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Celebrating 101 Years of Ministry in McKeesport



Lent

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March 6, 2022

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LENT 1 SUNDAY MASS LITURGI

This Week

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Lent 1

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+ Tim Hreha Int. Helen Mulac; + Deacon Raymond Lagesse & Max Sleczkowski Int. Lagesse & Sleczkowski Families	
SOCL Classes	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

Monday, March 7, 2022

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 P.M.
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Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Choir Rehearsal	6:00 P.M.
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Friday, March 11, 2022

Lamentations Part 2
7:00 P.M.



Sunday, March 13, 2022

Institution of the PNCC

Daylight Savings Time begin

Mission Collection

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
SOCL Classes	10:15 A.M.
SAMBS Meeting	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

PNU District 5 Roll Away the Stone of Hunger Campaign

Ash Wednesday (March 2nd) to (April 3rd) Passion Sunday.

Suggested 20 food items needed most:

Applesauce, Canned Beans, Canned Chicken, Canned Fish (tuna and salmon), Canned meats (spam and ham) Canned vegetables, Cooking Oil (Olive and Canola), Crackers, Dried Herbs and spices, Fruit (canned or dried) Granola Bars, Instant Mash Potatoes, Meal in Boxes, Nuts, Pasta, Peanut Butter, Rice, Shelf -stable and powdered Milk, Soup Stew and Chili & Whole Gran Cereal. Please bring the food to the Narthex of the Church. Please bring the food to the Narthex of the Church.

Spring Craft Show

Saturday, March 26, 2022 10:00AM- 3:00PM.

Needed Lottery Tickets by March 13th & Chinese Auction Baskets by March 20th.

Featuring: Polish food, drinks, and baked goods. Donated baked goods will be happily accepted. Bring them Friday, March 25, 2022 from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, or Saturday morning. Needed to defray costs: Cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Root Beer, Cream Soda, Sprite, Iced Tea & Bottled Water 16.9-ounce size, Please have all donated cans of pop and/or bottled water at the church by Sunday, March 20. Chinese Auction Tickets and 50/50 Raffle Tickets will be sold between masses on Sunday, March 20. We will need help Friday, March 25 from 10:00am - 5:00pm with prep work as well as volunteers for Saturday. All proceeds from our show will benefit the church. Any questions, please call Kristen Korenoski -- 412-848-9215.



SAMBS Easter Egg Sale

Order forms are available in the Church Vestibule and are due March 30th. Eggs can be picked up on Sunday, April 10th. Return orders to Marian Sleczkowski. Available: Chocolate or Dark Chocolate, Peanut Butter, Coconut and Fruit & Nut Eggs.

Parish Pierogi Sale

We would like to begin our pierogi sales on a trial basis. Only cheese and potato pierogies will be made and pre-order forms will be available in the vestibule. This will only be a parish sale. Plans are to have the sale on April 1st, and we need a commitment from parishioners who will help. Please contact Carol Burlikowski at carolsburlikowski@gmail.com or call 412-398-0162.

Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky 25th Anniversary of Ordination
An invitation has been extended to the parish to celebrate this milestone event. A Holy Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated Sunday, April 24th at 4:00 P.M. in the Saint Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton PA. A Dinner Reception and Banquet will follow in the Youth Center. Reservations are required. Dinner and Banquet \$20.00. RSVP your name and payment to National Church Center PNCC attention Banquet Reservation, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505. Deadline April 1st.

21st Annual Mission & Evangelism Workshop

Friday, April 1st -Sunday, April 3rd

Resurrection Parish, Temperance, MI.

Information and Registration Forms available in the vestibule

Deadline for Hotel Registration-March 16th

Deadline for Registration is March 21st.

PRAY FOR UKRAINE

Prayer for Peace

Loving God of all peoples and nations, hear us when we call to you, answer our prayers, and show us your salvation. We unite in prayer with people of faith throughout the world for a swift end to the war in Ukraine. We pray for the men, women, children, and families fleeing their homes in fear because of the terror and destruction that wastes their communities and way of life. Be their shelter, a strong refuge, and fortress. Cover them with your pinions and give them refuge under your wings. Send forth and give your angels charge over the dissenting voices, delegations, leaders, and governments that speak out for peace and seek an end to war, granting them success. With your Spirit, lead your churches to be agents of spiritual and temporal comfort, hope, and strength. Christ of all peoples and nations, Prince of Peace, for the sake of your sorrowful passion, hear our prayer and have mercy on us and on the whole world. Your reign of endless peace, justice, and righteousness come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Prayer for the upcoming Mission & Evangelism Workshop

Each Wednesday at noon, join us churchwide in praying the Lord's Prayer and the Act of Hope:



O God, relying on Your infinite goodness and merciful promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the continual help of Your grace and eventually attain eternal life with You. I have this hope because of the merits of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who died on the cross for me and all other sinners, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven.

