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MARCH 30, 2025 – 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Contemporary Rite of the PNCC.

Mass Intention : Śp. Janice Koerber as offered by her twin sister, Joye Koerber, her brother, Fr. Robert Koerber, her children and family members.

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

(Psalm 78:21, 23-24)

V. The Lord commanded the skies above, the doors of heaven He opened.

R. God rained manna upon them for food; bread from heaven He gave them.

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.

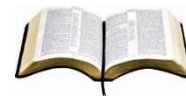
OPENING PRAYER

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray: Heavenly Father, though we are unworthy, You invite us to return to the Table of Life. Help us to put aside earthly desires so that, we may always live in Christ and He in us. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

(Joshua 5:9a, 10-12)

The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.” While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 34: 2-3, 4-5. 6-7)

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

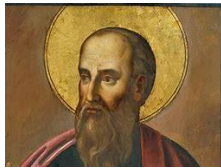
Glorify the LORD with me,
let us together extol his name.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,
and from all his distress he saved him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord



**A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER
OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS
(2 Corinthians 5:17-21)**

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So, we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

C: This is the Word of the Lord.

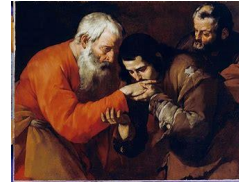
R: Thanks be to God.

TRACT

(Deuteronomy 8:3, 6)

V. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.

**R. Therefore, keep the commandments of the Lord,
Your God, by walking in His ways and fearing
Him.**



**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE
(Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with you.

**V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
Luke.**

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So, to them Jesus addressed this parable: “A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’ So, the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So, he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you treat one of your hired workers. So, he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and

slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

V. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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
for the forgiveness of sins.

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

OFFERTORY VERSE

(Proverbs 23:26)

V. My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes
keep to my ways.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

V. Almighty God, through these gifts we offer, help us
to forsake the passing pleasures of life, for the eternal
joy of Your home. 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.

COMMUNION VERSE

(John 6:51a)

V. I am the living bread that came down from
heaven, whoever eats this bread will live
forever.

CLOSING PRAYER

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray. All loving and forgiving Father, have
mercy on us who have shared at Your Table.
Renewed by the Body and Blood of Your Son, may
we be found worthy to be called Your children. We
ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God,
forever and ever.

R. Amen.



REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL THE PRODIGAL SON

“Prodigal” is defined in the Marriam - Webster dictionary as “spending money or resources freely and recklessly; wastefully extravagant. “

In today's Gospel, which is found only in the Gospel of Luke, Luke records one of most important Parables of Jesus; that of the “Prodigal Son.”

In this Lenten season, this parable, reminds all, of the message that John the Baptist first declared, during the Advent Season; that of “repentance.”

Whoever we are, we are all sinners, as Paul later writes in his Letter to the Romans 3:23-24: “since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,”

But in the story of the “Prodigal Son,” Jesus not only speaks of “repentance,” but also teaches of “redemption and reconciliation.” In this parable of Jesus, He tells of a story of a son, who demanded his “inheritance” from his father, and afterward squandered it all, by living and “partying” in various ways, seeking the experiences of life. In the end, after being broke and penniless, he returns to his father, having experienced life where the pigs that he fed had more than he did and in the end became repentant for his bad choices.

I believe, as we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent, and as we approach the final days of the most holy days of the “Great Lent,”. the “Prodigal Son” is most appropriate, for it speaks of one returning unto Our Father, through repentance, understanding the impact of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus.

I believe that all of us, to various degrees, have squandered our inheritance that has been given unto us by Our Heavenly Father. When I reflect upon others who sought their wealth through greed and dishonesty, have they not become “prodigal” in their lives and in a moral sense?

