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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**SUN. March 10, 2013 - INSTITUTION OF THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH \*\*SOLEMNITY\*\* HOLY MASS - 9:00AM**

**MON. MARCH 11, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS OF LENT - 9:00AM**

**TUE. MARCH 12, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS OF LENT - 9:00AM**

**WED. MARCH 13, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS OF LENT - 9:00AM**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:00PM**

**THU. MARCH 14, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS OF LENT - 9:00AM**

**FRI. MARCH 15, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS OF LENT - 9:00AM**  
**(Special Intention) by Tony Resch**

**SAT. MARCH 16, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS OF LENT - 9:00AM**

**SUN. MARCH 17, 2013 - PASSION SUNDAY - HOLY MASS - 9:00AM**

**ENTRANCE RITES:**

**HYMN OF FAITH - pg. 13 in the Mass Booklets**

**HIGH MASS IN THE TRADITIONAL RITE pg. 15**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM**

Then shall the just one with great assurance confront his oppressors who set as naught his labors. Seeing this, they shall be shaken with dreadful fear, and amazed at the non-attentive for salvation. They shall say among themselves, rueful and groaning through anguish of spirit: "This is he whom once we held as a laughingstock and as a type for mockery, fools that we were! His life was accounted madness, and his death dishonored. See how he is accounted among the sons of God; how his lot is with the saints.

**READER - THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE - THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**THE GRADUAL**

**PRIEST - I praise you, O Lord, for You have raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.**

**PEOPLE - O Lord my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me O Lord, You brought my soul back from the grave: You have saved my life from the grave: You have saved my life from the pit.**

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO ST. TIMOTHY**

The Spirit distinctly says that in later times some will turn away from the faith and will heed deceitful spirits and things taught by demons through plausible liars; men with seared consciences who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by believers who know truth. Everything God created is good: nothing is to be rejected when it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by God's Word and by prayer.

**READER - THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE - THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!**

**In You O Lord, I put my trust: let me never be put to shame; in Your justice save me!**

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!**

**+ A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN +**

Jesus said to His disciples: "I am the true vine and My Father is the vinegrower. He prunes away every barren branch, but the fruitful ones He trims clean to increase their yield. You are clean already, thanks to the word I have spoken to you. Live on in Me, as I do in you. No more than a branch can bear fruit of itself apart from the vine, can you bear fruit apart from Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who lives in Me and I in him, will produce abundantly, for apart from Me you can do nothing. A man who does not live in Me is like a withered, rejected branch, picked up to be thrown in the fire and burnt. If you live in Me, and My words stay part of you, you may ask what you will...it will be done for you. My Father has been glorified in your bearing much fruit and becoming My disciples.

**PRIEST - THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD!**

**PEOPLE - PRAISE BE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are prayed on Wednesday evenings of **GREAT LENT** at **7:00P.M.** We have a nice group of parishioners attending. Won't you join us?

**HISTORICAL NOTES.. A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE ORIGINS OF THE PNCC**

The Polish National Catholic Church was organized at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries among predominantly Polish, Slovak, Lithuanians and Italian immigrants, who having built their houses of worship within the new world, had their customs and traditions concerning ownership of these new properties, usurped by the existing hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church. This led to the unorganized and often unintended phenomena of whole groups of immigrant Catholics who felt unwelcome and even discriminated against by the existing ecclesiastical authorities of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States.

Hearing the cries of the downtrodden and disenfranchised faithful in the Scranton, PA area, a young Polish priest by the name of Fr. Franciszek Hodur came to their pastoral aide, organizing and appealing to church authorities (including the Holy Father in Rome) for justice and a fair hearing. These appeals were met with silence, as a writ of excommunication of Fr. Hodur and any adherents to the "new" movement, was declared by the Roman Catholic bishop of Scranton. ...a writ whose legality was always in question. And so set forth by a burst of energy and fervor to serve the faithful, Fr. Hodur (who later to become bishop, being validly consecrated through the faculties of the Old Catholic Church centered in Utrecht, Holland), went about organizing the hundreds of "independent" immigrant, Catholic parishes and bringing them into one fold, named for legal purposes the

**“Polish National Catholic Church“.**

**Under the reign of John Paul II, of happy memory, new appreciation and awareness among our Roman Catholic brethren was reached through dialogue with our Church’s representatives, concerning the historical conditions leading to the organization of our Church and a public apology read in the name of the Pope, by Cardinal Cassidy of the Roman Curia was delivered at a special “Service of Healing” in Stanislaus Cathedral of the P.N.C.C. , our mother cathedral in Scranton, in which any sanctions or excommunications (if indeed they did ever exist) were officially nullified, (Feb. 15, 1992).**

**Our Church with its hierarchy and customs is recognized... and indeed IS.. as a true Catholic body of believers, with valid sacraments and holy orders of true apostolic origin. And it is especially in the context of our churches history, that our church welcomes all peoples of good will who wish to live the Catholic faith. We are true to all doctrines of the faith and all of Catholic dogma proclaimed by the undivided church of the East and the West at the first seven ecumenical councils of the Church.**

**Today the Polish National Catholic Church is growing in countries such as Norway, Sweden, Germany and Italy as well as among many new immigrant and ethnic groups of our own country...especially among Hispanic-Americans. Holy Mass is now said in Polish, Italian, Spanish, Norwegian, Swedish, Spanish, French and German as well as English. As members of the Polish National Catholic Church, we stand untied under the cross of Christ regardless of ethnic origin, dedicated to TRUTH, WORK and STRUGGLE for the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world.**

**We welcome all people of good will who enter through the doors of our churches in a spirit of Christ-centered love. May we rejoice in God’s grace and in His Spirit as he leads the Polish National Catholic Church on.. to witness to the Truth of Christ. MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU,AS WE CELBRATE THIS IMPORTANT SOLEMNITY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH!**

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