



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT PASSION SUNDAY

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

KEY VERSE: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her" (v.7).

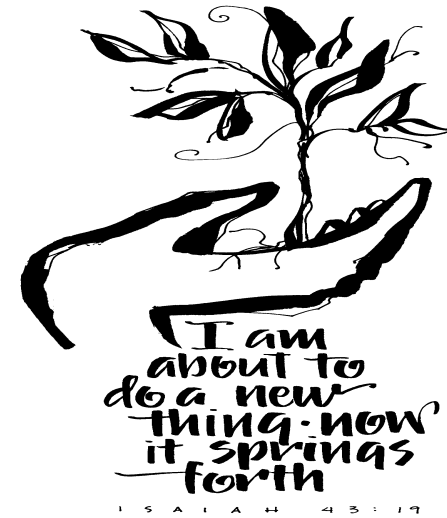
READING: Idolatry, murder and adultery were considered the three gravest sins, and each was punishable by death. The law stated that both the adulterer and the adulteress "shall be put to death" (Lv 20:10). The scribes and the Pharisees tried to entrap Jesus by bringing a woman caught in adultery to him, and asking him what should be done with her. Jesus was caught in a dilemma. If he pardoned her it might appear as if he condoned her sin and had no regard for the law of Moses. To condemn her would put him in opposition to Roman law that did not allow Jews to administer capital punishment. Jesus bent over and wrote in the sand. The Greek word used was "katagraphein," which meant to write down something against a person. Perhaps Jesus wrote the sins of the religious leaders. The woman's accusers were unable to bring themselves to admit their own guilt. Beginning with the elders, they slowly drifted away. St. Augustine said, "There remained a great misery and a great pity for the sinner from the sinless one." Although Jesus passed no judgment on the woman, he sent her away to start a new life free from sin.

REFLECTING: Am I quick to judge the faults of others?

PRAYING: Lord Jesus, thank you for setting me free from my sins.

How much I am willing to sacrifice is the measure of my love

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March 21, 2010

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OPENING HYMN "Cross of Compassion" Bulletin
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 INTROIT 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

P: So whoever is in Christ is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

R: And all this is from God, Who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

P: Lord for us Your wounds were suffered.

R: O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

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OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 126

L: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel Acclamations.

C: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

R: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

C: With all your heart turn to me; for I am tender and compassionate.

R: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel John 8:1-11

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GENERAL INTERCESSION

R: Lord, Hear our Prayer

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CLOSING HYMN "Lord Forgive" Bulletin

"Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful. For He knows how we are formed, remember that we are dust.

Psalm 103:8,13-14



Night at the Races

Saturday, February 13, 2010

Holy Family Parish Auditorium

1921 Eden Park Boulevard McKeesport, Pa.

Doors open at 6 P.M.

Post Time at 7:00 P.M.

Tickets \$10.00

Soda and Beer Included - BYOB and/or sn:

Food will be available at reasonable prices

Chinese Auction

Reservations call Ted Gibala @ 412.678.7347

Makes reservations early, limited tickets will be sold.



Looking for Haiti Raffle Ticket Winner

The winning ticket number is 711. The winner will receive an autographed Steeler Jersey.

Please check your tickets. Please call Frank Pociask @724.861.0759 if you have won

Proceeds benefit the Haitian Relief Fund under

the auspices of Brothers Brother Foundation of Pittsburgh. The YMSR Men's Club thanks all who participated in this special raffle.

Old Palms

Old blessed palms can be brought to Church and placed in the special designated receptacle in the Church Vestibule for proper disposal. Thank You.

MASS of CHRISM

We are privileged to host the 2010 Mass of Chrism in our Parish on Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00 P.M. the Mass of Chrism is where the Bishops of our diocese and Priests celebrate together and the Holy Oils that are used throughout the sacramental year are blessed. Following Holy Mass a small reception hosted by the SAMBS will be held. Baked good donations are being asked for the Chrism Mass reception. Come and witness this beautiful liturgical service and invite your friends to be in attendance so our Church will be filled. Those desiring a special anointing will be asked to remain after Mass and will be anointed.





Pisanki & Palm Decorating Next Saturday
Class will begin at 2:00 P.M. under the
tutelage of Bozina Kijowski. Join in the fun.



Easter Flowers

Help celebrate the Resurrection by the
Beautifying of our altars with Easter Flowers.
Please make an offering toward the flower
fund this year. Envelopes are in the Narthex



Palm Sunday Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt Next Sunday.

