

# Our Saviour Parish of the PNCC

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## **A Festival Thought**

Christ calls us to serve Him, now and forever. And to help make this possible, He gave us the great gift of the Polish National Catholic Church, the anniversary of the founding of which we commemorate today.

## About Today's Bible Readings

### Wisdom 5:1-5

The wicked are overwhelmed and amazed at the power and the glory of the righteous one.

### PSALM 2:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, 10-11

### R. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice before him; with trembling pay homage to him.

### 1 Timothy 4:1-5

Saint Paul cautions us to beware of those who try to tell us to disobey the Lord, for all things made by Him are good and pleasing to the soul.

### John: 12:1-7

The branches are us, the people of God, called together as the body of Christ, His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. If we remain faithful to Him, we will bear good fruit to the Glory of His Holy Name.

## ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 23:1-3, 5

Solemnity – The Institution of the PNCC

- V. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You Lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name.
- R. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## THE GOSPEL: John 15:1-7

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you."

## This is the Gospel of the Lord!

## Worship Services

#### **TODAY March 12<sup>th</sup>** Solemnity - The Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church

### 9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Stations of the Cross after Mass will not be observed this week to facilitate the Anniversary Breakfast following the Mass. They will resume next Sunday.

## SUNDAY March 19<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS Intentions for the repose of the soul of Loretta Gavenda, offered by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sub.

Stations of the Cross after Mass

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross after Mass each and every Sunday leading up to Holy Week. I hope that everyone will plan on staying after Mass to join together and that you will urge your families, friends and neighbors to attend as well. This is a beautiful and moving form of worship and it helps to focus our thoughts and prayers on our Lord and Savior as we reflect on His Passion and Death.

#### LENTEN JOURNEY

Our Lenten Journey continues as we follow Christ to Golgotha. I urge each and every one of you to set aside a few n=minutes each day to pray and reflect on His great love and sacrifice. The Lenten Devotional Booklets on the table in the Narthex are an excellent aid in this endeavor. Please, if you haven't already, take one home and spend a few minutes a day with it.

### **CEMETERY ADORNMENTS**

Please see to it that all wreaths and other articles are removed from the cemetery as soon as possible. If you cannot make it to the cemetery to do this, please let Peggy Kowalik or Chris Ewaskiewicz know that you would like to have your articles removed.

### FOOD DRIVE

Once again we will be gathering donations of non-perishable food items for distribution to those members of our community who find themselves less blessed than ourselves. This is an excellent way to fulfil our Lenten obligation of almsgiving. Please leave your items in the Narthex. Remember that Christ said, "Whatever you do for the least one of my brothers, you do it for Me."

## **INTENTIONS:**

*My Brothers and Sisters:* Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Bob Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Erica Franta, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Tim Fischer, Bernice Biroscak, Douglas Lipton, Patrick Toner, Chris White, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Eric White, Berne Bloom, Mary Ryan, Joe Seliga and Joan Mainzer. For the repose of the soul of Father Raymond Drada. *Our Father...* 

# \*\*\* Anniversary of the PNCC Breakfast \*\*\* <u>TODAY - March 12, 2017</u> 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall Tickets are as follows: Adults = \$10.00 Children (under 12) \$3.00

Come and join us and bring your families, friends and neighbors as we join together to offer out thanks to God for His gift to us of our beloved Polish National Catholic Church.

Today's Hymns

Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord! The Hymns below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books.

> **Opening Hymn** #1 – Hymn Of Faith (Verses 1 & 4)

*Hymn to the Holy Spirit* #144 – Come, Thou Creator (Verses 1 & 4)

> **Offertory Hymn** #87 – Be Merciful To Me

Post Communion Hymn

#229 - Just As I Am, Without One Plea

**Recessional Hymn** #114 – Forty Days And Forty Nights