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Quinquagesima Sunday February 19, 2023

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Pray for Ukraine

This Week

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Quinquagesima Sunday

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+ Edmund Adamek Int. Jason & Elizabeth Seibert; + Irene Jugan Int. Henrietta & Terry Kleckner	
SOCL	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

Monday, February 20, 2023

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 P.M.
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Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday

Holy Mass	10:00 A.M.
Chopin Choir Rehearsal	1:00P.M.
Bitter Lamentations	7:00 P.M.

Ashes to be distributed at both services.

Friday, February 24, 2023

Stations of the Cross	7:00 P.M.
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Sunday, February 26, 2023

Lent 1

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+ Marianne Keith Int. Dennis & Jean Crouch; + Richard Contrella Int. YMSR	
SOCL	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

PNU Branch 132 Paczki Sale

Come join us after 9:00 A.M. Mass, for a delicious Oakmont Bakery Paczki and coffee/tea/milk in the church social hall. Assorted flavors will be available. A \$5 donation is requested.

2022 Financial Fair Share Report

If you would like a copy of your 2022 Fair Share Donations for Income Tax, please contact Fr. Bruce via telephone or Email.



PNU District 5 Branch 132 "Roll Away the Stone of Hunger" Lenten Food Drive

Please bring can or dried food donations to the Church and help roll away the stone of hunger in our community. The Food Drive ends Passion Sunday.

Fraternalism in Action.

The PNU and the PACCF is offering several scholarships and stipends to college and trade school students who are members of the PNU. Applications and Requirements can be found and downloaded at www.pnu.org

Lenten Season

The Lenten season is a 6-week time of somber reflection and remembrance. Lent is a time of fasting and abstaining and to repent and focus our hearts and minds on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That's not a feeling of shame, but an awareness that sin separates us from God and of what it cost Him to be reunited with us. We abstain from meat products on Wednesdays and Fridays during this season as a form of self-denial and sacrifice. Meals should be simple. Lent can help families in the same way Advent helps parents prepare their children for Christmas. The Lenten season provides families an opportunity to strengthen spiritual discipline together. Rather than engaging in the distraction of the Easter Bunny baskets and egg hunts, Lent can help our family focus on the real meaning of Easter and what Jesus' sacrifice means for our salvation. Make every effort to attend Lenten services and prepare for Easter.

Word This Week

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” These are words we associate so clearly with the teaching of Jesus and the way of life the Gospel calls us to. But it may be a surprise to some people to hear that these words come first from the Old Testament, in the mouth of Moses himself. Moses was speaking the Lord God's instruction for the community, the community of the people of Israel in flight from Egypt in their long sojourn in the wilderness. God's instructions were about how that community had to work without grudges, resentment or vengeance, but with love and forgiveness and tolerance. When Jesus comes with the message of the Kingdom of heaven, it is the same instruction for a perfect, God-guided society, which depends on how each of us lives with others. The wisdom of this world, which Saint Paul mentions in the Second Reading, will not teach us this: the world will believe in vengeance, and friendship only for your friends. Each of us must ask how we can embrace the apparent folly of Jesus' teaching: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.