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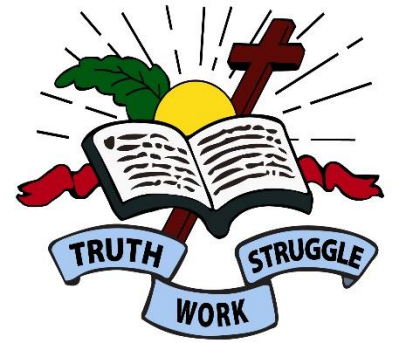
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First Sunday of Lent

A Sabbath Thought

Life is a continuum of choices. This Lent is a time to examine the choices we make. In the company of Jesus, we become desert dwellers who confront the demons that tempt us.

About Today's Bible Readings

GENESIS 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Here is where Lent began - back at the beginning - when the first human beings chose something other than God and goodness.

PSALM 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

ROMANS 5:12-19

And here, in Paul's impacted thought, is where Lent turns to Easter: in the life and death of Jesus Christ who firmly chose God.

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Finally, in the desert, Jesus faces the temptations that also mark our Lenten time. Two roads lie before us. Which will we choose?

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 91:1-2; Psalm 17:8

V. You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress, my God in Whom I trust."

R. Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

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.

TRACT: 1 Corinthians 10:13b; Matthew 6:13 (Recited in place of the Alleluia)

V. God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial He will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it.

R. Do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY March 5th

First Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Distribution of Ashes for those who were unable to attend Mass on Wednesday

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross following Mass

SUNDAY March 12th

Solemnity - The Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

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.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held today after services. I hope that all of the committee members will be able to attend. Please pray for your elected representatives as they endeavor to strengthen and preserve our beloved parish.

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 souls of Raymond Priester and Marie Sospetti.
Our Father...

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***** Anniversary of the PNCC Breakfast *****

Next Sunday - March 12, 2017

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 our thanks to God for His gift to us of our beloved Polish National Catholic Church.

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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