Donation: Adult \$10.00, Child \$5.00. For catering purposes,
reservations are requested. Please call Rosemary Pociask @
724.861.0759 or Karen Bongiorno @ 412.754.1411. (*There is only
one Mass scheduled on Palm Sunday.*) Children should register for
the Easter Egg Hunt with their SOCL Teachers or Youth Ministry
Coordinators, Gary Coddington, Barb Tadajski or Jean Crouch.
Today is the last day to make reservations.



TODAY
SAMBS BAKE SALE
between Sunday Masses,
in the parish auditorium.

Pierogi Sale March 26th

Wednesday Evening, beginning at 6-8 PM; Initial Prep, we need
extra help to replace workers who can not be there. **Thursday**,
beginning at 7 AM-more Prep and Orders; **Friday**, beginning at 7
AM, pierogi making and cooking. Order pick-up at 3:00 PM. Help
is needed all days please call Steffi @ 412.672.5403 to volunteer.

Holy Thursday's Foot Washing

*Volunteers are being asked to represent the Apostles
during Holy Thursday's Foot Washing Service. We
need twelve people. Please contact Fr. Bruce.
This is an honor and privilege.*



Opening Hymn: "Cross of Compassion"

Cross of compassion, Cross of salvation
Cross of all wisdom, Cross of love
(He who would seek thee, love Thee and know Thee
He shall find guidance, from above.)

Cross of contrition, Cross of redemption
Cross of all victory Cross of gain
(We would come near Thee, there rest our burden
and share our sorrow, grief and pain.)



Closing Hymn: "Lord Forgive"

Refrain: Lord forgive us when we fail Thee,
Lord forgive when we betray Thee, Lord forgive.

On the cross for the sins of man, our Lord was crucified.
On the cross, 'mid great pain and suffering He bled and died

From the cross, filled with mercy, our dear Lord looked down on
us.

From the cross, torn with sorrow, yet He would forgive us.

To the cross, all our love and hope we trust on Calvary.
To the cross, we would give our life, our hearts, our all to Thee.

THEME: My Future Optimism

“Remember not the events of the past. See I am doing something new!” The prophet Isaiah warns us not to engage to useless daydreaming about the past but to reflect on what God is doing now. Too often we take nostalgic trips down memory lane. That is not what God wants His children to do. By looking back to how it was hinders progress and stagnates what God is doing now. Once again we are invited to scrutinize our lives on the progress we have made. Paul looked at his past life and declared it as loss in the light of the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ. Since Paul had been rescued by a merciful God, he had the courage to push on to what lay ahead, like a runner racing to grasp the prize. Although he had not reached the finish line, he had unshakable faith that Christ would be with him to the end.

There are always those who are eager to point out our past failures. Such were those who accused a woman caught in the act of adultery. Jesus refused to condemn her and challenged her accusers to take a careful look at their own sins. One by one they drifted away. It is easy to condemn them for their actions, but often, we too deny our sinful behavior. We need to stand before Christ, look into His merciful eyes, and accept His command, “Go and avoid sin.” Then the psalmist can announce to the assembly, “The Lord has done great things for us.” This is what Lent is all about and what an opportunity we have to recognize the mercy of God that is present for us when we see our faults and repent. As a believer, we must avoid pointing fingers at others and look deep within ourselves first.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Blue Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	C. Trumpe	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	L. Adamek & F. Pociask	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

<u>Next Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Red Team
Greeter	M. Sleczkowski
Ushers	YMSR
Acolytes	All Servers



This Week

Sunday, March 21, 2010

Lent 5

Passion Sunday

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+ <u>Agnes Zajdel</u> Int Mr. & Mrs. T. Gibala; + <u>Tom Tondera</u> Int of Kay Tondera; + <u>Josephine Kijowski</u> & + <u>Wladyslaw Barczyk</u> Int Becker and Kijowski Family.	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
School of Christian Living	10:15 A.M.
YMSR Men Club Meeting	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

Monday, March 22, 2010

Annunciation Bell Choir	7:00 P.M.
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Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Bitter Lamentations	7:00 P.M.
Chopin Choir Rehearsal following Lamentations	

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Annunciation of BVM

Holy Mass	10:00 A.M.
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Friday, March 26, 2010

Stations of the Cross	7:00 P.M.
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Saturday, March 27, 2010

Pisanki & Palm Decorating Class	2:00 P.M.
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Sunday, March 28, 2010

Palm Sunday

Procession and Distribution of Palms

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
Palm Sunday Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt following Holy Mass	

Palm Sunday Procession

Parish Children & SOCL Students are asked to meet 15 minutes before Mass in the hall. The Choir and SAMBS are to meet in the vestibule and will be processed prior to Mass to their positions. All Acolytes and Sacristans are requested to participate next Sunday during Mass and Procession.