

**INSTITUTION OF THE PNCC
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Psalm 34
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



KEY VERSE: "But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again" (v 32).

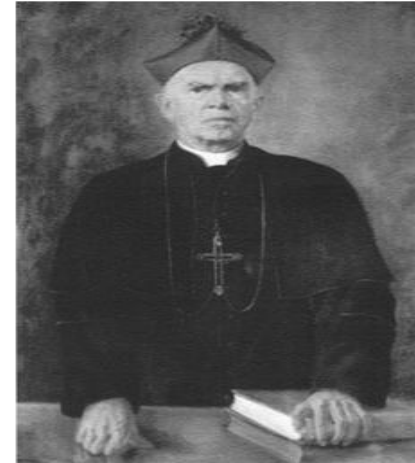
READING: In the parable of the lost coin, the lost sheep and the lost son, Jesus taught his followers that he came to save all those who had gone astray. When the prodigal son squandered his father's gifts, he realized the error of his ways, turned around (to repent, literally, "to rethink") and headed toward home. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and ran out to meet him. The prodigal believed that he was no more than a slave and no longer deserved to be called a son. But before he could make his confession, the father welcomed him back with a joyful celebration. We can all apply this story of repentance and reconciliation to our own lives. How often we waste God's gifts. We may even feel as though we have lost God's love. But grace is always initiated by God. If we take a few small steps by confessing our sinfulness, we discover that God is ready to meet us at the Eucharistic banquet of mercy and love.

REFLECTING: Have I discovered the amazing grace available in confession?

PRAYING: Loving Father, thank you for welcoming me home.

Attend Lenten Devotions

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OPENING HYMN "Hymn of Faith" Bulletin
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 INTROIT Psalm 23

P: 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.

P: 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.

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OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Joshua 5: 9, 10-12

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 34

L: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel Acclamations.

C: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

R: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

C: In You Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice deliver me.

R: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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GENERAL INTERCESSION

R: Lord, Hear our Prayer

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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CLOSING HYMN "Through the Years (Hymn of PNCC)" Bulletin

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love"

John 15:9

SAMBS BAKE SALE
 between Sunday Masses,
 March 21st
 in the parish auditorium.



About our Church

Today, we take a breather within the Lenten Season, where we celebrate the organization of our Polish National Catholic Church. In the 113 years since our organization, many profound changes occurred. Our Church was the first in many areas introducing innovations unheard of in the Catholic community. The first was celebrating in the vernacular. Actually Jesus did this when He began His mission. When Jesus preached, He preached in Aramaic, the language spoken by the common person. Hebrew was the official language of the Temple but was not fully understood by the worshipping community. It was the language of the hierarchy of the Temple and synagogues. Same as Latin was in the Western Catholic Tradition. Bishop Hodur understood that for the worshipping community to know God, they had to understand in their language. Another innovation was bringing the Holy Mass to the people by reversing the altars and liturgy participation. This made the communicant a part of the Eucharistic celebration. Adding the reception of Jesus by intinction was another forward step of the National Catholic Church along with the introduction of multiple reading and gospels during Mass as found in the original Missal of the Church. Other changes that were developed were the involvement of the laity in Church governance on the national, diocesan and local level. Optional clerical celibacy was established.

Today, our Church is a standard bearer of the Catholic Tradition. Keeping true to the first 7 Ecumenical Councils of the undivided Church, many other worshipping communities desiring the Catholic Tradition are approaching us. The Nordic Communities, the Hispanic communities, and Italian Communities are among the few. New parishes are being organized under the guidance of our Church whereby the Doctrine of Scranton which will be presented at the upcoming Synod will serve as a guide, so those whose churches have deviated from the moral and theological teachings of Christ can find themselves a Catholic home.. We have a wonderful past, but we have a greater future ahead which we must focus upon now so that more growth can be accomplished. During our Mass today, pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for Sacred Vocations as well as the continuance of the Church Mission so this Church that Jesus established can continue bringing the Good News to all who will hear.

Pisanki & Palm Decorating

On Saturday, March 20th, Pisanki decorating class for adults will take place and on Saturday, March 27th, palm and egg decorating for children and adults. Both classes will begin at 2:00 P.M. under the tutelage of Bozina Kijowski and Barbara Tadjski. Join in the fun.

2009 Stewardship Report Available

Persons wishing to receive their 2009 Stewardship Donations please contact Fr. Bruce @ 412.276.5562 and your donation will be given to you for your information and tax purposes.

Nite At The Races rescheduled to April 24th

Gates open at 6:00 P.M.

Tickets are still available. See Ted after Mass.

