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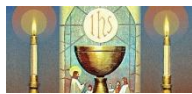
**MARCH 3, 2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional rite.

**OPENING HYMN**

**“TO THEE WE COME, O LORD, OUR GOD”**

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,  
Before Thine altar, Father  
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts;  
This supplication answer.  
Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,  
Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.  
Under Thy cross we stand prepared,  
To serve Thee with devotion;  
Be it with sweat of blood or tears,  
Or humble resignation.  
For we Thy people are, O Lord,  
Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

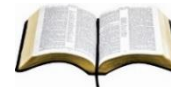


**ENTRANCE HYMN**  
**(Deuteronomy 6:4-5,13)**

- V. Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.
- R. The Lord your God shall you fear; Him shall you serve, and by His name shall you swear.
- C. 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.’

**OPENING PRAYER**

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.
- C. Let us pray. Heavenly Father, help us to love Your Commandments and to follow Your precepts, so that we may extend Your kingdom on earth and do Your will, as it is done in heaven. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
- R. Amen.



**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS  
(Ex 20:1-17)**

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: “I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers wickedness on the children of those who hate Me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love Me and keep My commandments. “You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes His name in vain. “Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day He rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. “Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You

shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

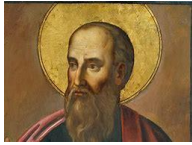
**C. This is the Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**  
(Psalm 103:17-18)

**V. But the Lord's kindness is forever, toward the faithful from age to age.**

**R. He favors the children's children of those who keep His covenant, who take care to fulfill its precepts.**



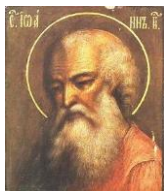
**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS**  
(1 Corinthians 1:22-25)

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

**TRACT**  
(Romans 8:3-4)

**V. For what the Law, weakened by the flesh, was powerless to do, this God has done; by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for the sake of sin,**

**R. He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous decree of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who live not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**



**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN**  
(John 2:13- 25)

**C. The Lord be with you.**

**R. And with you.**

**C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.**

**R. Glory be to You, O Lord.**

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves; He said, "Take these out of here and stop making My Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." At this the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking about the temple of His body. Therefore, when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While He was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in His name when they saw the signs He was doing. But Jesus would not trust Himself to them because He knew them all and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

**C. This is the Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**



**PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth  
Of all that is seen and unseen.  
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
The only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father.  
God from God, Light from Light, True God  
from true God, begotten not made  
Of one being with the Father.  
Through Him all things were made**

For us and for our salvation.  
He came down from heaven:  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
He was born of the Virgin Mary  
AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate  
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again  
In fulfillment of the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and  
Is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
To judge the living and the dead  
And His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord and Giver of Life  
Who proceeds from the Father,  
With the Father and the Son  
He is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church  
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead  
And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



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

C: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another.  
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the Law.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

C: Almighty God may these oblations purify us from  
our sins that we may be found an acceptable people  
in Your sight. We ask this in the name of Your Son,  
Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**Let us Pray:** Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the  
Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly  
present. I love You above all things and I long for You

in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally,  
I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal  
my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You;  
may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart  
with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

**COMMUNION VERSE**  
(Hebrews 12:25)

C. See that you do not reject the one who speaks. For  
if they did not escape when they refused the one who  
warned them on earth, how much more in our case  
if we turn away from the One Who warns from  
heaven!

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You have given us  
this holy season for repentance and atonement. May  
we, through the grace of this Eucharist, always  
respond to Your voice. For You live and reign with  
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever  
and ever.

R. Amen,

**IN APPRECIATION**

I wish to thank all our parishioners who came out  
yesterday to help make pierogi.

It has been suggested that I wait until next week  
before listing names, but you know who you are... and  
we thank you most graciously for your love and help.



**THE CROSS OF CHRIST  
A STUMBLING BLOCK & FOOLISHNESS**

**“Brothers and sisters: the Jews demand signs  
and the Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach  
“Christ Crucified,” a stumbling block to Jews  
and foolishness to the Gentiles.”**

- Romans 1:22

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus:

As we continue to personally walk these forty  
days with our Lord, we are all reminded today by St.  
Paul, in his letter to the Romans, the foundation of  
one's Christian faith, which I personally believe is

summed up in four words, “We preach Christ crucified.”

