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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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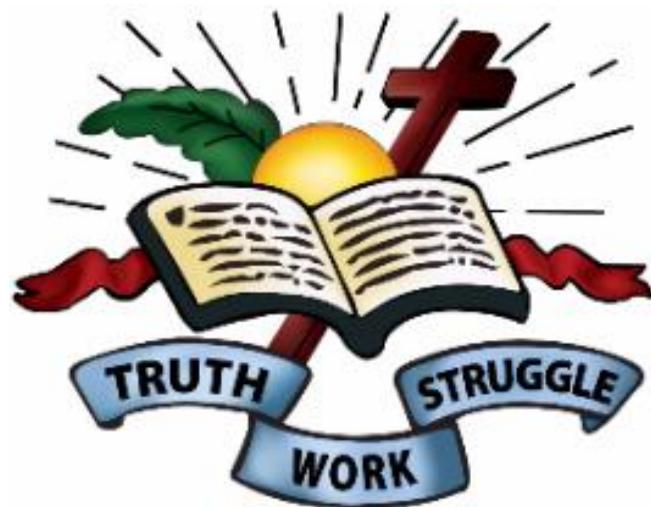
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Solemnity - Institution of the PNCC

March 12, 2017



Masses: 8:00 am – Traditional Holy Mass **9:30 am** – Contemporary Holy Mass

11:15 am – Traditional Holy Mass, at Our Savior Chapel, Tripp Park

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TODAY

Institution Sunday Program in the Youth Center following
9:30 mass (see announcement)

MONDAY, March 13th

Bishop Bernard is in Chicago attending the funeral of Father
Raymond Drada

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

WEDNESDAY, March 15th

7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross, YMS of R readers

THURSDAY, March 16th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball practice

6:30 - 7:15 pm – Pre-k – 5th grade

7:15 - 8:00 pm – 6th grade and up

FRIDAY, March 17th

12:00 noon – Stations of the Cross, lower Cathedral Chapel

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball games →

SATURDAY, March 18th

9:30 am – Confirmation Class

10:30 am – Cathedral Young Choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY, Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional – **9:30 am** Contemporary – **11:15 am** Our Savior Chapel, Tripp Park

PROGRAM: INSTITUTION SUNDAY, TODAY – After 9:30 Mass, Prime Bishop Mikovsky will offer an innovative presentation on the history of the PNCC with many new pieces of information he has researched over the past few years. Preceding the Prime Bishop's address will be a musical offering of three hymns including *Prawda, Praca, Walka* rendered by young people and children from our Sunday School, Confirmation class, and Elementary School.

MUSIC NOTES – Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) and Felix Mendelssohn (1809-37) were from different generations and different countries but were united in their interest in and presentation of the music of J. S. Bach. Mendelssohn played organ recitals of Bach's works, and Widor edited Bach's organ works. Their own compositions, while expressing their own genius, was influenced by Bach's sense of structure and balance. In Widor's *Adagio* a simple melody is explored throughout this contemplative work. Mendelssohn's *Allegro vivace* features a theme which periodically recurs several times in this exuberant piece.

Lectors:

3/12 – 8:00 – C. Ross

9:30 – E. Hughes & M. Stankowski

3/19 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – J. Ostroski & P. Kowalski

11:15 – C. Ross

Game times

6:30-7:00pm - Prek -Kind

7:00-7:30pm - 1st & 2nd grades

7:30-8:15pm - 3rd, 4th & 5th grades

8:15-9:00pm - 6th, 7th & 8th grades

9:00-9:45pm - 9th grade & up



Solemnity of Institution of PNCC

The Church is the Body of Christ, with Christ as the Head and all baptized people as Her members. The Church is a community of people that practices what Christ taught us, so that we can attain salvation. It is people who believe in Jesus Christ and His teachings. These people are baptized and joined together because of what they believe.

The part of the Catholic Church to which we belong is the Polish National Catholic Church. Our Church was organized on March 14, 1897 in Scranton, Pennsylvania by Father Francis Hodur and a group of Polish people.

At the end of the 19th century many thousands of Polish people came to the United States because they wanted an increased opportunity for a better life and freedom. When these Polish immigrants arrived in America, they continued their Catholic faith and the traditions that they brought with them.

Being an immigrant was a difficult thing, but they found jobs in their new country. They worked hard to provide for themselves and their families, as well as to support the Church. They even built new churches where they could worship God with their families and their friends. Many European immigrants were unhappy by the way they were being treated by the clergy. This was the situation in the south side of Scranton, Pennsylvania. When difficulties developed and problems were not resolved between the people and their priests and bishop, the group of people in Scranton began constructing a new church building. They would name it St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, Church. When the bishop would not support their efforts and refused to bless their new church, they asked Father Francis Hodur to be their pastor and leader.

