

**"In the sight of the  
agnels I will sing  
Your praises, Lord"**

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time – "C"**

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**February 9, 2025**

*102<sup>nd</sup> year of service/100 years of the rectory building*

**Events for the week:**

**Sun., 2/9/25 – V Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for  
+John David's family, of. by Ms. Barbara  
David.

➤ *Confirmation Class.*

**February 9 – Commemoration: St.  
Apollonia - Deaconess, Martyr**

(died 249) During the reign of Emperor Philip, mobs at Alexandria ranged the streets torturing and killing Christians. Among their victims was Apollonia, an old deaconess, who was tortured when she would not renounce her Christianity and when given a moment's respite leaped voluntarily into the fire the mob built and was threatening to throw her into. She is represented by a gold tooth or pincer, since her teeth were pulled out during her torture. In the same mob, Metras, an old man, was tortured and stoned to death;

Today's readings offer us the call stories of three unlikely followers of God: the prophet Isaiah and the apostles Paul and Peter. Each of them has a sense of unworthiness, but God does not call us to discipleship because we are worthy, but precisely because we are sinners. God's grace is not a reward for our virtue but an opportunity for divine strength to shine through our weakness.

**I Reading:** Isaiah 6:I-8

**II Reading:** I Corinthians 15:I-II

**GOSPEL:** Luke 5:I-II

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round Him listening to the word of God, when He caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking He said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signaled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed Him.

Quinta was scourged and stoned to death when she refused to sacrifice to pagan gods and Serapion was tortured and thrown from the roof of his home to his death. Apollonia is the patron of **Dentists**.

Next Sunday, February 16: Pre-Lent I - Septuaginta Sunday

10:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for: Jean Keim – Marjorie Dean – Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause. *H & R Center Tremont*: Dolores Halaburda. *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen. *Shenandoah Manor* – Betty Brazausky (A-I4)

## FUTURE EVENTS

February 16 – Pre-Lent season begins

March 2 – Annual Parish Meeting

March 5 – Ash Wednesday

April 20 – Resurrection of the Lord Solemnity

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to: Organist, Choir Members; Pani Janina for cleaning and decorating the church, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

**THANK YOU** very much to Mr. Kenneth Payne and his associates for cleaning our parking lot from the snow!

**NOW and ICE ALERT** – During winter days, please remember that we do **not cancel** our Worship Services. In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth. **WARNING** – If someone would like to come to the rectory in the wintertime during bad weather conditions, please use the front porch entrance; the back porch could be full of ice all the time.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS** – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

**Article XVII, Section 5 of the PNCC Constitution** – The duties of the Parish Committee are as follows: a) to **assist** the **Pastor** in all matters pertaining to the development of the Parish's spiritual and material life; b) to fulfill all Parish resolutions adopted in accordance with the aims, objectives and spirit of this Church; c) to fulfill all of the synodal enactments and resolutions of this Church, etc. . . .

**Article XIV, Section 15** – **Free will offerings** for priestly services rendered by a Pastor according to accepted customs of this Church are the property of the Pastor and **are not considered as part of his salary.**

**Members of the PNCC have two major duties:**

**1) Spiritual duties** – **a)** partaking of the Sacraments (active participation in them will help strengthen members to live a Christian life; **b)** loving God (members should accept and obey Christ’s teachings, maintain a personal relationship with God, pray to Him often and give Him glory by living a good life; **c)** sharing faith (members should actively take part in Church worship and listen sincerely to God’s word; **d)** obeying the 10 Commandments (by obeying them, Church members help strengthen the kingdom of God on earth.

**2) Material duties** – **a)** to society: members should: practice Christ’s ideals in their everyday lives, be tolerant of others’ faith, recognize everyone’s right to equality and opportunity, be loyal to their country, work for the good of all human society, rear children in the name of God and set a Christian example for them; **b)** to the Church: members should: follow the principles of the PNCC, give their time and talents to further church and parish goals, contribute financially to the support of the Church. Members should participate actively in church affairs, vote on parish matters, serve on committees, etc.

**“Preach the Gospel every day, if necessary use words”.**