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Third Sunday of Lent

A Sabbath Thought

We travel a dangerous road on this Lenten journey that leads to death. We must set aside our comfortable ways and take a risk by accepting the cross as a sign of life in a world of empty promises.

About Today's Bible Readings

EXODUS 20:1-17

Given by a God who brings exiles to a place of covenant, the ten commandments present an outline for our ordered life as a community of faith.

PSALM 19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

The cross is a scandal that shows God's real power in our world today.. Our self-inflated wisdom proves empty.

JOHN 2:13-25

Setting aside previous ways, Jesus ushers in a new age of worship where his body is the center of the community of faith.

ENTRANCE RITE: Deuteronomy 6:4-5, 13

V. Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

R. The Lord your God shall you fear; Him shall you serve, and by His name shall you swear.

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: Romans 8:3-4 (Recited in place of the Alleluia)

V. For what the Law, weakened by the flesh, was powerless to do, this God has done; by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for the sake of sin,

R. He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous decree of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who live not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – March 3rd

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY – March 6th

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

**Meatless Lenten Meal
will be served at 6:00 PM**

SATURDAY – March 9th

Lenten Penitential

Service

7:00 PM

SUNDAY – March 10th

Solemnity

**Institution of the Polish
National Catholic Church**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

**Daylight Saving Time
Begins!**

**Remember to set your
clocks ahead!**

WEDNESDAY – March 13th

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

**YMS of R Fish Fry will be
served at 5:45 PM**

SUNDAY – March 17th

Passion Sunday

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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weekly bulletin online at:**

[https://www.ststephenpncc.org/
bulletins-and-newsletters/](https://www.ststephenpncc.org/bulletins-and-newsletters/)

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, Nicole Dapp, Sharon Fitzwater, 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, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Larry Bagenstose, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock and Christine Mulutzie. **Our Father...**

If there are changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, March 3rd; The ANS will meet in the library after the 9:30 AM Mass.

Saturday, March 9th; Lenten Penitential Service at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, March 10th; YMS of R Egg Sandwich Sale in the Fellowship Hall after each Mass, \$5.00 each. Kielbasa and Pierogis for sale also! Please see the Flyer on the table in the vestibule for more details.

Sunday, March 17th; The Parrish Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Thursday, March 21st; The Book Club will meet in the library at 7:00 PM.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

LENTEN WORSHIP BOOKLET

The Lenten Worship Booklets are on the table in the vestibule. Please take one and refer to it daily during Lent for prayers and reflections on our Lord's Passion.

PIEROGI MAKING SIGNUP SHEET

Pierogi Signup sheets are on the table in the vestibule. We are starting early this year in order to avoid the last minute rush in preparing food for the Annual Picnic in August. Help is need on each of the designated days. If you can volunteer to help it would be most appreciated. No experience is necessary. We will teach you how.

WEDNESDAY FREE MEALS DURING LENT

There will be free meatless meals offered each Wednesday during Lent, before Stations of the Cross. A Flyer detailing the offerings as well as some other offers is available on the table in the vestibule near the Bulletins. On the reverse side is a request for a head count for the Fish Fry sponsored by the YMS of R on March 13th as well as on order form for takeout orders. If you are planning to attend the Fish Fry, please fill out the form and return it to Tom Schalata or Fr. Sr. Donald no later than March 6th.

23rd ANNUAL MISSION AND EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

The 23rd Annual Mission and Evangelism Workshop of the PNCC will be held this year at Saint Barbara's Parish in Houtzdale, PA, April 12th through April 14th. Flyers are on the table in the vestibule. See Fr. Sr. Donald for more information.
