

**"The Lord is kind
and merciful"**

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Sexagesima Sunday – Pre-Lent 2 – "C"

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February 23, 2025

102nd year of service/100 years of the rectory building

Events for the week:

Sun., 2/23/25 – Sexagesima Sunday

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

- *Confirmation Class.*

**Mon., 2/24/25 – Feast – St. Matthias,
Apostle**

8:15Am – Holy Mass

**Next Sunday, March 2: Pre-Lent 3 -
Quinquagesima Sunday**

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

- *Confession.*
- *Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.*
- *Collection for missions.*
- *Annual Parish Meeting after Mass.*

Sexagesima Sunday is the second Sunday before the start of Lent, which makes it the eighth Sunday before Easter. Traditionally, it was the second of the three Sundays (Septuagesima is the first and Quinquagesima is the third) of preparation for Lent. Sexagesima literally means "sixtieth," though it falls only 56 days before Easter. It most likely takes its name from Quinquagesima Sunday, which is 49 days before Easter, or 50 if you count Easter itself.

I Reading: I Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

II Reading: I Corinthians 15:45-49

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to His disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together,



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 29 – Jourdin Karvois.



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-14)

Next Sunday's Mass intentions: March 2: all Parishioners; ... March 30: +John Michael Stabinsky.

and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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 **Mr. George...** for using his tractor to clean up the sidewalk around the church property last two Sundays!

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".