National Bowling Tournament

May 21-23, 2010 Scranton PA.

Holy Family would like to field several teams.

There are events for young people, men and women.

If interested in bowling and to form a team, contact Frank Pociask @ 724.861.0759. Participants must be members of the Church or the PNU.

Easter Flowers

Help celebrate the Resurrection by the beautifying our altars with Easter Flowers. Please make an offering toward the flower fund this year. Envelopes are in the Narthex

Palm Sunday Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt,

Sunday March 28th after 9:00 A.M. Mass

hosted by the PTO and SOCL Parents. Donation: Adult \$10.00, Child \$5.00. For catering purposes, reservations are requested. Please call Rosemary Pociask @ 724.861.0759 or Karen Bongiorno @ 412.754.1411. *(There is only one Mass scheduled on Palm Sunday.)* Children should register for the Easter Egg Hunt with their SOCL Teachers or Youth Ministry Coordinators, Gary Coddington, Barb Tadjski or Jean Crouch.

Opening Hymn: "Hymn of Faith"

I

To Thee we come before 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.

II

We ask thee not for bliss in life,
Nor golden treasures splendor
But that we enter in the strife,
Christ's Kingdom to engender
Lift up from sin Thy people, Lord,
And strengthen us, O Father,
Bless our toil.

III

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!



Closing Hymn: "Through the Years"

Hymn of the PNCC

Through the years unto Thee, O Lord
Faithful service we have rendered
At the break of dawn marched sunward
(At the chains of bondage straining.)

Unto Thee we built a temple
Which for us became a treasure
Pouring gifts of faith and courage
(In it is our hope forever.)

Christ Himself speaks from its altars
As He spoke throughout the ages
To the poor among His people
(When their blinded eyes He opened).

Through the storms of life He guides us
Midst the thunder and the tempest
Christ is ever there before us
(But are we, Lord, always faithful?)

THEME: My Pilgrimage-The Return Home

One of the most poignant stories of all literature is the Gospel account of the Prodigal Son. Since we are all to one degree or another, a prodigal child, God is for all of us a waiting, fully forgiving Father.

This is a good lesson for Lent and on the Institution of our Church. Lent being the season of penance and reconciliation, we can learn more about the loving attribute of our heavenly Father. On the Institution of the Church, we have many people who have fallen away from their original faith as National Catholics. Though the “prodigal son” had abused his independence; his father was overjoyed to welcome him home. As we read, it was a cause of celebration. As written, the “son came to his senses” which translates into a repentance. Had his father imposed conditions for his son’s return home, it could be called “justice” but would not be what we expect of a loving father.

This is true of God, for all God asks is that we recognize with sorrow the stupidity of a life estranged from Him because of the confusing teachings of the secular world. We are brought back home by our reconciliation through Christ, through His sacraments, especially the Eucharist when we reunite ourselves in loving obedience to the Father and share the banquet prepared for us. When Jesus instituted the Eucharist, it was one of the last actions performed by Him before His death, made it a new covenant and mandated, “do it in remembrance of Me”. We are welcomed with open and embracing arms.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Youth Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	J. Gibala	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	Youth	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers
<u>Next Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Blue Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	C. Trumpe	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	L. Adamek & F. Pociask	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Server

This Week

Sunday, March 14, 2010 **Lent 4**
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Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+Prime Bishops, Bishops, Priest and Faithful of the PNCC	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
School of Christian Living	10:15 A.M.
SAMBS Monthly Meeting	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

Monday, March 15, 2010

Annunciation Bell Choir	7:00 P.M.
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Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Bitter Lamentations	7:00 P.M.
Chopin Choir Rehearsal following Lamentations	
Bible & Apologetic Class following Lamentations	

Thursday, March 18, 2010

Parish Council Meeting	7:30 P.M.
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Friday, March 19, 2010

Stations of the Cross	7:00 P.M.
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Sunday, March 21, 2010 **Lent 5**

Passion Sunday

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+ <u>Agnes Zajdel</u> Int Mr. & Mrs. T. Gibala; + <u>Tom Tondera</u> Int of Kay Tondera; + <u>Josephine Kijowski</u> & + <u>Wladyslaw Barczyk</u> Int Becker and Kijowski Family.	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
School of Christian Living	10:15 A.M.
YMSR Men Club Monthly Meeting	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

Thank You

Marian and Fr. Bruce with the entire Lagesse Family offer heartfelt thanks for the generous donations in memory of Marian’s Father, Rev. Mr. Raymond Lagesse to the National Church Center by our parish and organizations and to the many condolence cards received from parishioners upon our recent bereavement. God bless you all for your kind thoughts and prayers.