



**PASSION SUNDAY
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

(Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33)

KEY VERSE: "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself" (v 32).

READING: As Jesus' public ministry drew to a close, many refused to believe in him despite the many signs that pointed to God's revelation in him. Some Gentiles ("Greeks") come to the disciples requesting to "see Jesus" (v 21). The "hour" (v 23) of Jesus' glorification had come in which people from all nations would believe in him. Jesus told his followers that the way to everlasting life was paradoxically through death. He made the comparison of a seemingly lifeless grain of wheat, which when buried in the earth, came to life and bore fruit. Anyone who wished to serve Jesus must be willing to imitate him, even to the point of giving up one's life. Jesus was stirred to the depths as he envisioned his own immolation. But he did not retreat from his goal to give glory to God. When Jesus was "lifted up from the earth" (v.32), all people would be drawn by God's love manifested to the earth by the sign of the cross.

REFLECTING: Am I willing to sacrifice my attachment to the world in order to serve Jesus?

PRAYING: I adore you O Christ and I worship you, because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

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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5th Sunday in Lent
Passion Sunday
March 29, 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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P: Do me justice, O God and fight my fight against a faithless people; from deceitful and impious men rescue me.		
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P: Lord for us Your wounds were suffered.		
R: O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.		
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First Reading		Jeremiah 31:31-34
Responsorial Psalm		Psalm 51
L: Create a clean heart in me, O God.		
R: Create a clean heart in me, O God.		
Second Reading		Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel Acclamations.		
C: Glory and praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ.		
R: Glory and praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ.		
C: If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord: and where I am, my servants will also be.		
R: Glory and praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ.		
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“And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”
John 12:32

Pisanki” Easter Egg Decorating and Palm Weaving Classes

Next 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 us 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.

Palm Sunday and Easter Processions

The children of the SOCL and First Communion Classes are asked to process during the Palm Sunday and Easter celebrations. Please assemble in the parish hall 15 minutes before the scheduled Mass. Parents, please make every effort to encourage your child.

Cemetery News

Spring is here and we will begin cutting the grass in our cemeteries. The cemetery workers request that all Christmas Wreaths be removed before April 3rd. Thank You.



CPR & AED Training-Thursday, April 23, 2009 @ 6:00 P.M. \$5.00 processing fee for Certification. Dr. Dariusz Wolman will be the instructor. This is open to all people in the parish and community.

First Holy Communion, Sunday May 3rd during 9:00 A.M. There will be only one Mass celebrated that Sunday.

SAMBS SubCentral Meeting, May 3rd. More information will be available

Golf Outing, June 7th, Butlers Golf Course \$80; 8:00 A.M. Tee Off. There will be a special golfers Mass Saturday at 5:00 P.M. to meet Sunday obligations.



Bake Sale Today

The SAMBS will be holding their annual Pre- Easter Bake Sale between Masses. Come and buy some delicious home made baked good and enjoy the talents of our men and women who love to bake.

“Once Upon A Tree”

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: Washington; April 5th @3:00 P.M. Washington; April 17th @ 7:00 P.M. (Dress Rehearsal) Washington. For more information call 724.2585.

Pierogi Sale this Week

We need help this week to make our pierogies. If you can give some time on Thursday and/or Friday, it would be greatly appreciated. We thank all the helpers in the past and always welcome new help to make this parish fundraiser a success.

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 today 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.



Palm Sunday Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

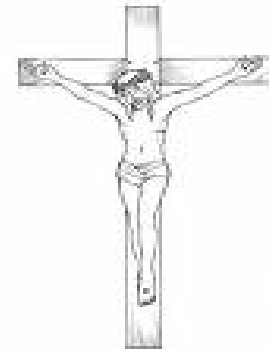
Next Sunday, we will have our annual Palm Sunday Breakfast be after the 9:00 A.M. Mass (*only one Mass will be celebrated next week*) hosted by the PTO and SOCL Parents. Donations are \$10.00 Adult and \$5.00 Child. For catering purposes, reservations are a must. Deadline is April 1st. Reservation forms 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.

People My People

People my people, how have I betrayed Thee?
How have I grieved Thee, how could I have failed Thee?
For I have saved thee from the might of Pharaoh
But now you lead me to the cross to suffer.

People my people, how have I betrayed Thee?
How have I grieved Thee, how could I have failed Thee?
For I have raised Thee over ev’ry nation
Now you would have me bear shame and crucifixion



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.

THEME: Can I transform my life?

During our earthly pilgrimage here on earth, we see many transformations. A classic transformation is the caterpillar. A caterpillar in a cocoon seems to be dead. Something happens though. A butterfly comes forth, looking nothing like the old caterpillar. Something even more wonderful happens when we commit ourselves to Jesus. The stone heart become a heart of loving humanity. With a new relationship with Jesus, we understand and know our sacred partnership with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, something that cannot be taught. We pray, "against you alone have I sinned and done evil in your sight," Then we continue with the plea, "Wash me from my guilt; of sin cleanse me."

Jesus knows us. He knows we can be wishy-washy with our faith. He knows that we can become lazy in our worship. After all, Jesus shared the same human nature we have. He was one of us. He shared life's joy and tears. We hear on this Passion Sunday something very interesting. For the Christian National Catholic, death is a metamorphosis, a dying and rising, not to a better life, but to eternal life. The new life that emerges from the tomb on Easter is even more beautiful than the butterfly. We can share this, because Jesus said so, but we must work at it though living our faith, not conforming to this world, but transforming the world. This means living our faith is number one priority for us. If we do this, not only will we grow spiritually, but our parish will grow physically because others will see and want to be a part of us. They will see our beautiful metamorphosis.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	9:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
Lectors	Yellow Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	M. Krusienski	S. Kish
Ushers	S. Tadajski & K. Maglicco	D. Piesik
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

<u>Next Week</u>	9:00 A.M.
Lectors	Blue Team
Greeters	J. Gibala & C. Trumpe
Ushers	YMSR
Acolytes	All Servers

This Week

<u>Sunday, March 29, 2009</u>	Passion Sunday
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+Irene Ruposky Int Friends from the Parish; +Josephine Niedziwiecki 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.

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.
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Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Bitter Lamentations	7:00 P.M.
Chopin Choir Rehearsal	8:00 P.M.

Friday, April 3, 2009

Stations of the Cross	7:00 P.M.
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Saturday, April 4, 2009

First Communion Class	10:00 A.M.
Monthly Confessions	11:00 A.M.
Easter Egg Decorating/Pisanki Class	3:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 5, 2009

	Palm Sunday
<u>SAMBS Mission Collection</u>	
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+Vilma Pernick (1 st Ann.) Int Mr. & Mrs. Ken Stubock; +Sherry Krusienski (3rd Ann.) Int Mrs. Martha Krusienski	
Palm Sunday Breakfast/Children Easter Egg Hunt	10:30 A.M.
No 11:30 A.M. Mass next Sunday	

Flowers on the side altar are in memory of Irene Ruposky given by daughter Dorothy Donahue