So many, given the gift of life, have wasted not only money foolishly to fulfill their physical needs of living in this world, but most importantly have wasted their talents and abilities before coming to the realization of their errors, and like the parable of the “Prodigal Son,” in the end, seek to return to what matters most. There is a time, through hearing the wisdom of Jesus as the Word of God, that many come to a realization that there is something more that they need, in a spiritual way. The whole premise of many religions, is one of attachment and desire, like a dog that chases its own tail, without ever capturing it. When realization comes in, as in the case of the son who came back unto his father, we find that God our Father, welcomes us back and provides the grace that has always been offered and we are reborn in the faith and our commitment to serve God. In the story of the “Prodigal Son” the other son was angry that was “passed over” and that his brother, who squandered his inheritance, was greeted with a great feast. But the father says: “My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.” In the Gospel of Luke 15:1-7, Jesus tells the “Parable of the Lost Sheep.” It is a story where a man having 100 sheep, loses one and then finds it and rejoices with his friends. Jesus then declares: “Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

As we near Holy Week, we are also reminded of the messages of redemption reconciliation as found in today's second reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

March 31st - April 6th

8:45 am Liturgy of the Hours

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

Please note: I will be away from the Parish from late Sunday until Thursday, as I will be attending the National Mission & Evangelism Commission of the PNCC, which will meet in Scranton, PA. For any unforeseen emergencies, I ask that you please contact Fr. Adam Czarnecki at (413) 584 -0133.

Thur. 4/3 Mass of Health and Healing
Pancras of Taormina, Martyr
Sixtus of Rome, Bishop & N Martyr
Nicetas, Abbot

Fri. 4/4 Mass to the Holy Saints of God
Isidore of Seville, Bishop & Doctor
Agathopus, Doctor & Martyr
Theodulus, Martyr & Plato, Abbot

Sat. 4/5 Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus
Derfel Gadarn, Confessor
Gerald of Suave-Majeure, Abbot
Ethelburga, Abbess



NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

PASSION SUNDAY

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Contemporary Rite of the PNCC.



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

In our prayers, let us please remember all our brothers and sisters, who are in need of the blessings of God for health and healing.

I ask, that if you know of anyone, who are need in prayer, whether it be of health and healing, or another need, please write out your request. Cards may be found in the vestibule of our Church.

Let us pray. O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way ailing. Make them worthy of health, deliver them from their present sicknesses and illnessness and grant them recovery in Jesus' holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS

“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” - Philippians 2:4



Our Food Ministry: “To Feed the Hungry”

“I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.”
- Matthew 25: 35

Our next grocery give-a-way date will be April 19th, from 10 o'clock till supplies last.

- 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
- Canned tuna in water
- Canned meats- chicken, salmon, etc.
- Ramen noodles
- Soups- all varieties
- Canned veggies and fruits.
- Children's snack pack.



This past week, Eric and Sue Dibrindisi, on behalf of our Parish, brought to the Survival Center of Northampton 85 lbs. of personal toiletries, to aid those in need. We wish to thank all who have donated to this ongoing ministry.

Please note: Through our Parish ministries, we are currently continuing to collect throughout the year, full sized containers of personal care items as well as full size cleaning items to aid the various survival centers in our area. Some of those items that are needed:

- Bar soaps and body wash, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, hand sanitizers, toilet paper, and personal products for incontinence (pads & panty liners, baby powder, baby wipes and diapers.
- Liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, bathroom and kitchen cleansers, dish sponges/scrubbers, trash bags.



Collecting plastic tops

One of our dear parishioners, Maryanna Foster, who works closely with veterans, has asked for our help in collecting **white or clear plastic bottle tops** that will be donated to aid in the making of prosthetics for veterans in need. A collection container has been set up in the vestibule of our church. Please help donate your plastic tops to this new ministry. May God bless all of our endeavors.



Can Soda Tabs

We are also collecting tabs from soda cans that are then donated to aid the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled children. Please save your can soda tabs.

There are containers that are located in our Parish vestibule for this purpose. Thank you to all who have donated to this cause and may God bless all our endeavors.