From the very beginnings of the Old Testament, God sought to establish co-union with His creation. Some said that God needed to be love as we need to be loved. St. John tells us that “God is Love.”

In 1964, the British band, the Beatles, wrote a song: “All You Need Is Love,” which speaks of a universal love for all.

In today’s first reading, we read of Moses, the giver of the Torah, or the Law. The Torah, in its broadest sense is the writings of the first five books of the OT, known also as the Pentateuch, which God revealed unto Moses on Mt. Sinai. In a more limited way, the Ten Commandments as found in Exodus 20:2-27, were the decrees that God set forth on the moral behavior and the correct relationship with Him and with each other.

Throughout the OT, there were many examples of God revealing Himself through various signs and wonders to the children of Israel. He was always there to lead and to guide them, whether it was from the current readings story of Noah to Abraham, or to the deliverance of the Israelites out of Egypt and what happened to them as they wandered in the “wilderness” for forty years.

In the NT, Jesus makes several references where the Jews sought signs and wonders for proof of His divinity. Even after His many miracles and teachings, there were those who still doubted His Messiahship, even leading up to His own crucifixion, In Luke 23:35- we read: “And the people stood by, watching; but the religious leaders scoffed at Him, saying, “He saved others; let him save Himself, if He is the Messiah of God, His chosen one!”

Paul states that the “**preaching of Christ crucified**” is a stumbling block unto the Jews. There were those who expected an earthly Messiah, who would restore an “earthly kingdom,” instead of first understanding that Jesus taught of a spiritual and an eternal kingdom versus a temporal one. Even the teachings of the prophets were ignored by most of the religious leaders who pointed to the Anointed One.

The impact of Greek thought upon the world in the fields of philosophy, science and mathematics were unmatched, while Greek literature and poetry were

unparalleled. Great thinkers such as Aristotle, Plato, Socrates as well as many others, helped defined logic, ethics, and the need to “know oneself.” Paul would declare that “Christ crucified” was to the Gentiles foolishness. One example of this is found in the Book of Acts chapter 17, where Paul who is in Athens, addresses Greek philosophers with the Gospel of Jesus.

It has been said that “The greatest truths are the simplest” and the essence of Christ being crucified could bring even the simplest and the most uneducated person to salvation and eternal life through the cross.

You see, my brothers and sisters, one doesn’t need to possess a Ph.D in theology or philosophy; one doesn’t need to be a Rhodes scholar to understand the essence of Christianity. Jesus made a comment in Matthew that even the “beggars and the prostitutes are entering into the kingdom before the religious leaders and scribes of His day. He explained that they have “eyes, yet they do not see; they have ears but yet they do not hear and have hearts but yet they do not perceive.”

Do you know that the cross did not become the symbol of Christianity until the 4<sup>th</sup> century, hundreds of years after the crucifixion of Jesus? It was during the reign of Constantine the Great, that the cross became associated with salvation, regardless of one’s status or background. That is why Paul states that “to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

So, what does Christ being crucified bring to those who search for meaning in their own lives? The answer can be found in John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever should believe in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

Could it all be that simple? You see the crucifixion of Jesus was the ultimate manifestation of God’s love for all of us, The very act of Christ being crucified brings about not only divine love but also the ultimate lesson of divine forgiveness. The author, John Rice wrote: “In His brokenhearted cry on the cross, ‘Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do,’ shows God's heart toward all sinners.” Franklin Graham, the son of the late Rev. Dr. Billy Graham wrote: “It was Christ who willingly went to the cross, and it was our sins that took Him there.” Another author, Walter Chantry wrote: “As Christ



struggled up Calvary's hill and bled upon it, His aim was to eradicate self-love and implant the love of God in the hearts of men. One can only increase as the other decreases. Finally, Michael Yousef wrote: "Only in the Cross of Christ will we receive power when we are powerless. We will find strength when we are weak. We will experience hope when our situation is hopeless. Only in the Cross is there peace for our troubled hearts."

