



Holy Family Parish Polish National Catholic Church



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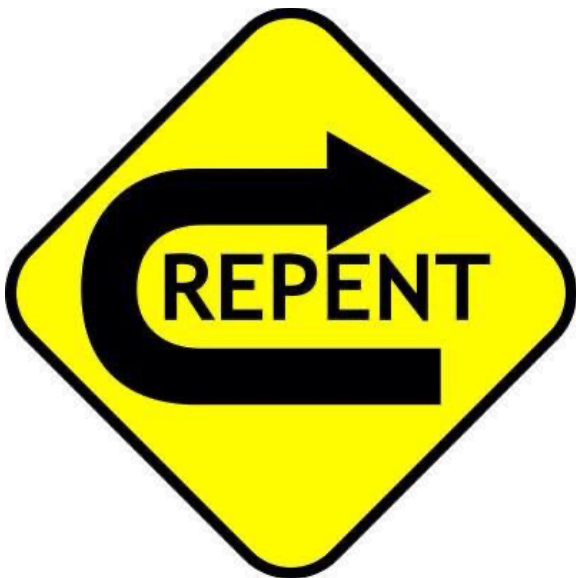
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OPENING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (verses 1, 2, 3) – PNCC #113

ENTRANCE HYMN (Habakkuk 3:17a,18; Isaiah 3:10)

C. For though the fig tree blossom not, nor fruit be on the vines, yet will I rejoice in the Lord and exult in my saving God.

R. Happy the just, for it will be well with them, the fruit of their works they will eat.

C. 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. Amen.

FIRST READING

EX 3:1-8A, 13-15

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, “I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned.” When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, “Moses! Moses!” He answered, “Here I am.” God said, “Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,” he continued, “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob.” Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey.”

Moses said to God, “But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ if they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what am I to tell them?” God replied, “I am who am.” Then he added, “This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you.” God spoke further to Moses, “Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills,

He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.

He has made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 COR 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

MT 4:17

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

GOSPEL

LK 13:1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will

all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them — do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'" The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pelka, Anna Dryfik, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli, Helene Tylor, Richard Tomkovitz, Meredith Straw, Colleen Kortz, Lori Tomko, Charles Koczera, Marlene Koczera, John Razukiewicz, Vicki Griffiths, Kiersten Donahoe, Rose Marie Korch, Renata Woś, Roberta Wagner, Lucas Etzel, Kellie Gates, Bishop John Mack, Bishop Paul Sobiechowski, Nate Lennon, Luca Milbower, Karyn Muse, Joyce Haber, Blair Lloyd, Justice Coddington, Martin Carney, Kathy Guy, Veronica Campbell, Cindy Puchka, Wendy Blotzer, Gail Coddington, Gladys Bacco, Lani Knabenschuh, Ted Gibala, Joy Kotulsky.

CLOSING HYMN

Cross of Compassion (verses 1, 2, 3) – PNCC #110

FAITH SHARING

All three of today's readings speak of God the Father's mercy and compassion, even in disciplining His children by occasional punishment in the form of natural or manmade tragedies, while giving them second chances to repent of their sins and renew their lives.

The first reading tells us how God showed His mercy to His chosen people in Egyptian slavery by giving them Moses as their leader and liberator.

In the second reading Paul reminds the Christians of Corinth that they must learn from the sad experience of the unfaithful Israelites in the desert who were punished for their sins by a merciful and just God.

Today's Gospel explains how God disciplines His people and invites them to repent of their sins, to renew their lives, and to produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Citing two tragic events, Jesus exhorts the Jews to repent and reform their lives. With the parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus also warns them that the merciful God will not put up with them indefinitely. Although God

patiently waits for sinners to repent, giving them grace to do so, He will not wait forever. Time may run out; therefore, timely repentance is necessary.

LIFE MESSAGES

We never know when we will meet a tragedy of our own. Let us turn to Christ, acknowledge our faults and failings, and receive from him mercy, forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. There is no better way to take these words of Jesus to heart than to go to sacramental confession during Lent. Repentance helps us in life and in death. It helps us to live as forgiven people and helps us to face death without fear.