OTHER PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



ANNUAL FOOD & BAKE SALE APRIL 12, 2025

On Saturday, April 12, 2025, the day before Palm Sunday, our Parish will hold its **Annual Food and Bake Sale** in our Parish Hall from **9 AM – 12 o'clock- Noon.**

Many traditional Polish foods such as homemade pierogi, gałabki and kapusta will be available, as well as different soups, various sandwiches, etc. We also will many cakes, pastries and baked goods.

We ask that all baked goods be brought to the church either on Thursday, April 10th between 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm or Friday morning, April 11th. We ask for help on the day of this event. For more information, please call Linda at (413) 657-5362. Thank you.

We are also collecting gift cards and cash prizes for a raffle that will take place at our Food and Bake Sale. For donations, please see Sue Dibrindisi. Thank you.

SPRING BAZAAR, 2025

Schedule for Making Gałabki

Tuesday, April 8, 2025. @ 9:00 AM: prep cabbage; boil cabbage and trim leaves for gałabki.

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 @ 11:00 AM: Boil rice, mix meat mixture, (beef & pork) rice, add tomato soup, tomato sauce, onion soup mix; divide mixture into 4 containers; cover with plastic wrap and store in refrigerator. Set up plates and large spoons at each worker's place. Set up roasting pans on tables in dining hall and kitchen. Line with foil/parchment paper; check outlets in kitchen and hall to see that they are working.

Thurs, April 10, 2025 @ 8:00 AM Line Roasting pans with large cabbage leaves over the foil/parchment paper Remove large pans with meat mixture out of refrigerator and place on tables where rolling galabki will be done. We need to keep a count on a piece of paper for a final total. Galabki Makers @ 9:00 AM: Need to arrive and find a spot next to pan with meat mixture, plate, spoon, cabbage leaves and a pan to place rolled galabkis into pans.

Friday, April 11, 2025 @ 9:00 AM: Roasters will be on tables. Galabki to be packaged and set up with a small amount of tomato sauce to be added to packages before closing packages. Kathy L. will weigh all containers and prices will be set on all containers before being placed in refrigerators.



MEAL IN THE UPPER ROOM

On Passion Sunday, April 6th at 4:00 pm, St. Joseph's PNCC in Westfield, MA will host the Annual Central Seniorate "**Meal in the Upper Room.**" An invitation is extended to all to participate in this most important gathering in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Please see Fr. Koerber if you would like to attend or call Fr. Sr. Soltysiak at (413) 562-4403.



THE EASTERN DIOCESE OF THE PNCC

**ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION
WEDNESDAYS AT NOON – CALL TO PRAYER**

On Wednesdays, at 12:00 Noon, during the month of April, members of the Eastern Diocese as well as others, are called to "prayer" and are asked to offer these two devotions prayers:

Let us Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, You taught us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Enlighten the hearts of our enemies that they may seek the peace that only You can give. Grant us grace to forgive and to be forgiven. Enable us all to work toward justice and

embrace Your love that reconciles us with one another. In Your blessed Name we pray. Amen.

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 our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses this day as we forgive those who trespass against us and led us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Ame

ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION LENTEN COLLECTION BOXES

At a meeting of the Eastern Diocesan M & E Commission, it was decided that during the season of Lent that all parishes in our Diocese will be asked to help contribute donations during this Lenten season. It should be noted, that as in the past, each parish will determine what charitable organization(s) they wish to donate all monies collected at the end of the Lenten season. A special thank you for your consideration.



PRAYER FOR PEACE FOR UKRAINE

O Lord, our God: Your Son taught us how blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Your children We come before You this day,

Father, we pray this day for the people of Ukraine. We pray for all those who have lost and will lose their lives in a war that they did not seek nor provoke. May all the people of Ukraine have the blessed assurance that you are ever present. Amen

We also pray his day, for all the innocent victims of war and for all those who have been displaced from their homes and countries.

We pray this day especially for the children, many who are now orphans; for the women, for the young and the aged, and for all who only seek safety and security.

We pray today for the defenders of their great nations and ask for the protection of Your Holy angels to guard and protect all of them at this time.