My dear brothers and sisters; The path of the great sacrifice of Jesus on Golgotha shows us the way to total reconciliation and atonement with God. Understand that every sin that man has committed was carried on the shoulders of our Lord, that day, who out of love, pointed the way to new hope, and a fresh beginning in God. Amen.

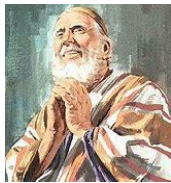
## UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH

Another of the great pillars of the Lenten season is prayer. All religions incorporate prayer as an essential part of where man meet God, externally and internally.

But in our Christian faith, we learn of the importance of prayer through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

During the season of Lent, let us speak of but a few prayers that have been inspired Christians for many centuries. For Christians, Lent is a trade-off and sacrifice of time spent with our Lord, in prayer.

There has existed in the Early Christian Church, certain prayers that have evolved and advanced one's faith. I share with you three of the most important devotions that has been a part in many liturgical services in the Christian Church and for devotion.



## THE BENEDICTUS

**The Benedictus** (also known as the Canticum of Zachary) is based upon the reading from Luke 1:68–79. It is a song of praise in which Zechariah a priest, declared on the day of the birth that his son, whom he named John and is recited in the "Liturgy of the Hours," in the Catholic faith.

"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
He has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
Born of the house of his servant David.  
Through His holy prophets, He promised of old  
That He would save us from our enemies,  
From the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
And to remember His holy covenant.  
This was the oath He swore to our father  
Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our  
enemies, free to worship Him without fear,  
Holy and righteous in His sight  
All the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the  
prophet of the Most High;  
For you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,  
To give His people knowledge of salvation  
By the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God  
The dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness  
And the shadow of death, and to  
Guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.



## THE MAGNIFICANT

**The Magnificat**, also known as the "Song of Mary," is believed to have come originally from the Orthodox Church. It is also known as the "Ode of the Theotokos." The "Mother of God."

This Canticle, from the Gospel of Luke 1:46-55, was recorded by Luke as spoken by Mary during her visitation to Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. It is considered by some to be the oldest Marian reading and one of the earliest Christian hymns. It has been a part of various liturgical services, in both the Western as well as the Eastern Christian churches, and it is apart of many evening devotions to the Blessed Mother Mary:

**My soul** magnifies the Lord  
 And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
 Because He has regarded  
 the lowliness of His handmaid;  
 For behold, henceforth all generations  
 shall call me blessed;  
 Because He who is mighty  
 has done great things for me,  
 and holy is His name;  
 And His mercy is from generation to generation  
 on those who fear Him.  
 He has shown might with His arm,  
 He has scattered the proud  
 in the conceit of their heart.  
 He has put down the  
 mighty from their thrones,  
 and has exalted the lowly.  
 He has filled the hungry with good things,  
 and the rich He has sent away empty.  
 He has given help to Israel, his servant,  
 mindful of His mercy.  
 Even as he spoke to our fathers,  
 to Abraham, and to his seed forever.  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit  
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
 World without end.  
 Amen.



**THE "TE DEUM"**  
**"To Thee, O God, We Praise"**

**The "Te Deum,"** Latin for "To Thee, O God, we praise" is an early Latin Hymn. Some believe that either Saint Ambrose who died c. 397 AD or Saint Augustine who died c. 430 AD were possible authors of this work. As early as the 6<sup>th</sup> century, this hymn of praise has been a part of various religious services of thanksgiving.

You are God: we praise you;  
 You are God: we acclaim you;  
 You are the Eternal Father:  
 All creation worships You.

To You all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
 Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
 Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
 The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
 Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim

you:

Father, of majesty unbounded,  
 Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
 And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
 You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
 The eternal Son of the Father.  
 When you became man to set us free  
 You did not spurn the Virgin's womb.  
 You overcame the sting of death,  
 And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
 We believe that you will come, and be our judge.  
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
 Bought with the price of your own blood,  
 And bring us with your saints  
 To glory everlasting.  
 Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.  
 Govern and uphold them now and always.  
 Day by day we bless you.  
 We praise your name forever.  
 Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.  
 Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
 Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
 For we put our trust in you.  
 In you, Lord, is our hope:  
 And we shall never hope in vain.

