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## Septuagesima Sunday February 5, 2023

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**Pray for Ukraine**

## This Week

### Sunday, February 5, 2023

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.  
+**Edward Michael** Piekielek (15<sup>th</sup> Ann.) Int. Steffania Piekielek;  
+**Raymond Kostovny & +Mildred Kotulsky** Int. Kotulsky  
Family  
SOCL 10:15 A.M.  
PNU Branch 132 Annual Meeting 10:15 A.M.  
Holy Mass 11:00 A.M.  
+**Ted Balawajder** Int Bob & Janet Yonek

### Septuagesima Sunday

### Monday, February 6, 2023

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 P.M.

### Sunday, February 12, 2023

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.  
+**Helen Popovic** Int. Raffaline Champ; +**Thomas Muse** Int.  
Rosemarie Wise & Sally Biroscak  
SOCL 10:15 A.M.  
SAMB Monthly Meeting 10:15 A.M.  
YMSR Meeting 10:15 A.M.  
Holy Mass 11:00 A.M.

### Sexagesima Sunday

### Mission Collection

While most are familiar with the 40 days of Lent, the PNCC observes a period of 70 days of Lent? It is an ancient practice that is biblical and full of spiritual meaning. It serves as a time of transition during which the soul passes from the Christmas joy to Lenten sobriety. The liturgical discipline is usually called Septuagesima Sunday (from the Latin word meaning “seventieth”) and begins on the ninth Sunday before Easter. It is

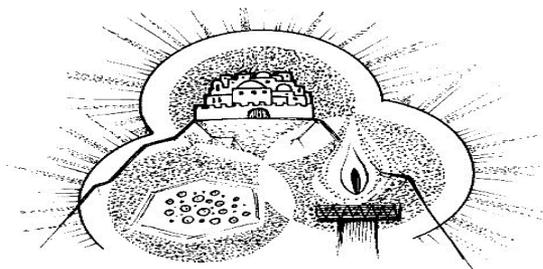


classified as a “pre-Lenten” season and included in the “Easter

Cycle” in the liturgical year. The practice dates back at least to the 8th century and primarily consists of three Sundays that precede the beginning of Lent (Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima, from the Latin for the 70th, 60th, and 50th days before Easter). Included in this practice is the wearing of rose

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emphasis, delving into the early periods of salvation history and finding the fulfillment of all things in Jesus Christ.

### **2022 Financial Fair Share Report**

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**You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.**

### **The Word This Week**

While the world may seem to be very indifferent to Christianity most of the time, it can be very critical of Christians who do not seem to be following the most basic tenet of their faith, to be a people of good deeds, as Jesus teaches in today's portion of the Sermon on the Mount. While we may sometimes feel indignant about the world's criticism of our faults, we have to remember that we are in a vital relationship with the word, we are to be its light. This means that we should welcome the world's gaze and scrutiny of our actions and beliefs, and we should, in a sense, be accountable to the world for the way we live. We should never be salt that loses its taste. This openness to the gaze of all is not for our own glory, however: it is so that others may find what we have found, their way to the Father.

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