

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT INSTITUTION OF THE P.N.C.C.

(Genesis 22:1-2,9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Psalm 116; Romans 8:31b-34); Mark
9:2-10

KEY VERSE: "This is my beloved
Son. Listen to him" (v 7).

READING: Soon after Jesus' first
prediction of his passion and death
(Mk 8:31), he took three of his
disciples up a mountain to give them a
glimpse of his future glory. It was on a mountain that God was



revealed to Moses and Elijah (Ex 19:3; 1 Kgs 19:8). These two great
figures appeared alongside Jesus, showing the unity and continuity
of God's redeeming work. Peter was awestruck and proposed to set
up three tents ("booths," such as those in which the Israelites lived
on their journey to the Promised Land. It was also a symbol of the
Feast of Booths and the final harvest (Is 25:6). A cloud
overshadowed them all, reminiscent of the "*shekinah*" glory of God
that filled the wilderness tent (Ex 40:35). Moses and Elijah vanished
from sight, and the disciples beheld only Jesus, the true prophet
whose words must be obeyed (Dt 18:15).

REFLECTING: How do I manifest God's kingdom to others?

PRAYING: Lord Jesus, help me to share your passion and glory
with all whom I meet.

**The Motto of the P.N.C. Church is
"WITH TRUTH, WORK, AND STRUGGLE, WE WILL
SUCCEED"**

THE **BOOK** signifies the Word of God.

THE **SUN** means religious freedom and fervor.

THE **CROSS** signifies suffering and consecration for others.

THE **PALM** stands for peace.

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OPENING HYMN	“Hymn of Faith”	Bulletin
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P: The Lord, our God, has indeed let us see His glory and His majesty! We have heard His voice from the midst of fire and have found out today that a man can still live after god has spoken with him.		
R: Lord, my God, You are great indeed! You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak.		
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.		
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OPENING PRAYER		
LITURGY OF THE WORD		
First Reading	Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18	
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 116	
L: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living		
R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.		
Second Reading	Romans 8:31-34	
Gospel Acclamations.		
C: Glory and praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ.		
R: Glory and praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ.		
C: From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard; this is my beloved Son, hear Him.		
R: Glory and praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ.		
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“For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him.”
Hebrews 4:15

Passion play

Sunday, March 15th, the TriCounty Institute Teen Chorale will perform the passion play “Why Must He Die” in Holy Family at 2:00 P.M. Why Must He Die?" is a meditation through music, drama and liturgical dance on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This is a unique passion play using a play within a play. There is no charge for the performance, but a free will offering will be taken. Let us fill our Church. Invite family and friends. Spread the news of this wonderful passion play to be performed. We thank the SAMBS and YMSR in co-sponsoring this Lenten performance. A small reception will follow the play. A request for baked good for the reception is being asked. Please call Barb Tadajski @ 412.751.2284.

PTO Sarris Easter Candy Sale

The annual Easter Candy sale has begun. Order forms are available in the bookrack in the Church Narthex. All orders must be returned by March 22nd to Carolyn Popovic, Janet Griffiths or Debbie Parknavy. The proceeds help the SOCL and Youth Programming of our parish.

Holy Trinity Parish, McKees Rocks, Pa.

“One Voice”, Pittsburgh’s premiere Christian vocal ensemble will perform their 2009 Lenten musical program in Holy Trinity PNCC Church, 200 Grace Street, McKees Rocks-Stowe Township on Sunday, March 29th at 2:00 P.M. A free will offering will be taken with a light reception to follow. For more information call 412.760.4558.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 29th, between Masses, the SAMBS will be holding their annual Bake Sale.

Saturday, April 4th, the annual “Pisanki” Easter Egg Decorating and Palm Weaving Classes at 3:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 5th, the annual Palm Sunday Breakfast after Mass hosted by the PTO and SOCL Parents.

Old Palms

A box is place in the Church Vestibule for all old palms from last year. Please bring your old palms branches to Church so they may be properly disposed since they have been blessed. Do not throw your old palms in the trash but bring them to Church.

Easter Flowers

Memorial Easter Flower Envelopes are now available in the Church Book Rack in the Narthex. Please make your donations early towards this year's Easter Flower Decorations. Thank You.

Lajkoniki Dance Meeting Today

A mandatory reorganization meeting followed by pizza party will be held at 5:00 P.M. Junior dancers must be accompanied by one parent. For more information, call Frank Pociask @ 724.861.0759. New members, young and old, are always welcomed to join the dance troupe and are asked to attend this important meeting.

United Choirs Cantata News

The United Choir of the Southern Deanery will be performing the cantata "Once Upon a Tree" on Sunday, April 19th at 4:00 P.M. in Washington, Pa. Singers are needed. Rehearsals: March 15th @ 3:00 P.M. Washington; March 21st @ 2:30 P.M. Carnegie; March 29th @ 3:00 P.M. Washington; April 5th @ 3:00 P.M. Washington; April 17th @ 7:00 P.M. (Dress Rehearsal) Washington. For more information call 724.2585.

Historic Ecumenical Services

This coming Wednesday, Bitter Lamentations will be celebrated at St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish at 7:00 P.M. There will be no service in Holy Family. The combined choirs of both parishes have rehearsed together and we hope for a large participation of parishioners from both parishes to attend. This is a historic event. Next week, we will again join together in Holy Family to continue this Lenten journey together.

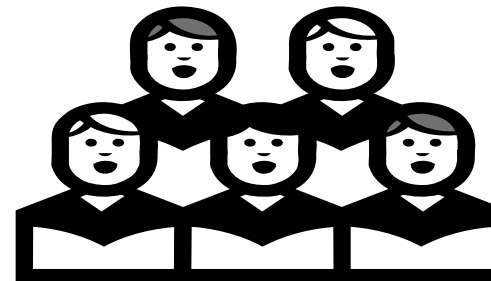
***Lent is spring training for Catholics
Take advantage all your parish offers you.***

Hymn of Faith

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.

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.

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!



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?)