**OTHER PRAYERS**



**THE SHEMA**

**The Shema** is an essential Jewish prayer taken from the fifth book of the Torah, the book of Deuteronomy. It became a daily prayer found in the early Jewish tradition. It has been said that the Shema, is to a Jew what The Lord's Prayer is to a Christian. The Shema is an affirmation of their faith in one God. Every Jew

is called upon to offer the Shema in the morning and at night. The following is the opening of the Shema:

**“Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God,  
the LORD alone You shall love the LORD your  
God with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your might.”**



### PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.  
Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.  
Where there is discord, let me bring union.  
Where there is error, let me bring truth.  
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.  
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.  
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.  
O Master let me not seek as much  
To be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love,  
For it is in giving that one receives,  
It is in self-forgetting that one finds,  
It is in pardoning that one is pardoned,  
And it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.



### **OUR PARISH CALENDAR**

#### DAILY HOLY MASS

8:45 am Morning Devotions  
9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

#### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

(March 4<sup>th</sup>- March 9<sup>th</sup>)

**Mon. 3/4** Private prayer and devotion.  
Casimir of Poland, King & Confessor  
Lucius of Rome, Bishop  
Andrian & Companions, Martyrs

**Tue. 3/5** Mass for health and healing.  
Eusebius of Cremora, Abbot & C

Virgil of Aries, Bishop  
Gerasimus, Abbot

**Wed. 3/6** Mass to the Holy Saints of God  
Evagrius of Constantinople, Bishop  
Fridolin, Abbot  
Baldred & Bilfrid, Confessors

**Thurs. 3/7** Mass to the Holy Martyrs of God  
Thomas Aquinas, Doctor & Confessor  
Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs  
Theophylact, Bishop

**Fri. 3/8** Mass to the Most Holy Angels of God  
Pontius, Doctor & Confessor  
Philemon & Apollonius, Martyrs  
Humphrey, Bishop

**Sat. 3/9** Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus  
Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop  
Pacian, Bishop  
Bosa of York, Bishop



### **MARCH 7**

### **SAINTS PERPETUA & FELICITY**

According to various sources, **Perpetua** was a Roman noblewoman who was martyred in the 3<sup>rd</sup> AD around the age of 22, in the Roman occupied territory of the African city of Carthage.

According to various sources, Perpetua was arrested with four other catechumens, including two slaves, Felicity and Revocatus, Saturninus and Secundulus, a teacher. At the time of her arrest, it was recorded that Perpetua was caring and nursing a newborn child following a recent marriage. An interesting aspect is that, Perpetua, was one of the earliest female Christian writers who wrote about her life and arrest.

**Felicity**, who suffered martyrdom the same day as Perpetua was reported to have been 8 months pregnant and gave birth to a baby girl, two days before her martyrdom. It is recorded that the infant was adopted by women from Carthage. They both sadly suffered martyrdom along with others in an public amphitheater, during the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus. They first were attacked by a wild bull and later were martyred by

being publicly beheaded. Both Perpetua and Felicity, sisters in the faith, have been dedicated in art as, Perpetua having her arm around Felicity as a possible sign of their common martyrdom. They are also among the early Christians martyrs who are commemorated by name during the earliest Canons of Holy Mass by the 4<sup>th</sup> Century AD, and they are still remembered to this day.

Both Perpetua, and Felicity, are honored in both the Western and Eastern Rites as well as other branches of Christianity and are the patron saints of mothers, and expectant mothers.

For further reading on Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, read the article found in “Catholic.org /saints.”

