

"Create a clean heart in me, o God"

St. John the Baptist Parish
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Fifth (Passion) Sunday of Great Lent – "B"
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March 17, 2024
101st year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 3/17/24 – V Sunday of Lent

Lenten Penitential Service

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

Tue., 3/19/24 – Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

8:30AM – Holy Mass

Wed., 3/20/24 - Lenten Weekday

6:00PM - Frackville Ministerium Lenten Ecumenical Service at New Hope Wesleyan Church

Fri., 3/22/24 – Lenten Weekday

6:00PM – The Way of the Cross (5).

Sat., 3/23/24 – Lenten Weekday

Lenten Votive Mass to the BVM and Litany.

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. As we get closer to Holy Week our readings reflect the dark clouds which are gathering over Jesus and His concern about what will happen to Him when He enters Jerusalem.

I Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

II Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

GOSPEL: John 20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves Me, he must follow Me, wherever I am, My servant will be there too. If anyone serves Me, My Father will honor him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify Your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words He indicated the kind of death He would die.

Next Sunday, March 24: VI Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday

Blessing and distribution of Palms

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 17 – Joelle Amaira Karvois.

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 (A-14).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Upcoming events:

- March 24 – Palm Sunday.
- March 31 – Easter Sunday.
- April 12-14 – 23rd National Mission & Evangelism Workshop – Houtzdale, PA.
- April 27 – Plymouth Seniorate Council meeting – 11:00AM in Plymouth, PA – Good Shepherd church.
- June 2 – Corpus Christi & Procession after the Mass.
- June 9 – First Holy Communion Day.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

"Happy the one who does not sin with the tongue, who does not serve an inferior. Happy the one who finds a friend, who speaks to attentive ears."

(Sirach 25:8-9)