As Father Hodur and these people began praying and working together, they developed the National Church Program. This program set forth their vision not only for their parish, but also for spiritually grieving immigrants in other cities. The National Church program contained four points:

1. Legal ownership of church properties by the people
2. Parish governance in secular matters by parish committees elected by the parishioners
3. Appointment of pastors of parishes approved by parishioners
4. Appointment of Polish Bishops in America by Rome with input by clergy and laity

Father Hodur realized the importance of the printed word to communicate the National Church Program and other related ideals and principles to members of the church and others who could benefit from them. Therefore, the *Straz – The Guard* newspaper was created in 1897 as a publication of St. Stanislaus Church and as a missionary tool.

In the next few years new parishes were organized in various parts of the United States. In 1904 Father Hodur called a synod for this emerging religious movement. A synod is a convention of both clergy and lay delegates from affiliated parishes; the delegates make decisions and set policy for the Church. At the First Synod in 1904 the delegates officially organized the PNCC; a Church constitution was adopted that set forth the administration of parishes; the *Straz* became the official newspaper of the PNCC; Father Hodur was elected a Bishop; and a decisive break was made with the Roman Catholic Church.

The PNCC is not a new Church, but it is an integral part of the Church founded by Jesus Christ Himself in Jerusalem. Therefore, our Church is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic, yet democratic as well.

Father Hodur was consecrated a Bishop at St. Gertrude's Cathedral in Utrecht, Holland on September 29, 1907 by bishops of the Old Catholic Church. This consecration gave Bishop Hodur and the PNCC Apostolic Succession and valid, indisputable Orders of the Priesthood.

At the Third General Synod of the PNCC in 1914 Bishop Hodur, with the clergy and lay delegates, established the Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC. This synod determined that it would be celebrated on the second Sunday of March each year.

The Church continued to grow and expand in various parts of the United States, especially where large communities of Polish immigrants had settled. The mission of the Church was also extended into Canada as well as Poland with the establishment of parishes in both of those countries. With the expansion of the PNCC it became necessary for additional bishops to be elected and consecrated. Therefore, in 1924 four new bishops were consecrated for the Church and dioceses were established.

Today as we commemorate the Institution of the PNCC we give thanks and praise to Almighty God for His many blessings in the past. We also cherish the democratic Catholic Church given to us by

our ancestors in the faith. This occasion gives us the opportunity to recommit ourselves to serve our Lord Jesus Christ through our beloved PNCC.

As Polish National Catholics, we are reminded that we have certain duties as members of the Church. Those duties are:

- To accept and obey what Christ taught us.
- To give glory to God by leading a good life.
- To support the work of the Church.
- To help bring others into the Church.



We hope all will soon be enjoying your parish and/or Seniorate/deanery Lenten Retreats as well.

If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

Please keep this church-wide undertaking begun at Holy Synod in your daily prayers – asking God to bless this work and allow it to bear fruit for the building of His Kingdom through our Holy Church. As we continue our Year of Commitment - let us show our Commitment to Christ and especially as we celebrate the Solemnity of our Institution to our Holy Church. May God bless you and your family.

A Journey Through Lent

The FOUR LENTEN DISCIPLINES – Praying, Fasting, Alms Giving and Daily Bible Readings

Let's live Lent as People of the Resurrection.....

....following our Saviour as he takes up his cross. We repent of our sins. We live Lent knowing the end of the story. Our sins are forgiven, washed away in Jesus' blood. The promise of the empty tomb is the promise of paradise!

THE PURPOSE OF GOD *We Are Your People*

Sunday	The sheep of your pasture	Psalm 79:8-9, 13
Monday	Lost and found	Luke 15:8-10
Tuesday	Reconciled to God	2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Wednesday	The sheep of his hand	John 10:27-30
Thursday	The Gospel for all nations	Luke 24:44-48
Friday	The promise for all	Acts 2:37-41
Saturday	Save your people	Psalm 28:6-9

ANNUAL MEETING – The Parish Annual Meeting has been rescheduled for April 2nd. Organizational reports will be made available. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

GORZKIE ZALE – On Friday evening, 31 March at 7:30, St Stanislaus Cathedral will host and present the service of *Gorzkie Zale*, or *Bitter lamentations*. This service originated in the early 1700s at the church of the Holy Cross in Warsaw and has since become a cultural and religious observation of Lent unique to Polish people. It is a sung service made up of three parts representing three meditations on the Passion of Christ. The origin of the texts and music was from devotional services from the villages around Warsaw. This folk origin was fused with melodies and texts published in 1707 which marks the beginning of this Lenten devotion. English translations will be included.

