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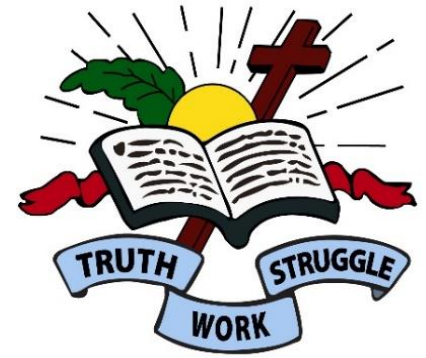
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Solemnity – Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church

A Festival Thought

Christ calls us to serve Him, now and forever. And to help make this possible, He gave us the great gift of the Polish National Catholic Church, the anniversary of the founding of which we commemorate today.

About Today's Bible Readings

Wisdom 5:1-5

The wicked are overwhelmed and amazed at the power and the glory of the righteous one.

Responsorial Psalm:

9:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, 10-11

R. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice before him; with trembling pay homage to him.

1 Timothy 4:1-5

Saint Paul cautions us to beware of those who try to tell us to disobey the Lord, for all things made by Him are good and pleasing to the soul.

John: 12:1-7

The branches are us, the people of God, called together as the body of Christ, His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. If we remain faithful to Him, we will bear good fruit to the Glory of His Holy Name.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 23:1-3, 5

V. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You Lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name.

R. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TRACT – Psalm 31:2

V. In You, Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

R. In Your justice deliver me.

THE GOSPEL – John 12:1-7

“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 everyone 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

Today March 12th

SOLEMNITY

The Institution of the Polish
National Catholic Church

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Daylight Saving Time begins at
2:00AM today. Don't forget to
set your clocks ahead one
hour!

Wednesday March 15th

Stations of the Cross

7:00PM

Lenten Meal preceding at

6:00 PM

(No charge, free will donations
accepted)

Sunday March 19th

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Wednesday March 22nd

Stations of the Cross

7:00PM

Lenten Meal preceding at

6:00 PM

(No charge, free will donations
accepted)

Saturday March 25th

Lenten Penitential Service

7:00 PM

Sunday March 26th

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passion Sunday

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Jeannine Dresh, Amanda Dresh, Brianne Dresh, Bonnie Sue Pilot, Lisha Rowe, Lorah Zawoski, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Brunson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk., Terry Leatherman, Jackie Weinhold, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Cindy Golowski, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Jerry Butto, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel and Laura Alfano. **Our Father...**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 13th; The first meeting of the Picnic Committee will be held in the library at 7:00 PM. I encourage all to attend to prepare for the Annual Parish Polish Picnic.

Tuesday, March 14th; The YMS of R will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. I encourage all of the men of the parish to attend and to join if you are not already members.

Thursday, March 16th; There will be a combined Book Club and ANS Meeting at 6:30PM. Pizza will be served.

Saturday, March 25th; Lenten Penitential Service at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, March 26th; The YMS of R will be holding one of its famous egg sandwich sales after each Mass. Don't miss out on this tasty treat.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 28th, 29th, 30th; The Annual Workshop of the National Mission and Evangelism Commission of the PNCC will be held here, at Saint Stephen the Martyr. Registration is free. More info to follow soon. I hope that many of you will attend and welcome our brothers and sisters from around the country.

Saturday, May 6th; We will be holding a Mother's Day Craft Event from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM with outside vendors offering their wares. For this to be successful, we need to get the word out to the community. Please spread the word to all you come in contact with. Flyers are on the table in the vestibule. Please contact Cheryl Weinhold for more information.

Friday and Saturday, May 19th & 20th; The National SAMBS (Ladies Adoration Society) Convention will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville Connecticut. Please pray for our sisters as they meet and plan for the future of the ANS. Contact Cheryl Weinhold for more information.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross every week leading up to Holy Week. This will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM. I hope that everyone will plan on participating in at least two of these gatherings and that you will urge your families, friends and neighbors to attend as well. This is a beautiful and moving form of worship and it helps to focus our thoughts and prayers on our Lord and Savior as we reflect on His Passion and Death. I hope to see many of you there. And don't forget the free meal offered at 6:00 PM preceding worship.