

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

**KEY VERSE:** "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up" (v 20).

**READING:** The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of worship and sacrifice for the Jews, the visible sign of God's presence among the people. When Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast, he was angered by the profane use of the Temple. The animals sold for sacrifice were driven out, and the tables used by the money changers for collecting the Temple tax were overturned. In the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) the cleansing of the Temple is placed toward the end of their gospels during the last days of Jesus' life. For these writers, this act was the key factor in Jesus being arrested and put to death (Mt 21:12-13; Mk 11:15-18; Lk 19:45-48). John placed the cleansing of the Temple near the beginning of his gospel, at the start of Jesus' ministry. Like the Maccabees warriors, Jesus came to purify the Temple to make it a suitable place for worship (1 Mc 4:37-59). The old institutions must give way to the new. Jesus supplants them with the new covenant of God's grace and love. The Temple in Jerusalem, destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE, would be replaced by the "new Temple of God," the risen body of Jesus Christ in the Church.

**REFLECTING:** Am I willing to speak and act against injustice no matter what it may cost?

**PRAYING:** Lord Jesus, help me to show reverence and respect in your Father's House. Lord,



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OPENING HYMN	“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	Bulletin
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INTROIT		Deuteronomy 6:4-5, 13
P:	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.	
<b>R:</b>	<b>The Lord your God shall you fear; Him shall you serve, and by His name you shall swear.</b>	
P:	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,	
<b>R:</b>	<b>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end.</b>	
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First Reading		Exodus 20:1-17
Responsorial Psalm		Psalm 19
<b>L:</b>	Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.	
<b>R:</b>	<b>Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.</b>	
Second Reading		1 Corinthians 1:22-25
Gospel Acclamations.		
C:	Glory and praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ.	
<b>R:</b>	<b>Glory and praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ.</b>	
C:	God loved the world so much, He gave us His only-begotten Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life.	
<b>R:</b>	<b>Glory and praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ.</b>	
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“Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the Law.”

Romans 13:8

### PTO Sarris Easter Candy Sale

The annual Easter Candy sale has begun. Order forms are available in the bookrack in the Church Narthex. All orders must be returned by March 22<sup>nd</sup> to Carolyn Popovic, Janet Griffiths or Debbie Parknavy. The proceeds help the SOCL and Youth Programming of our parish.

### Holy Trinity Parish, McKees Rocks, Pa.

“One Voice”, Pittsburgh’s premiere Christian vocal ensemble will perform their 2009 Lenten musical program in Holy Trinity PNCC Church, 200 Grace Street, McKees Rocks-Stowe Township on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. A free will offering will be taken with a light reception to follow. For more information call 412.760.4558.

### Upcoming Events

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Youth Stations of the Cross. SOCL students will be walking the road with Jesus to Calvary and reading the meditations of the crucifixion at 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, between Masses, the SAMBS will be holding their annual Bake Sale.

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, the annual “Pisanki” Easter Egg Decorating and Palm Weaving Classes at 3:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, the annual Palm Sunday Breakfast will be held after the 9:00 A.M. Mass (*only one Mass will be celebrated that Sunday*) hosted by the PTO and SOCL Parents. Donations are \$10.00 Adult and \$5.00 Child. For catering purposes, reservations must be given, please call Rosemary Pociask @724.861.0759 or Karen Bongiorno @ 412.754.1411.



**God loves us the way we are,  
but too much to let us stay that way.**



### **Old Palms**

A box is place in the Church Vestibule for all old palms from last year. Please bring your old palms branches to Church so they may be properly disposed since they have been blessed. Do not throw your old palms in the trash but bring them to Church.

### **Easter Flowers**

Memorial Easter Flower Envelopes are now available in the Church Book Rack in the Narthex. Please make your donations early towards this year's Easter Flower Decorations. Thank You.

### **United Choirs Cantata News**

The United Choir of the Southern Deanery will be performing the cantata "Once Upon a Tree" on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M. in Washington, Pa. Singers are needed. Rehearsals: March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2:30 P.M. Carnegie; March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 P.M. Washington; April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 P.M. Washington; April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 P.M. (Dress Rehearsal) Washington. For more information call 724.2585.

