

**"Be with me, Lord,
when I am in
trouble"**

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC – "C"
Uroczystość Ustanowienia PNKK
March 9, 2025
102nd year of service

Events for the week:

**Sun., 3/9/25 – Anniversary of PNCC
Institution**

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

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

Tue., 3/11/25 – Lenten Weekday

8:15AM - Holy Mass, intention for:
remission of sins & God's mercy.

Wed., 3/12/25 – Lenten Weekday

6:00PM – Lenten Ecumenical Service

Fri., 3/14/25 – Lenten Weekday

6:00PM – The Way of the Cross

Sat., 3/15/25 – Lenten Weekday

Holy Mass of the BVM in Lent, for all
Parishioners.

PNCC ANNIVERSARY – Today we celebrate the **128th** anniversary of God's call to the people of St. Stanislaus Parish in Scranton, PA, to take up their rightful place as children of God and followers of Jesus Christ and organize a church in which they had a say in the workings of their parishes and also in the expression of their faith.

I Reading: Wisdom 5:I-5

II Reading: I Timothy 4:I-5

GOSPEL: John 15:I-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does He prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

FUTURE EVENTS

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.

Next Sunday, March 16: II Sunday of Lent

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 9 – Tina Teichman; March 15 – Betty Brazausky.



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: March 16: all Parishioners; ... March 30: +John Michael Stabinsky.

2025 PARISH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman – Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck

V-chairman – Mr. Ronald Stabinsky

Recording Secretary – Mr. Lance Nelson

Financial Secretary - Mrs. Sandra Elsavege

Treasurer – Mr. James Abicunas

Directors – Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes, Mrs. Barbara David, Mrs. Elaine Antalosky, Mrs. Darlene Stabinsky, Mr. George Wycheck, Mr. John Plaxa.

PROJECTED FUNDRAISERS:

50/50 chances, sticky bun sale (with Methodist Church), Chicken dinner (August), stuff shells sale (September), Halushkie sale (October), Sticks sale...

MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERVICES (begin at 6:00PM)

March 12 – St. Ann's RCC – Pastor Tina Brown preaches

March 19 – Zion Lutheran Church/Annunciation – RCC Deacon preaches

March 26 – **St. John the Baptist PNCC** – Pastor Carl Shankweiler preaches

April 2 – Trinity Evangelical Church – Pastor David Davis preaches

April 9 – First United Methodist Church

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.

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.