

# St. Mary's

## Polish National Catholic Church

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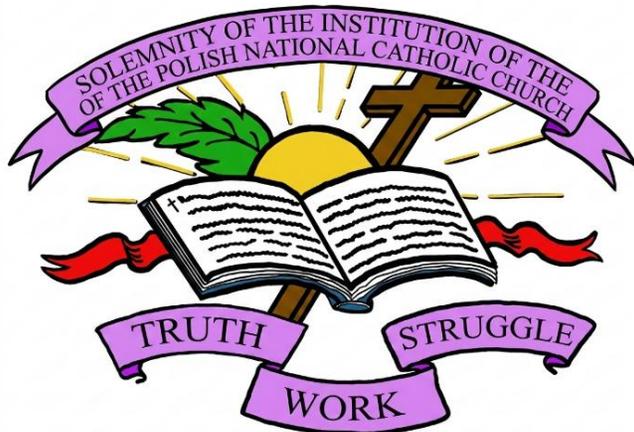
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## Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC



### March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

9am: Robert (Bob) Bernacki (5<sup>th</sup> Anv.) of. by Jo Orlowski & Deb Wilson

Readings: Wisdom 5:1-5; 1 Timothy 4:1-5; John 15:1-7

Lector – Bob Samelson

Greeter – Cathy Avondet

Collectors – Pete Moritz & Gene Stepanik

- Coffee Hour & SOCL take place after 9am Mass

#### Welcome

Welcome to all parishioners and visitors this day. Please enjoy Holy Mass and consider coming downstairs for coffee hour afterward. For our visitors, it is wonderful to have you, be it the first or fifth or fifteenth time worshipping with us. If you have not done so quite yet, we would love to get to know you better- Please fill out the yellow cards found at each pew and drop in the collection basket –thank you for being with us!

#### Sacraments

The Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) acknowledges 7 Sacraments, available to the faithful. Communion is distributed by intinction, that is, the Body of Christ is dipped into the Blood of Christ and placed directly on the communicant's tongue. Penance is imparted generally at the beginning of each Mass; the Word of God is experienced as well. Should you desire private confession, please see a priest.

Discuss Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony with Fr. Jason.

#### The Week Ahead

##### MONDAY, March 9<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm – Choir Rehearsal

##### TUESDAY, March 10<sup>th</sup>

8pm – Diocesan Word of God Study Class 5

##### WEDNESDAY, March 11<sup>th</sup>

4pm – Food Ministry served in the parking lot

##### THURSDAY, March 12<sup>th</sup>

6-8pm – Women's AA Meets

##### FRIDAY, March 13<sup>th</sup>

9am – Holy Mass of the Day – Roderic, P., M. & Solomon, M.

6pm – Bitter Lamentations (Setting 2)

6pm – Polish School Meets

##### SATURDAY, March 14<sup>th</sup>

10am-11:30am – Adult Polish School meets

8pm - AA meets

##### SUNDAY, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

9am: Joan Spilka of. by husband John Spilka

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Lector – Natalie Soltysiak

Greeter – Katie Repede

Collectors – Pete O'Connor & John Kasperczyk

- Baptism of Clover takes place during 9am Holy Mass
- Coffee Hour & SOCL take place after 9am Mass
- Parish Committee Meets following Coffee Hour

#### Announcements

CANON – Today, and for the month of March, we use the 3<sup>rd</sup> Eucharistic Prayer on p. 84, the Canon of St. Basil.

INSTITUTION OF THE PNCC – As mandated by the Polish National Catholic Church, we celebrate each 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of March the Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC. This honors the first Mass celebrated on

the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of March, 1897, in what is regarded as the beginning of the PNCC. We note that today is a celebratory day, a pause from the Lenten Season, where the celebrant wears white, the Alleluia and the Gloria return, and the music is not of a Lenten lean. This Lenten pause occurs on other days as well- for many, St. Patrick's Day (3-17), St. Joseph's Day (3-19), and the Solemnity of the Annunciation (3-25). Like any Lenten Sunday, it technically is permissible to break your Lenten Fast, as it is a day of the Lord...but who doesn't like a challenge, right?

**MISSION CROSS** – The Mission Team, as every Lent, has raised the prayer cross in the corner of the church near the votive candles. We encourage you to use it as an opportunity to practice the first Lenten Disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Envelopes, papers, and pencils are on the nearby sill to offer your prayer to be pinned on the cross. All prayers will remain anonymous and be offered up to our Lord at the conclusion of Lent.

**PASTOR AWAY** – Fr. Jason is away visiting family for the first half of this week, leaving right after Sunday Mass. Fr. Jim will also be away attending a funeral for the father of seminarian Cleric Joel Smith. Please note the adjust schedule for the week.

