

"Happy are they who  
hope in the Lord"

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**Septuagesima Sunday – Pre-Lent 1 – “C”**  
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**February 16, 2025**

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

**Events for the week:**

**Sun., 2/16/25 – Septuaginta Sunday**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for  
+Denny Marham, of. by Mr. John Davis.

- Confirmation Class.
- 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Prime Bishop  
Hodur’s death.

**Next Sunday, February 23: Pre-Lent 2 -  
Sexagesima Sunday**

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

- Confirmation Class.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Birthday best wishes are  
extended to: February 17 –  
Joelle Karvois.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

Anniversary best wishes are  
extended to: February 17 –  
Stephen & Joelle Karvois.

**Septuagesima Sunday** is the third Sunday before the start of Lent, which makes it the ninth Sunday before Easter. Traditionally, Septuagesima Sunday marked the beginning of preparations for Lent. Septuagesima and the following two Sundays (Sexagesima, Quinquagesima) were celebrated by name in the traditional Catholic liturgical calendar, which is still used in our Holy Church. Starting on Septuagesima Sunday, neither the Alleluia nor the Gloria are sung. They do not return until the Easter Vigil when we mark the triumph of Christ over death in His Resurrection.

**I Reading:** Jeremiah 17:5-8

**II Reading:** I Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

**GOSPEL:** Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of His disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing His eyes on His disciples He said:  
'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.



**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)

**Next Sunday's Mass intentions:** Feb. 23: all Parishioners; ... March 30: +John Michael Stabinsky.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**March 2** – Annual Parish Meeting

**March 5** – **Ash Wednesday** – Holy Mass with distribution of ashes at 10:00AM and 6:00PM.

**March 9** – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

**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!

**THANK YOU** also to the **Anonymous Man** for using his tractor to clean up the sidewalk around the church property last Sunday!

**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 I5 – 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.**

**Pre-Lent Season** – With the season of Septuagesima begins the second section of the Temporal Cycle having for its center the greatest of solemnities, the Solemnity of our Lord's Resurrection. This liturgical period is a prelude to Lent and a remote preparation for Easter. It serves as a time of transition during which the Church passes from the Christmas joys to Lenten sobriety. The more familiar designations for Sundays are, respectively, Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima. These designate in Latin, the Sunday's relationship to Passion Sunday. Thus, Septuagesima is seven Sundays from Passion Sunday, Sexagesima is six, Quinquagesima is five.

Rose vestments are worn. Flowers are permitted during this period. **The “Gloria” is omitted from the Mass liturgy.** The “*Alleluia*” verse following the lesson readings are replaced with a “*Tract*”.

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