

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 8, 2020 – **2nd Sunday of Lent – Institution of the PNCC**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Jan Pelka (11th Anniversary of death)

Monday, March 9, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Thursday, March 12, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Friday, March 13, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Saturday, March 14, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Sunday, March 15, 2020 – **3rd Sunday of Lent – Institution of the PNCC**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

For health and God's blessing for Izabela – requested by mom, husband and son.

3/22/2020 † Tadeusz Citko – requested by Bill Quilty

3/29/2020 † Helen Misiewicz (100th Birthday) – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz

4/5/2020 **OPEN**

4/12/2020 Easter Sunday – reserved for all our deceased relatives

4/19/2020 † Joseph & Maryanna Statkiewicz

† Helen & Thomas Misiewicz

† Deceased members of Statkiewicz Family – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz

4/26/2020 † Dominick Jeblonski – requested by Matulewicz, Kunciw and Jeblonski Families

5/10/2020 Mother's Day – For All Mothers

5/17/2020 For God's blessing and all needed graces for Trish & Bob Heaberly celebrating 25th Wedding Anniversary – requested by Andrew & Chase

5/24/2020 † Bernard Minakowski - requested by Jeff & Donna Spotts

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed & Florence, Kapuscinski, Estelle McKee, Josephine Zdanowicz, Anna Mendla, Barbara Ganteski, Joseph Smith, Andy Stachowicz, Wanda Groman.

If you like to add somebody to this list please let us know.

FAITH SHARING

The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to work with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent, and to radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord which we have received to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

The first reading describes the transformation of a pagan patriarch into a believer in the one God. His name will be transformed from Abram to Abraham and his

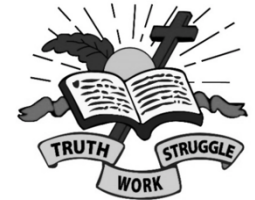
small family into a great nation. All Abram has to do is to obey the Lord God's command, and he does so.

The second reading, taken from St. Paul's second letter to Timothy, explains the type of Lenten transformation expected of us.

In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, on the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

123rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE PNCC

Polish National Catholic parishes throughout the United States and Canada celebrate today the Feast of the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church. This feast was established in 1914 to commemorate the anniversary of the organization of our Church by Bp. Franciszek Hodur and the group of people in Scranton, PA. On the evening of Sunday, March 14, 1897, then Fr. Francis Hodur attended a meeting of the alienated Scranton group that had organized a new parish, purchased land for a new church structure that was to become St. Stanislaus, Cathedral. At the first Synod of the Church in 1904 the purpose of our Church was defined as: to sanctify people by introducing them to the living Christ; to preach the pure Gospel of Jesus, interpreting it with sound knowledge; to help mankind create a church which, in living practice, would meet the standards of Jesus Christ.



The PNCC is a CONSTITUTIONAL Church. The source of sovereignty rests in each democratically organized parish, which owns, controls and administers all parish property. Ultimate and virtually complete authority is given to the Church's legislative body, the General Synod. Between synods, the executive body known as the Supreme Council of the Church is the highest governing body.

The PNCC is a DEMOCRATIC Church. The poorest lay person has a voice in the parish. The laity and clergy work together, with separate spheres of responsibility in parochial affairs, and they work together, often after long heated debate, in the seniorate and in the diocesan and general synods.

Our laity is kept well informed of all that is going on in the Church. We are not perfect. We are human. But we know that our Church will, through the sacraments, make possible our growth in grace and our entrance into heaven!

VIRUS PRECAUTION – THE LETTER FROM BP. BERNARD NOWICKI HEALTH PRECAUTIONS AT CHURCH

– At this time, the 'better-safe-than-sorry' approach to our common life in our Parish is the approach to take for the immediate future. Therefore, at the passing of the Peace during Mass, we will eliminate handshaking, kissing and hugging as signs of God's peace being with you. Instead, a wave, a peace sign 'V', a smile can be substituted for the other gestures to ensure the health safety of all and to remove from some the stigma of their not desiring to participate in the Peace at this time while others would.

Greeting the clergy with a handshake at the doors after Mass will no longer take place. A smile and the brief greetings offered as usual will be sufficient.

Coughing and sneezing into your elbow and arm instead of uncovered into the air around you will be appreciated by everyone and reduce the risk of infection.

As always, parishioners who are ill on a Sunday morning or exhibiting flu-like symptoms should remain at home from Mass until they are fully recovered from their illness.

The clergy will continue to wash their hands before Mass as they always do. Additionally, they will use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after distributing communion.

The CDC explains the following: Coronavirus symptoms include a fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms could appear two to 14 days after exposure. The virus spreads through droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. People can also become infected by touching something with the virus on it then touching their mouth, nose or possibly eyes.

We will observe these precautions as long as necessary.



GORZKIE ŻALE – LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

Lenten Lamentations this year will be only twice during Lent, after Mass on the second and four Sunday of Lent, that is March 8 and March 22.

This Catholic devotion containing many hymns that developed out of Poland in the 18th century is primarily a sung reflection and meditation on the Passion of Christ and the sorrows of His Blessed Mother.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There are many ways to celebrate Lent, one of them is the way of the Cross. Each Friday of Lent we have Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in our Church.

THE NEW FUNERAL CANDLES ARRIVED

As I informed you already we will re-activate the old liturgical custom of funeral candles around the coffin during funeral Masses. The new six candles just arrived from Poland and will be used for this purpose. Each candle can be sponsored by families or individual Parishioners and dedicated in memory of your beloved relatives. The cost of one candle is \$52.00.

CEMETERY TREES TRIMMED IN THE CENTER AISLE

Thank you Leon for sponsoring the trees cutting at St. Valentine's Cemetery. Two crews were working two days on this project last week. You can see the pictures on our webpage www.stvalentinespncc.org Many tombstones were at risk of damage during storms and windy days, therefore Leon decided to prevent it and hired professionals to save people and graves from this danger. Leon, may God bless you for your generosity. Thank you that you really care.

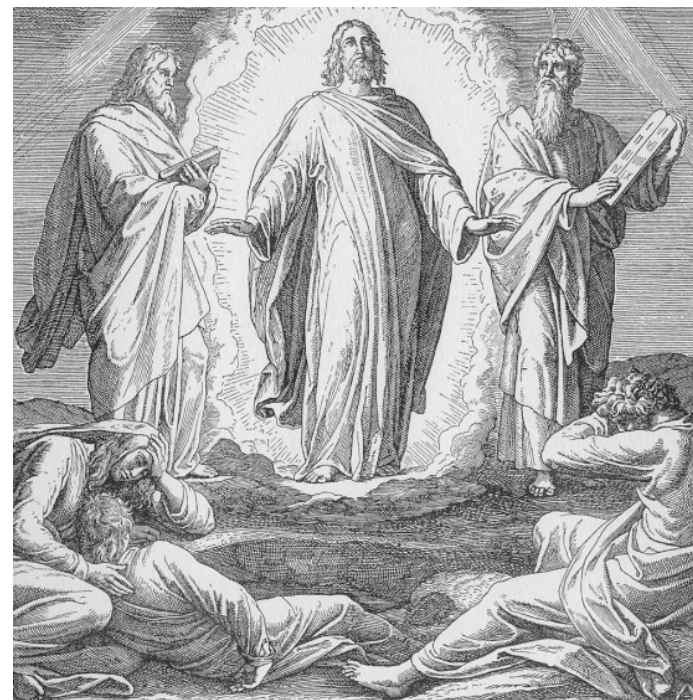
ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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2nd Sunday of Lent

The Institution of the PNCC

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March 8, 2020