekday

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass for: +Jerzy P.

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.

I Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25

II Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

GOSPEL: Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that He was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in His mind what they were thinking to themselves, so He said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"— He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home."

Next Sunday, February II:
Quinquagesima Sunday – Pre-Lent 3

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



First Holy Communion
Catechism Class.

Next Sunday's Mass intentions: Feb. II:
+John David's family.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday best wishes are
extended to: Feb. 5 – Victoria
(20th).

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

He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Upcoming events:

- February 14 – **Ash Wednesday**
- March 3 – Annual Parish Meeting.
- March 10 – Solemnity: Institution of the PNCC (127th Anniversary); *Daylight Savings Time Begins.*
- March 17 – Lenten Penitential Service with the Sacrament of Penance.
- 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. Thank you very much to **Mr. Kenneth Payne** is taking care of the snow removal from our parking lot! 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).

"Stay away from your enemies and be on guard with your friends. Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a treasure. Faithful friends are life-saving medicine; those who fear God will find them." (*Sirach 6:13-16*)