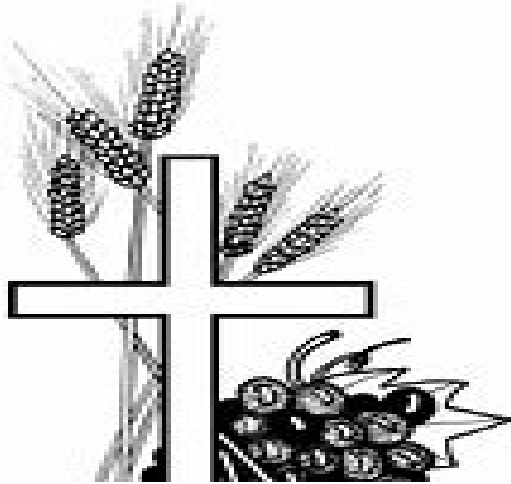


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Passion Sunday-5th Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 21, 2021

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Masks are to be worn at all times and refrain from gathering in the vestibule and maintain social distancing during Mass and Holy Communion.

This Week

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Holy Mass

+The Fornal, Staniek & Como Families Int. Mrs. Steffania Piekielek

Passion Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Friday, March 26, 2021

Stations of the Cross

7:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Holy Mass

Palm Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Blessing and Distribution of palms

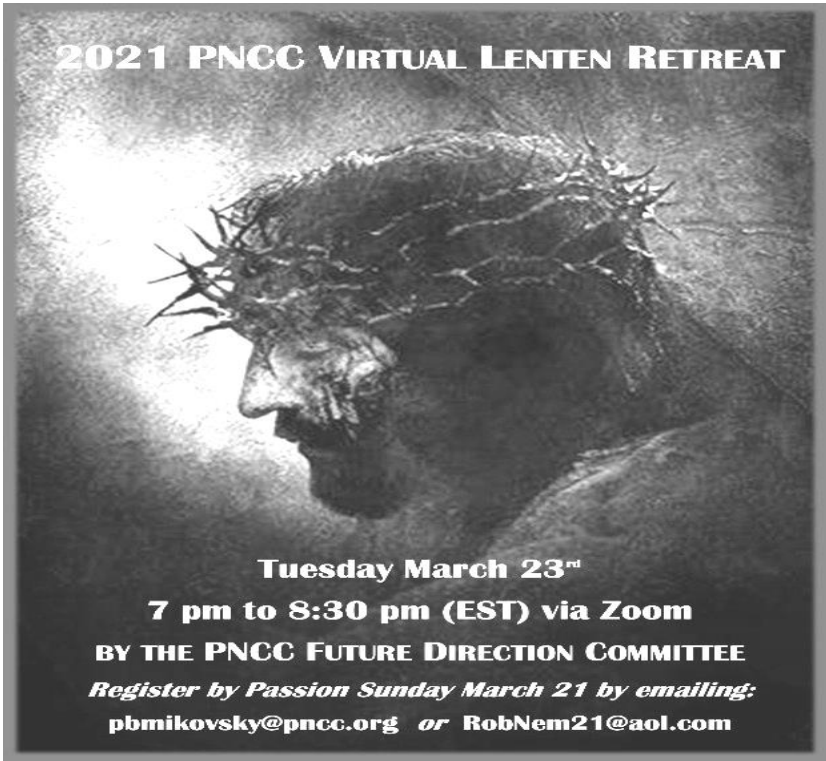
Palms will be available in the Narthex until 10: 30 A.M. for pick-up

Annunciation Parish San Antonio Texas

Due to the storms experienced recently in Texas, the Annunciation Parish, part of our diocese, suffered extreme damage. An appeal is being made to help repair the damage. Checks can be made out to Annunciation of the BVM Catholic Church / send to Fr. Mark Raya / 8706 Dumaine / San Antonio, TX 78240. Your contribution would be well received defraying costs.

PNU News

Check the PNU website for important information. The annuity promotion has been extended to March 31st; the College Scholarships Forms for both the PNU and Polish American Congress are available and a special article that all millennials should read. And much more. Go to www.pnu.org; info@pnu.org or speak to Henrietta Kleckner 724.863.6715. **Branch 132**



2021 PNCC VIRTUAL LENTEN RETREAT

Tuesday March 23rd
7 pm to 8:30 pm (EST) via Zoom
BY THE PNCC FUTURE DIRECTION COMMITTEE
Register by Passion Sunday March 21 by emailing:
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thanks all who contributed to the “Roll Away the Stone of Hunger” Lenten food drive. God bless You

Our Lenten Journey

In the weeks of Lent so far, we have followed God’s work of salvation: we have seen the Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Israel after the return from Babylon. Now we come to one of the most significant parts of the Old Testament: the promise of a brand-new Covenant, which will be different from all those that went before. This Covenant will see God and Man living more closely together. For the

ratification of a Covenant, something was always sacrificed as a sign of the new relationship – normally man would offer some animal offering to God. But the New Covenant will be ratified not with the death of sheep or bull, but by the death of Jesus Christ, God and Man. In this perfect sacrifice is the source of our eternal salvation.

Purple Veiling Meaning.

Arriving at Church today, you will notice purple cloths draped over the crucifixes and candlesticks. This custom of veiling is a way of focusing on the penitential aspect of this liturgical season. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith in all its glory is made possible only through the work of Christ in his suffering and death on the cross. When we cover these holy and sacred appointments that we are so accustomed to, we are starkly confronted and reminded in a poignant way of all that Christ has won for us. The tradition begins during the last two weeks before Easter, starting on Passion Sunday and ending on Good Friday. This time period is known on the old liturgical calendar as Passiontide. Then, as in a dramatic unveiling, the holy images are again revealed Holy Saturday to mark the end of the penitential season. The joy of the Easter season and the hope of the Resurrection then comes to the forefront. Temporarily veiling the crosses and religious images in the penitential color of Lent is a beautiful custom that helps us to reflect on the deeper theological meaning of the liturgical season.

Choir Appreciation

We would like to thank Don and Joyce Newcamp for the purchase of special choral face masks for our choir.

