

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(2 Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23;
Psalm 137; Ephesians 2:4-10);
John 4:14-21

KEY VERSE: "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (v 17).

READING: It is essential for our Christian belief to know that God's love for every created thing was the motivation to send the Son to redeem the world. It was not out of condemnation of the world, but to deliver it from all that is immoral and destructive. John used the theme of light and darkness throughout his gospel to show the radical difference between salvation in Christ and the workings of evil. The light of the Spirit penetrates the human heart and exposes all the darkness within. Each individual is offered a choice to respond or turn away from the grace of God. Rejecting God's love brings condemnation upon oneself. Each person is responsible for his or her own choices.

REFLECTING: Do I help enlighten those who are in the darkness of sin?

PRAYING: Light of Christ, illuminate my soul and eradicate any darkness that may be found within me.



Attend Lenten Devotions

Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday

All parish organizations and faithful are asked to sign-up for the Vigil before the Sacrament held from noon to 8:00 p.m. on Good Friday. Registration sheet is in the narthex. Parish organizations are requested to fill their normal time slots:

SAMBS: 12 to 3 – PTO/Lectors/SOCL: 4 to 6 – YMSR: 6 to 8 pm

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Walk
in the
Light
of the
LORD

see John 3:19-21

4th Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2009

Change of address or phone number, for parish registration, hospital visitations and sacramental needs, baptism and wedding arrangements, please contact the Parish Office by calling 412.276.5562 or 412.678.0566. **Office Hours:** Tuesdays & Fridays 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Evenings by appointment. **Bulletin announcements** should be received by Father by Wednesday for Sunday publication either by phone or E-mail at BSleczkowski@aol.com

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OPENING HYMN	“Lord Forgive”	Bulletin
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P:	For when the dire venom of beasts came upon them and they were dying from the bite of crooked serpents, Your anger endured not to the end. But as a warning, for a short time they were terrorized, though they has a sign of salvation.	
R:	For he who turned toward it was saved, not by what he saw but by You, the Savior of all.	
P:	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.	
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OPENING PRAYER		
LITURGY OF THE WORD		
First Reading	2 Chronicles 36: 14-17, 19-23	
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 137	
L:	Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget You!	
R:	Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget You!	
Second Reading	Ephesians 2:4-10	
Gospel Acclamations.		
C:	Glory and praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ.	
R:	Glory and praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ.	
C:	God loved the world so much, He gave us His only-begotten Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life.	
R:	Glory and praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ.	
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CLOSING HYMN	“Lift High the Cross”	Bulletin

“And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”
John 12:32

Youth Stations of the Cross

Youth Stations of the Cross by our SOCL students who will be walking the road to Calvary with Jesus and praying the meditations of the crucifixion at 7:00 P.M. this Friday. Join them on their journey and discover the love of God who forgives.

Palm Sunday Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

On Sunday, April 5th, a 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 are a must. Deadline is April 1st. Reservation forms are available in Narthex or call Rosemary Pociask @724.861.0759 or Karen Bongiorno @ 412.754.1411. During the breakfast, an Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny will take for children Pre-school through Grade 6. Please note that if not attending the breakfast but your child will participate in the Easter Egg Hunt, please inform the co-chairs.

“Pisanki” Easter Egg Decorating and Palm Weaving Classes

At 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 4th, in the parish hall, Barbara Tadajski and Bozina Kijowski will teach us how to decorate the beautiful “Pisanki” (Easter Egg) and the art of Palm Weaving. This is open to everyone and yes you can invite friends. To insure enough eggs and decorating supplies will be available, please call Barbara Tadajski @412.751.2284 to let you know you plan to attend.

Please note: We have mailed the Easter Schedules to all our parishioners, if you have not received the mailing, we do not have your address. Please contact the parish office to update your address.



Old Palms

A box is placed 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 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 19th at 4:00 P.M. in Washington, Pa. Rehearsals: Carnegie; March 29th @ 3:00 P.M. Washington; April 5th @ 3:00 P.M. Washington; April 17th @ 7:00 P.M. (Dress Rehearsal) Washington. For more information call 724.2585.

Cemetery Grass Cutting Volunteer Meeting

A short meeting will be conducted after the 9:00 A.M. Mass Today 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.

PTO Sarris Easter Candy Sale

Today is the last day for ordering Easter Candy. Order forms are available in the bookrack in the Church Narthex. All orders must be returned to Carolyn Popovic, Janice 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 29th 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.

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.



Lift High the Cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come Christians follow where the Master trod, our King
Victorious, Christ the Son of God.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the
Hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Each new born foll'wer of the Crucified bears
On the brow the seal of him who died.

So shall our song of triumph ever be praise
To the Crucified for victory.

THEME: What healing do I need?

Sin alienates us from God, displaces us from His presence. In our memories are the many instances of God’s fidelity, reminding us through messengers warning us over and over about the dangers of our sins. God delivered us up, because of His mercy. Through God’s love, we are brought to life when we were dead to sin. With Jesus, we are raised up to heavenly places.

Jesus reminds us that it is due to God’s love that the world was saved. Moses gave us a glimpse of what this means. In their wandering through the desert, many people were bit by poisonous snakes and they cried to be saved. God told Moses to put a bronze replica of the snake on a staff and hold it up to all to see. Those who looked at the staff were healed. When we look upon the cross of Jesus, we know that we can be saved though His suffering and death, if we keep His words and follow His commands. We do have a choice. We can turn toward the darkness of sin or turn to the light of Jesus’ love where there is truly a healing. My suggestion is to lift high the cross.

We are half way through the Lenten season. We must not forget that this is the time of listening to God’s call. We should make that extra effort to attend the Lenten devotions, daily personal prayer and meditation, not to forget the alms required to continue good works. Looking at the cross should remind and lifting it high in our lives will reflect our Christian Catholic identity as the disciples we have been called to be. Let us not waste the opportunity.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	9:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
Lectors	Blue Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	H. Albeck	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	T. Tomco & G. Jugan	T. Zaucha
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers
 <u>Next Week</u>	 9:00 A.M.	 11:30 A.M.
Lectors	Yellow Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	M. Krusienski	S. Kish
Ushers	S. Tadjski & K. Maglicco	D. Piesik
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

This Week

<u>Sunday, March 22, 2009</u>	4th Sunday in Lent
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+ <u>Agnes Zajdel</u> Int Mr. & Mrs. Ted Gibala; + <u>John Pasternak</u> Int Mr. & Mrs. Richard Contrella; + <u>Tom Tondera</u> 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.
Lajkoniki Rehearsal	Juniors 6:00 P.M.; Senior Ladies 6:45 P.M.

Monday, March 23, 2009

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.
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Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Gorzkie Zale	7:00 P.M.
Chopin Choir Rehearsal	8:00 P.M.

Friday, March 27, 2009

Youth Stations of the Cross	7:00 P.M.
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Saturday, March 28, 2009

First Communion Class	10:00 A.M.
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Sunday, March 29, 2009

Passion Sunday	
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+ <u>Irene Ruposky</u> Int Friends from the Parish; + <u>Josephine Niedziwiecki</u> Int Mrs. Stella Bryla;	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
Coffee Hour	10:15 A.M.
SAMBS Bake Sale	10:15 A.M.
SOCL	10:15 A.M.
YMSR Meeting	10:30 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:30 A.M.
Lajkoniki Rehearsal	Juniors 6:00 P.M.; Seniors 7:00 P.M.

BAKE SALE NEXT SUNDAY BETWEEN MASSES