

**"Lord, it is good to
give thanks to
You"**

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Quinquagesima Sunday – Pre-Lent 3 – "C"
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March 2, 2025

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

Events for the week:

Sun., 3/2/25 – 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.*

Ash Wednesday, 3/5/25 – The Great Lent begins

10:00AM – Holy Mass with distribution of ashes

6:00PM - Holy Mass with distribution of ashes

Thu., 3/6/25 – Lenten Weekday

Holy Mass, intention for: God's blessing and fruitful ministry for the PNCC Clergy.

Quinquagesima Sunday is the final Sunday before the start of Lent, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, which makes it the seventh Sunday before Easter. Traditionally, it is the third of the three Sundays (following Septuagesima and Sexagesima) of preparation for Lent. Quinquagesima literally means "fiftieth." It is 49 days before Easter, or 50 if you count Easter itself. Similarly, Pentecost Sunday is said to be 50 days after Easter, but the number is calculated by including Easter in the count.

I Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

II Reading: I Corinthians 15:54-58

GOSPEL: Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to His disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

FUTURE EVENTS

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

Fri., 3/7/25 – *Lenten Weekday* – **First**

Friday of the month

Holy Mass of the SHofJ and Litany.

6:00PM – The Way of the Cross

Next Sunday, March 9: Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC – I Sunday of Lent

10:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for +John David's Family.

- *Confirmation Class.*
- *Collection – National Church Center*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 2 – Natalie McDonald; March 5 – Ronald Stabinsky; March 8 – Elizabeth Greenman.



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

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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.

THE HOLY SEASON OF GREAT LENT begins on Ash Wednesday. As Jesus fasted for 40 days in the desert, the Church traditional fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christian reminds us of our total dependence on and love for God. Please remember that Fridays are days of **abstinence** from meat. **Fasting**: all those of post-confirmation age are to fast on Fridays, and on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals.

Our Lenten regulations are recommended for healthy adults. Children under First Holy Communion age, the infirm, those on restrictive medication and the elderly are exempt from the obligation of fasting. During this holy and grace-filled season of Lent, all of you are encouraged to share in our Lenten Journey in preparation for Christ's Resurrection by faithfully attending not only Sunday's Mass but also our Lenten services that will be include: **Stations of the Cross** (Friday's at 6:00pm; on April 4 at **5:30PM**) and Bitter Lamentations on Holy Wednesday all three parts in Polish.

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.

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

Next Sunday's Mass intentions: March
9: +John David's Family; ... March 30:
+John Michael Stabinsky.