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024**

- 8:30 am – Morning Devotions
- 9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist
- 12:00 am – Bitter Lamentations in English



**ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION**

**“Your lamp is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path.” - Psalm 119:105**

During the month of March 2024, the Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission of the PNCC, has called upon its members and others to offer these two following prayers on Wednesdays at noon:



**A PRAYER FOR PARISH FAMILIES**

Heavenly Father, as a family united in the Eucharist, we entrust to Your loving care and correction the members of our families, both near and far. Supply their needs, guide their steps, keep them safe in body and soul; and may Your peace rest upon us always Through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*(from the PNCC Book of Devotions)*



**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OUR FATHER** who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



**THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024**

DISCIPLESHIP 2024:

**KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST**

On Thursday March 7, 2024, at 7:00 PM (EDT) Rev. Pawel Lukaszewicz will help us to explore the topic on: Being Christians Today: Christian Identity, Sources of Strength, and Challenges.

Please join us for the third in a series of virtual “Know and Grow” presentations. To join via Zoom, please contact: [revpauls@yahoo.com](mailto:revpauls@yahoo.com) or [ksobiechowski@yahoo.com](mailto:ksobiechowski@yahoo.com)



**FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024**

- 8:30 am – Morning Devotions
- 9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist
- 12:00 am – Stations of the Cross # 4



**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SOLEMNITY - INSTITUTION OF THE PNCC**

- 9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional rite.
- 10:00 am - Annual Parish meeting





## **LENTEN COLLECTION BOXES**

This year, the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC has provided all its parishes **“Lenten Collection Boxes.”** The purpose of these boxes is to aid our local communities and various outreach programs of our parishes.

This year’s Lenten theme is **“There Is No Greater Love,”** taken from Matthew 9:13. During these forty (40) days of Lent, individuals are asked to contribute daily to one of the great pillars of Lent, “Almsgiving.”

There are two prayers that are printed on these collection boxes which helps to bring into focus this season of Lent. I share with you these two prayers:



### **PRAYER TO FORGIVE ANOTHER**

**Dear Jesus,** I admit to You that I think I have been wronged, and I feel angry. I feel someone has hurt me, whether they intended it or not, and I feel defensive. To be honest, I’m not sure that I trust that person anymore. Yet I know You call me to forgive. When I look at Your Cross, I think of how many times You have forgiven me and wiped the slate clean. I think of how often You have given me a new chance and a fresh beginning.

**O Jesus,** please come into my heart and heal me where I feel hurt or numb. For my part, I forgive this person as You have forgiven me. I ask You to bless them and heal them as well. Thank You, Lord, that You alone are the answer to our deepest needs. Amen.

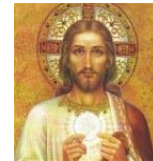


### **LENTEN FAMILY PRAYER**

Dear Lord, You are our Father! Thank you for wrapping Your arms around each of us with a deep

unconditional love. How much we need You! We surrender our hearts to You this Lent and give You permission to change them and make them more like the heart of Jesus.

We enter the throne room of Your presence, to worship You, receive Your love, and love You in return. Help us to be patient and give one another a second chance. Open our inner eyes to truly see and serve each other as best we can. Help us to pray fervently, fast humbly, and give alms cheerfully. May we love one another as You have loved us and be set free to rejoice with You this Easter! In Jesus’ name. Amen



### **ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

#### **Daily Devotions**

Copies of the Lenten daily devotional booklet, “One Bread, One Body” is now available, free of charge, and found in the vestibule of our Church. These booklets provide daily devotions, which are in tune with the daily readings as found in the “Common Lectionary” of the Christian Church.



#### **Our Food Ministry: “Feeding the Hungry”**

**” For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.”**

- Matthew 25:35-36

The one fact that I have learned is that there are many parishes in the PNCC that have taken on ministries to help others in need.

I also want to also thank all who have and continue to donate non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations to aid our food ministry. We continue to ask for assistance of all non-perishable food items, as well as monetary donations. May God bless all our endeavors.

The date of our next grocery ministry will be on Saturday, March 16, from 10:00 am while supplies last.

### ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY

Among the items that we are asking for:

- Cereals and packets of instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, - V8, Apple and cranberry
- powder milk / condensed milk.
- Hot chocolate and tea bags.
- Pasta and spaghetti sauce
- Boxes of Mac-n-cheese
- Tuna in water
- Canned meats- chicken salmon, etc.
- Ramen noodles
- Soups- all varieties
- Canned veggies and fruits.

We are constantly looking at how we can improve this ministry and we invite your input and suggestions.



### FCAT

**(Frontier Cable Access Television)**

Our Sunday Masses may be reviewed on Channel # 12 on: **Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.**  
**Sundays at 10 am, 2 pm, 6pm and 9 pm.**

Our weekly Masses can also be viewed on “You Tube,” under “FCAT - Holy Name of Jesus.”

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS



**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024**

### CENTRAL SENIORATE LENTEN RETREAT

Our Parish will host a Lenten Retreat for the Central Seniorate of the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC, on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

Beginning with registration at 9:00 am and lasting until 1:00 pm. Members of our clergy from the Central Seniorate of the PNCC will be attending, as well as members from our various churches in our Seniorate. A light breakfast as well as lunch will be provided to all participants. Deadline for registration will be

**Monday, March 12, 2024** by contacting Fr. Koerber at (413) 665-2129 or (413) 530-8575.



### PALM SUNDAY FOOD & BAKE SALE SATURDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>

In preparation for our **Palm Sunday Food & Bake Sale** which will be held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>,



**The next date for making pierogi will be on:**

Thurs. 3/7 - Preparation of ingredients.  
Fri. 3/8 - Preparing balls.  
**Sat. 3/9 - Cabbage - (Single batch).**



**The following is the schedule for making galabki:**

Tues. 3/19 - Coring and cooking cabbage leaves.  
Wed. 3/20- Preparing meat mixture/ lining of pans.  
Thur. 3/21 – Assembling galabki (stuffed cabbage).  
Fri. 3/22 – Packaging galabki.



**The following is the schedule for making apple pies:**

**THURSDAY 3/21 @ 9:00 am – Baking & packaging apple pies.**

We are also asking for donations of baked goods, including cakes, pies and cookies. Please see Linda.

As this is one of our largest annual events, I call upon all of our parishioners and friends, to pitch in if able. Sign up sheets may be found in our Parish hall.

Donations for our raffle are currently being collected. Please see Sue Dibrindisi. Thank you.



## **A MORNING DEVOTIONAL**

At the time of prayer, the following is said:

Lord, come to my assistance. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

### **OPENING HYMN**

Morning has broken  
Like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken,  
Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
Fresh from the Word.  
Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
Praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
Of the new day.

### **A DEVOTIONAL READING** **(Deuteronomy 4:29-31)**

From there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search after Him with all your heart and soul. In your distress, when all these things have happened to you in time to come, you will return to the LORD your God and heed Him. Because the LORD your God is a merciful God, He will neither abandon you nor destroy you; He will not forget the covenant with your ancestors that He swore to them.

(Time for personal reflection)

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

**FATHER**, You have taught us to overcome our sins by prayers, fasting and performing works of mercy. When we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in Your love. All of this we ask through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



## **AN EVENING DEVOTIONAL**

At the time of prayer, the following is said:

Lord, come to my assistance. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

### **OPENING HYMN**

The setting sun now dies away,  
And darkness comes at the close of day.  
Your brightest beams, dear Lord, impart,  
And let them shine within our heart.

We praise Your name with joy this night;  
Please watch and guide us till the light;  
Joining the music of the blest,  
O Lord, we sing ourselves to rest.

To God the Father, God the Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
Trinity blest, whom we adore,  
Be praise and glory evermore.

### **A DEVOTIONAL READING** **(John 15:12-16)**

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants <sup>any</sup> longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from My Father. You did not choose Me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask Him in My name.

(Time for reflection and prayer)

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

**LORD JESUS**, gentle and humble of heart, you declared that whoever receives a little child in Your name receives You, and You promised Your kingdom to those who are like children. May we never let pride reign in our hearts but may the Father's love and compassion reward and embrace all who willingly bear Your gentle yoke. All of this we ask through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.