TENEBRAE SINGERS – Good Friday is closer than you think! Those who will be singing for this year's Tenebrae service will have their **first meeting/rehearsal this Wednesday (15 March)** following Stations of the Cross. We will meet in Fellowship Hall when Stations have concluded. For more information please see Jack Ostroski or Peter Picerno.

SCHEDULE of READERS for STATIONS of the CROSS – YMS of R: **March 15th**; Elementary School and SOCL: **March 22nd**; Cathedral Chorale: **March 29th**; UYA: **April 5th**.

300 CLUB - WEEK 3 WINNERS – \$100.00 Carol Hurwitch; \$50.00 Frances Owcarz, Maria Wenzel; \$25.00 Henrietta Ostroski, Loretta Mikovsky, June Sarnowski, Marie Gorgol. Good Luck to all who are participating there is 7 weeks left to be a lucky winner.

THE ANS UPPER ROOM LENTEN PROGRAM – A program of meal, meditation, and melody will be conducted at the Cathedral and in the Youth Center Sunday, **Sunday, March 19th at 3:00 pm**. **Reservations are necessary**. All are welcome to participate. A freewill offering will be taken. **A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE LOWER AUDITORIUM ON THE SIDE TABLES IS PREPARED FOR RESERVATIONS.**

BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH THE EASTER BUNNY – Sponsored by Branch #1 of the YMS of R takes place **Sunday, March 26th after 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Youth Center**. Tickets are: Adults - \$8.00; Children ages 4-12 - \$3.00; Children 3 and under - free. **Please make reservations in the Parish Auditorium after 9:30 am Mass or call Frank Gerardi 570-587-3672**. There will be a *limited* number of tickets for sale at the door, so reserve yours by Thursday, March 23rd.

BREAKFAST SET-UP – will take place at **6:30 pm on Saturday, March 25th**. Any help given is much appreciated.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS – Please consider a monetary donation in memory or in honor of a loved one to adorn our altars for Easter. Checks should be made out to the ANS Flower Fund and mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office. **Deadline for donations is April 6th**. Any questions, please contact **Connie Tellep at 570-222-4409** or jtellep@nep.net.

SAVE THE DATE EVERYONE.... The Annual Bowling Tournament is being held in Wallington NJ. They are coming up with a fun filled weekend which may include a trip to New York City. Let's get out and support this great church this together. **The tournament will be May 19th and May 20th**. More details will be coming soon...

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMISSION – A reminder to all students who are attending a college or university, either part-time or full-time, now is the time to submit your stipend application for the 2016/2017 school year. Remember, one must portray the following criteria; a member who is current paying; single premium; or fully paid-up member of the PNU for at least 5 years (this does not include Social Membership). **The deadline to apply for the stipend is April 15, 2017**. The new application can be obtained from the website of the PNU (www.pnu.org) under downloadable forms. Any questions or concerns please contact *Mary Ann Stankowski, Education and Youth Commission, Chairman, EYC@pnu.org*.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **bags of rice or noodle sides** on Sunday, **March 19th** for the One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Mar 13** – Angela Ostrowski; **Mar 14** - Jean Cwynar; **Mar 16** - Wanda Duszko; **Mar 17** - Marcus Dermont; **Mar 18** - Lindsey Jenkins

FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL – **March 10th** – *Abington: Ann Kazmierczak; *Mt. View: Amelia Liska, Paulette Wincovich; *Wayne Woodlands: Ed Solosky; *St. Mary's Villa: Clara Zlotowski

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, March 13

8:30 am – sp. Carolyn Wilk Szeliga
by Roger Szeliga

Tuesday, March 14

8:30 am – Elementary School Mass

Wednesday, March 15

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Thursday, March 16

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, March 17

8:30 am – Elementary School Mass

Saturday, March 18

8:00 am – Mass of the day

FRIENDS RECOVERING AT HOME – Ralph Crispino, Jean Cwynar, Joann Edwards, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Mark Matylewicz, Chester Nezelkewicz, Stanley (Ozzie) Ocwieja, Art Schmidt Jr., Ann Seig, Donna Shouten, Ann Stets, Mary Szajna, Wendell Williams, Bob Zychal. Please pray for them.