Lenten Abstinence

The Polish National Catholic Church still maintains the traditional ritual of fasting and abstinence during Lent. In a self-sacrificial gesture, one may give up something which is enjoyed during the year during the Lenten season. On Wednesdays and Fridays, it is encouraged to abstain from flesh food with only moderate servings. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, a fast (only water) can be made or at least one meal be consumed. Those on medication and with dietary needs are exempt.

Future Directions for March 2022

Importance of the Holy Eucharist

During March we focus on the importance of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ present to us through His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.

Scripture: John 6:51-58; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Reflection and Action Item:

In the PNCC the moment of receiving Holy Communion is sacred and holy. Our practice is that only those men ordained to Holy Orders may distribute the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Their hands are consecrated as are the Chalice, Paten and Intinctorium used during Holy Mass. Following the words of consecration, the priest keeps his thumb and index finger together as he has touched the divine. Communion is administered with reverence under both species – the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are received by the faithful. A beautiful and precious moment. Let us reflect this month on just what this moment means by recalling some of our catechism questions.

362) Why does Christ give us His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist? Christ gives us His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist: To unite us with Himself in Holy Communion. To remain ever on our altars, as a proof of His abiding love for us. To unite us with our heavenly Father.

364) What is Mass? Mass is the Sacrifice of the New Testament, in which bread and wine is consecrated into the Mystical Body and Blood to God through the ministry of a priest, for a perpetual commemoration of Christ's Sacrifice upon the Cross, offered once and for all time.


365) When was the Sacrifice of Mass instituted? The Sacrifice of Mass was instituted at the Last Supper, when Jesus commanded His Apostles to do what He had done, that is, to change bread and wine into His Body and Blood. And having taken bread, He gave thanks and broke, and gave it to them, saying: "This is My Body, which is being given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In like manner He took also the cup after supper, saying: "This cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which shall be shed for you." (Lk 22:19-20)

366) What is the place of Mass in the Polish National Catholic Church? In the Polish National Catholic Church Mass is the central point of worship and life, in perfect continuity with the teaching of the Apostles and practice of the primitive church. The Sacrifice of Christ upon the Cross is the supreme act of love. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that, whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (Jn 15:13) We call upon ourselves with Christ to God, through our own acts of faith, love and sacrifice. his friends." (Jn 15:13)

376) Why do we offer the Sacrifice of the Mass? We offer the Sacrifice of the Mass: To adore God. To thank Him for all the benefits He bestows upon us. To ask His blessing. To obtain His mercy for the living and the dead. To apply the merits gained on Calvary to the Church in general, and to individual souls, in particular.

390) Why does Jesus Christ come to you in Holy Communion? Jesus Christ comes to me in Holy Communion so that He may:

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WILDERNESS
TEMPTED
DEVIL
FORTY
STONE
BREAD
ALONE
GLORY
WORSHIP
PARAPET
ANGELS
EXHAUSTED

Unite me with Himself. Strengthen me in the practice of good works. Strengthen the divine life which I first received in baptism.

Gospel Reflection

As with each First Sunday of Lent the Gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness; as we begin the journey of Lent, during which we will consider our lives as members of the Church, we look to the example of Jesus when it comes to dealing with temptation. Choosing to follow God's path is the first characteristic of the Christian: this is underlined in the two other readings, which outline the two "creeds" or statements of belief - one of Israel and one of the Christian. Both of them emphasise "believing in the heart and confessing with the lips": both creeds underline the Salvation

that God has achieved - for Israel it was freedom from Egypt, for the Christian freedom from death in Jesus.

The Polish National Union of America is a not-for-profit fraternal benefit society. Established in 1908 by Bishop Francis Hodur and headquartered in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The PNU has been consistently dedicated to the material, educational and spiritual welfare of its membership by providing quality fraternal programs, superior life insurance protection and long term savings and retirement plans. Protecting Families For over 110 years it has been the mission of the PNU to manage its resources in such a way that it will continually build value for its members, their families and its employees, so that it can be here to serve their needs from birth through their senior years. Contact Henrietta Kleckner @ 724.863.6715