### **Passion Play Today at 2:00 P.M.**

The TriCounty Institute Teen Chorale will perform the passion play "Why Must He Die" in Holy Family at 2:00 P.M. Why Must He Die?" is a meditation through music, drama and liturgical dance on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This is a unique passion play using a play within a play. There is no charge for the performance, but a free will offering will be taken. Let us fill our Church. Bring the whole family and your friends. This is a wonderful passion which will inspire us during our Lenten pilgrimage. We thank the SAMBS and YMSR in co-sponsoring this Lenten performance. A small reception will follow the play. A request for baked good for the reception is being asked. Please call Barb Tadjski @ 412.751.2284.

### **Cemetery Grass Cutting Volunteer Meeting**

A short meeting will be conducted after the 9:00 A.M. Mass next Sunday with all the volunteers who maintain the parish cemeteries during the grass growing season. New volunteers are always encouraged and welcomed. Please offer your services this year to help save our parish cemetery expenses. Thank You.

### **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain, I count but lost,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my Lord.  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

Where the whole realm of nature mine  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.



### **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.)

**THEME: Not being a slave or prisoner of sin.**

When Jesus spoke about slavery and being a prisoner, He was speaking about our tendency to allow ourselves to be bound by sin. Even though God has called us each by our name, somehow and in some way, we forget our identity and allow ourselves to be a prisoner or slave to our sins. But we must remember something. God has spelled out the conditions of our relationship with Him and has called us to become His chosen ones.

God is faithful and delivered us from the slavery of our sins. He freed us from our prisons. We owe obedience to God. We must not worship the gods we made by our hands or paid for by our money. What we must do is honor the God that made us. We must keep holy the Sabbath and all the days that God sanctifies. Giving honor to our parents brings more rewards than any treasure. Killing, stealing, infidelity, lying, and cheating bring other penalties.

As we continue our pilgrimage during Lent, may we not miss the wisdom that God gives to us. We are the temples of God. May our temples not house pride, arrogance, greed and selfishness. They must be torn down. In their places, must be love, charity, sacrifice and brotherhood. Jesus will show us the way, since He is the Way. Jesus will give us the truth, since He is the Truth. He will give us the life since Jesus is the Life.

Let us free ourselves from slavery, free ourselves from our prison and grab the freedom offered by Jesus, who our Father in heaven gave as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. By His cross, we have been saved, if we just choose.

**Sunday Ministry Schedules**

<b><u>This Week</u></b>	9:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
Lectors	Yellow Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	B. Kijowski	S. Kish
Ushers	N. Rushnock & J Chornak	T. Zaucha
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers
<b><u>Next Week</u></b>	9:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
Lectors	Blue Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	H. Albeck	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	T. Tomco & G. Jagan	T. Zaucha
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

**This Week**

<b><u>Sunday, March 15, 2009</u></b>	<b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b>
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+Josephine Kijowski (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann) Int Mr. & Mrs. John Gasda; +Vilma Pernick Int Mr. & Mrs. John Wagner	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
Coffee Hour	10:15 A.M.
SOCL	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:30 A.M.
TriCounty Passion Play	2.00 P.M.
Lajkoniki Rehearsal -Seniors Girls Only	6:00 P.M.

**Monday, March 16, 2009**

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.
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**Wednesday, March 18, 2009**

Gorzkie Zale	7:00 P.M.
Joint worship with St Mary of Czestochowa Parish in Holy Family.	
Chopin Choir Rehearsal	8:00 P.M.

**Thursday, March 19, 2009**

Parish Council Meeting	7:30 P.M.
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**Friday, March 20, 2009**

Stations of the Cross	7:00 P.M.
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**Saturday, March 21, 2009**

First Communion Class	10:00 A.M.
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**Sunday, March 22, 2009**

<b>4th Sunday in Lent</b>	
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+Agnes Zajdel Int Mr. & Mrs. Ted Gibala; +John Pasternak Int Mr. & Mrs. Richard Contrella; +Tom Tondera Int Kay Tondera	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
Coffee Hour	10:15 A.M.
SOCL	10:15 A.M.
Cemetery Meeting	10:30 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:30 A.M.