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Fourth Sunday of Lent - "C"
Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC

March 10, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, March 10th – Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today we commemorate the Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC - 116th Anniversary of the organizing of the first parish and mother cathedral of our Church.

10:45AM – Lenten Penitential Service.

The Oath of the Parish Committee Members and Blessed Sacrament Society Officers takes place now.
11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for **Prime Bishop, Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Faithful Members** of the PNCC.

^ Collection for National Church Center.

^ Stations of the Cross.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54; **Tue.**, Ezekiel 47:1-9.12; John 5:1-16; **Wed.**, Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30; **Thu.**, Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47; **Fri.**, Wisdom 2:1a.12-22; John 7:1-2.10.25-30; **Sat.**, Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

MONDAY, March 11th - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, March 13th - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for **Jan Zaborowski** (good health), of. by Janina Plichta & family.

7:00PM – Frackville Ministerium Community Lenten Service – Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church (Balliet Street)

FRIDAY, March 15th - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for those who are in Purgatory.

7:00PM – Stations of the Cross in Frackville.

SATURDAY, March 16th - *Lenten Weekday*

5:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 17th – V Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday

11:00AM – Holy Mass intention: for all Parishioners.

^ Litany of the Passion (after the Holy Mass).

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 (Psalm 23:1-3.5)

V. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name.

R. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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: Wisdom 5:1-5

GRADUAL (Psalm 30:2-4)

V. I praise You, Lord, for you raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

R. Lord, my God, I cried out to You and You healed me. Lord, You brought me up from Sheol; You kept me from going down to the pit.

II Reading: 1 Timothy 4:1-5

TRACT (Psalm 31:2)

V. In You, Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

R. In Your justice deliver me.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

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 (Psalm 89:13b-16)

V. Mighty Your arm, strong Your hand, Your right hand is ever exalted. Justice and judgment are the foundation of Your throne; love and loyalty march before You. Happy the people who know You, Lord, who walk in the radiance of Your face.

COMMUNION VERSE (John 15:9)

V. As the Father loves Me, so I also love you. Remain in My love.

God our loving Father has again shown us the heart of God's mercy, so may we bring this love and mercy to the world.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Apr. 12-14th Mission & Evangelism Workshop in Scranton, PA

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Apr. 27th Seniorate Council Meeting – Edwardsville, PA (1:00PM)

May 30th Corpus Christi Service – Frackville, PA (7:00PM)

Sep. 29th 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA

Oct. ... 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing SS. Peter & Paul PNCC in McAdoo, PA.

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

March 10th Lenten Penitential Service (8:30AM)

May 18th First Holy Communion Day (Saturday 10:00AM)

May 30th Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

FRACKVILLE COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES – 7:00PM

March 13th – Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church

March 20th – 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 Zbigniew Wsul**, his family and parishioners of SS. Cyril & Methodius 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 10 – Dylan Whitecavage; March 11 – Connie Sincavage; March 16 – Father Robert.



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.

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**.

ANNIVERSARY – Today we celebrate the **116th** anniversary of God's call to the people of St. Stanislaus Parish in Scranton, PA, to take up their rightful place as children of God and followers of Jesus Christ and organize a church in which they had a say in the workings of their parishes and also in the expression of their faith. If we examine the whole history of the Christian Church from its founding in Jerusalem right down to the present day we find many who struggled for a Church which respected the rights and responsibilities of all of the people of God. These early reformers, like Jerome Savonarola and Jan Hus, did not want to change the Catholic faith, but desired to have a church in which all of God's people took an active part. Where other Church movements failed to keep their rights and remain Catholic, it was here that the Old Catholic Church was instituted. It was to this church that Father Francis Hodur and the newly organized PNCC turned to insure their apostolic succession. Following the First Vatican Council in 1870, many learned priests and laity, as well as parishes, struggled against the absolute rule of the papacy in the governance of the church. These movements came together as the Old Catholic Churches. Here in the USA many different groups of people struggled against the authorities of the church which denied them their rights and lorded their authority over the people. In Chicago, IL, Buffalo, NY and Scranton, PA, groups of Polish immigrants brought several of these parishes into a church, and finally these movements coalesced into the Polish National Catholic Church. What was begun in the earliest Christian communities, what was fought for during the reformation in Europe, has taken firm hold here within the PNCC, a church that is **one, holy, catholic and apostolic**, yet **democratic** in its governance. A church in which all God's people, guided by the Holy Spirit, have a rightful say in the governance of their church. At this time we must begin by thanking Almighty God for the faith and courage of Bishop Francis Hodur and all the priests and laity that organized the PNCC. We must spread the word that our Church is one where every Catholic Christian is given the opportunity to share his or her work and talent for the building of the Kingdom of God in all areas of the work of the Church. When we hear of those struggling to exercise their rights, we must show them how they are preserved here in the PNCC. *(from: "God's Field" – March 11, 2006).*

