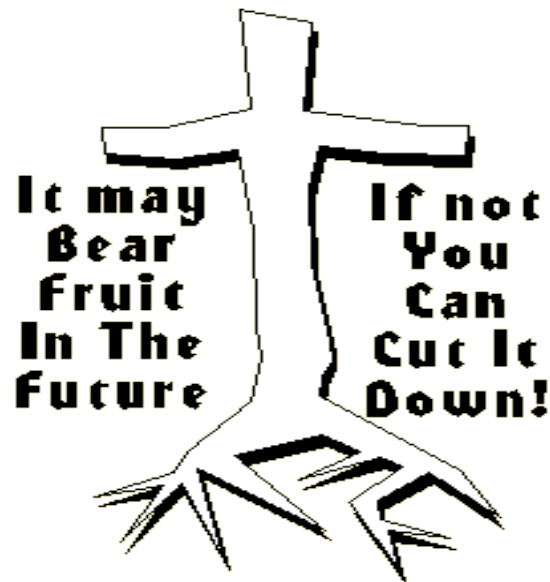


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**Third Sunday of Lent - "C"**  
Trzecia Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

**March 3, 2013**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

**Holy Mass – 11:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English**

**Today, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Third Sunday of Lent**

At the beginning of Lent we were invited to repent and believe in the Gospel. Today, as we hear again the call to repentance, let us renew our commitment to God.

**9:30AM – Holy Mass** intention: for sp. **Lauren Feudale**, of. by Mrs. Claire Mallick.

- ⤴ Litany of the Passion.
- ⤴ Collection for mission.

### WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, 2 Kings 5:1-5ab; Luke 4:24-30; **Tue.**, Daniel 3:25.34-43; Matthew 18:21-35; **Wed.**, Deuteronomy 4:1.5-9; Matthew 5:17-19; **Thu.**, Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23; **Fri.**, Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34; **Sat.**, Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

**MONDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

**TUESDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville.

**WEDNESDAY, March 6<sup>th</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday*

**7:00PM** – Frackville Ministerium Community Lenten Service – St. Peter, United Church of Christ (Balliet Street)

**THURSDAY, March 7<sup>th</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

**FRIDAY, March 8<sup>th</sup>** - *Lenten Weekday*

**7:00PM** – Bitter Lamentation in Polish at Frackville.

**NEXT SUNDAY, March 10<sup>th</sup>** – **Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC - IV Sunday of Lent – Daylight Saving Time begins**

**10:45AM** – Lenten Penitential Service

**11:00AM** – Holy Mass intention: for PNCC members.

- ⤴ Stations of the Cross (after the Holy Mass).
- ⤴ Collection for National Church Center.

### Today's liturgy

**ASPERGES** – **Pokropisz mnie** Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

**ENTRANCE RITE (Habakkuk 3:17; Isaiah 3:10)**

V. Though the fig tree blossom not nor fruit be on the vines, Yet will I rejoice in the Lord and exult in my saving God.

**R. Happy the just, for it will be well with them, the fruit of their works they will eat.**

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

**R. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

**I Reading: Exodus 3:1-8.13-15**

*In a mysterious and wonderful way Moses becomes aware of God's presence and that he has been chosen for a special mission by God.*

**GRADUAL (Lamentations 5:19-22)**

V. You, o Lord, are enthroned forever; your throne stands from age to age. Why, then should you forget us, abandon us so long a time?