**NEWSLETTERS** – For the month of March have been emailed, placed in your parish mailboxes and will shortly be in the U.S. Mail. As always, looking for content and/or content suggestions from our faithful.

**THANK YOU** – To all who were a part of yesterday's Lenten Retreat here at St. Mary's. We enjoyed a late morning and early afternoon of companionship, prayer, and learning...as well as some delicious food to partake in! Special appreciation to our prep and clean-up crew, bakers

**ELEVATIONS** - On March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, seminarians Cleric Joel Smith, Cleric David Dudzinski, and Cleric Todd Godwin will be ordained to the diaconate at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA.

**SCHOLARS CONFERENCE** – The PNCC Scholars Conference will be April 18, 2026 in Scranton, PA and online. If you would like further info, please contact Rev. Father Jim Ploskonka of the History and Archives commission at 216.650.5596

| <b>UPCOMING</b>                         |
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| Mar 13 – Bitter Lamentations (2)        |
| Mar 15 – Baptism of Clover              |
| Mar 15 – Parish Comm. Meets             |
| Mar 19-Ordinations (Scranton, PA)       |
| Mar 20- Stations of the Cross           |
| Mar 27- Bitter Lamentations (3)         |
| Apr 5 – Easter Sunday                   |
| Apr 8-9- Nat'l Liturgy Mtgs (Fr. J)     |
| Apr 11 – Hall Rental                    |
| Apr 18- Scholar's Conference            |
| May 3- 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Sunday |
| May 11-13-PNC-RC Dialogue (Stl)         |
| May 15-17- Nat'l Bowling Tourn.         |
| May 18-20- Clergy Conference            |
| May 29-31- M & E Conf (MA)              |
| June 17-20- Men's Retreat (PA)          |
| Aug 3-7- Youth Convo (NH)               |
| Aug 22 – Nat'l Golf Tourn. (PA)         |
| Sep 28-30- General Synod (NH)           |

**YOUTH CONVO/RETREAT**— The 2026 PNCC Youth Convo/Retreat takes place in Jaffrey, NH August 3-7. Fr. Jason and Brady plan on attending—if any children from the parish are interested, please speak to Fr. Jason, as we must plan early for this travel.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** – Take place this coming Friday and the rest of the Fridays during Lent – see schedule for more information.

**LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION** –We are collecting on behalf of our Food Ministry as well as the Parma Hunger Center, located at Parma Lutheran. We are partnering with the Polish National Alliance spring program “Roll Away the Stone of Hunger”. For next Sunday, March 15, please bring veggies & fruits: applesauce, individually-wrapped items, canned items, pop-top cans, etc.

*Prayer List*

**Please pray for these St. Mary's parishioners, family and friends:**

|                           |                   |                   |
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| Helen Cummings            | Shannon Alberino  | Tom Pietka        |
| Bill Kastak               | Marty Bengela     | Jay Jurczyk       |
| Johanna Markiewicz        | Sage McLane       | Jim Lukas         |
| Bill & Pat Glatzer        | Wanda Clark       | Shyanna Tiller    |
| Dave Tuma                 | Carl Neutzling    | Marilyn Girard    |
| Lew & Margaret Heifner    | Ron Ference       | Jo Orłowski       |
| Andy Cannizzaro           | Millie Dominik    | Kim Kolens        |
| Jack Spilka & John Spilka | Nicole McGivern   | Elaine Repede     |
| Steve & Astrid Wisniewski | Jane Walo         | Josephine Ference |
| Sue Penney                | Beth Chihill      | Bob Kaczmarek     |
| Michelle Ostrowski        | Jane Hunter       | Joe Litto         |
| Jay Grabowsky             | George Bennett    | Kenny Mach        |
| Patrick & Jennifer Kmitt  | Gail Perz         | Bill Zychowski    |
| Jeff Dreger               | Amanda Monyak     | Paulette Lilli    |
| Cherise Pacanovsky        | Loretta Baldwin   | Cecelia Hall      |
| George Makovicka          | Judy Alexin       | Louise Moritz     |
| James & Bobbi Moss        | Cathy Pieciak     | Kenneth Parks     |
| George & Rose Ann Ziefle  | Sheri Sefcik      | Jeffery Kirchner  |
| Rich Dombrowski           | Bryson Dzuoff     | Diane Black       |
| Esther Stepanik           | Stephanie Milla   | Mike Paulus       |
| Kathleen Sobocinski       | Caroline O'Connor | Linda Marks       |
| Linda & Rick Duffy        | Kim Penney        | Greg Banaszak     |
| Chris Avondet             | Tammy Knotek      | John Beno         |

**AND ALL OTHERS!**

**Bless them, O Lord.**

**Pobłogosław im, O Boże**