**R. Lead us back to you, o Lord, that we may be restored: give us anew such days as we had of old.**

**II Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12**

*Under the leadership of Moses, the people of Israel passed from slavery to freedom in the Exodus. St. Paul sees the passage through the sea of reeds as prefiguring baptism and God's gift of manna in the desert as prefiguring the Eucharist.*

**TRACT (Ezekiel 18:30-31)**

V. Turn and be converted from all your crimes, that they may be no cause of guilt for you.

**R. Cast away from you all the crimes you have committed, and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**

*Jesus urges repentance and uses a parable to illustrate the loving mercy of God.*

**HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

**OFFERTORY VERSE (Jeremiah 8:13)**

V. I will gather them all in, says the Lord: no grapes on the vine, no figs on the fig trees, foliage withered!

**COMMUNION VERSE (Zechariah 1:3b)**

V. Return to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you.

*May the Lord inspire you with hope.*

**COMING EVENTS**

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> Seniorate Council Meeting – Edwardsville, PA (1:00PM)  
May 30<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Service – Frackville, PA (7:00PM)  
Sep. 29<sup>th</sup> 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA  
Oct. ... 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Organizing SS. Peter & Paul PNCC in McAdoo, PA.

**SHENANDOAH**

March 10<sup>th</sup> Lenten Penitential Service (10:45AM)

**FRACKVILLE** – Each **First Friday** of the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parish Meeting after 11:00AM Holy Mass  
March 10<sup>th</sup> Lenten Penitential Service (8:30AM)  
May 18<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion Day (Saturday)  
May 30<sup>th</sup> Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

**FRACKVILLE COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES – 7:00PM**

March 6<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter's United Church of Christ  
March 13<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church  
**March 20<sup>th</sup> – St. John the Baptist PNCC**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**


**THANK YOU** very much to our Parishioners and Friends for their donations, time and hard work this week to better our parish and Church. The Sunday greeters, the people working on fundraisers, the decorators, repair and maintenance people, and members of the choir.

**THANK YOU** to **Joe Karvois** for his help at the altar last Sundays.

**PLEASE CALL FR. ROBERT** - ..if you or your relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; ..if your telephone number or **address change**; ..if you have a prayer concern.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Michael Augustyn**, his family and parishioners of St. Hedwig Parish in Chicago, IL.


**THE PARISH MEMBERSHIP** – to keep our parish membership list up to date – please pay your dues during the fiscal year, a deadline is December 31, 2013. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda – Jan Zaborowski. ***Providence Palace Drums, PA*** - Violet Cegielski. ***Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)*** - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221).



**HOSPITAL VISIT.** If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification. Please remember that with privacy laws, the Parish is often not informed when someone enters. Please call the rectory so Fr. Robert can come for prayer.

**SHOPPING at “REDNER” REMINDER** – We would like to remind our Parishioners and Friends that if you go shopping at *Redner’s* please use your “Redner’s card” for purchase. When you will do it the Parish can get a credit – Thank you!

 **WELCOME OUR VISITORS** – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship!



**CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH** – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child’s religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **10:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age should come to **private** Confession. If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come for private confession at least once a month. If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

**RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST** – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

**MEMBERS DUES 2013.** Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the ‘family plan’ method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the last General Synod. Each adult member will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at the Holy Ghost Parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

**Total dues for 2013 per Adult Member: \$95.00 Per Year**

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations:

Sunday Collection, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Donations, and Christmas Donations.



**THE GALILEANS WHO SUFFERED**

There was a common belief in the Old Testament that all suffering and death was caused by sin. The worse the sin, the worse the disaster. Jesus rejected this idea. He cites two recent events in Jerusalem. There were two groups who died, but had directly opposite beliefs.

The first group were revolutionaries from Galilee. They started a rebellion against the Romans. They were slaughtered in front of the Temple. Their own blood mixed with their sacrifices.

The second group were collaborators with the Romans. They were helping to build a Roman aqueduct to bring water to the pool of Siloam in Jerusalem. The tower they were constructing collapsed and killed them.

Jesus notes that both groups were sincere in their belief that they were doing right. They did not die because of any sin. God wants people to live and bear the fruit of love.

**PARISH INFORMATION. Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

**Holy Day Masses** are held as announced in the bulletin.

**Sacrament of Baptism** – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

**Sacrament of Matrimony** – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

**Emergencies, Sickness and deaths** – please contact to the rectory immediately.

**The parish bulletin** - is made on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.