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

3/23/2025 Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence	4/20/2025 Joe Parknavy, Shawn Davis
3/30/2025 Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski	4/27/2025 Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence
4/06/2025 Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong	5/04/2025 Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski
4/13/2025 Don Newcamp, George Jobes	

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST – APRIL 13, AFTER 9:00 AM MASS

To make reservations complete the form available in the narthex. Return form to Rosemary Pociask or call (724) 861-0759. Reservation deadline - April 6. 12 years-Adult \$20, Children (4-11) \$10, (3 & under) Free, SOCL Free.

PNA LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Polish National Alliance Council 305 runs “Roll away the Stone of Hunger!”- Lenten Food Drive, to be donated to local Food Bank, beginning Ash Wednesday till Passion Sunday. All donations can be stored in the Narthex.



SPRING CRAFT SHOW

The Spring Craft Show will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 10:00am - 3:00pm.

If you would like to donate any baked goods for our baked goods table, you can bring them down on Friday, March 28, from 10:00am -

5:00pm, or the morning of the show. Baked goods will be most helpful. Polish food, drinks, and baked goods will be available for purchase the day of the show.

Also, if anyone would like to donate drinks to be sold during the event, that would be greatly appreciated. Cash donations are always appreciated to help defray the costs of the meat and produce.

We will need help Friday, March 28, between 10:00am - 5:00pm with prep work. Any questions, please call Kristen Korenoski --- 412-848-9215.



LENTEN LAMENTATIONS – GORZKIE ŻALE

Today and the next Sunday at 3:00 PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Each Friday in Lent at 7:00 PM.

Friday, March 28 (service led by father Mariusz)

Friday, April 4 (service led by SAMBS)

Friday, April 11 (service led by both Choirs)

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday



POTATO PIEROGI SALE - SATURDAY, APRIL 2025.

Holy Family will once again be holding a potato pierogi sale on Saturday, April 5 with preparation beginning at 9 AM on Friday, April 4.

Orders for potato pierogies will be taken TODAY, MARCH 23, in the church narthex or by calling 412/751-0106 on MONDAY, MARCH 24 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9 AM AND 1 PM. There will be a 2 dozen per person limit. Prices are \$15 per dozen or \$13 per dozen for volunteers.

Pick up will be SATURDAY, APRIL 5th between 3 PM AND 5 PM.

As always, your help is needed from preparation to clean up on Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5. Any amount of time you can give would be appreciated!

Come join us in carrying on this Polish culinary tradition and sharing in Christian fellowship by volunteering in this program.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Burlikowski @ 412.398-0162.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Special Lenten Penitential Service will be held on **Friday, April 11, after Stations at 7:00 PM**. Plan on attending and make this year truly a Great Lent. Let us prepare for Easter. You can also schedule the individual confession or spiritual counseling at any time.



MASS OF CHRISM

Mass of Chrism and Spring Clergy Conference of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese will be hosted this year at Holy Trinity Parish in McKees Rocks on April 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to participate.

HOLY FAMILY FLEA MARKET – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our Parish will be organizing the flea market in our social hall on **Saturday, May 3, 2025** and **Sunday, May 4, 2025**. Donations will be accepted beginning **Monday, April 21, 2025**. Items not allowed: clothing & shoes (unless brand new with tags), bedding, furniture, personal items, books, video tapes, CD's (vinyl records are ok), prohibited by the law.

EASTER EGG DECORATING WORKSHOP - UPDATE

We cordially invite you to the Easter egg decorating workshop, which will take place on **Sunday, March 30, after the Holy Mass** in the social hall. Some materials will be provided. The workshop will be led by Barbara, Bożena and Izabela.



Let's keep this beautiful Eastern European tradition alive and let's have fun together!

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 23, 2025 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Josephine Kijowski (17th Anniversary of Death) – requested by Dee Dee Eagan

3:00 PM – Bitter Lamentations (Gorzkie Żale)

Monday, March 24, 2025 – Weekday

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – Solemnity – Annunciation of the BVM

7:00 PM – Holy Mass

† Bronisław Korus – requested by Henrietta & Terry Kleckner

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 – Weekday

Thursday, March 27, 2025 – Weekday

Friday, March 28, 2025 – Weekday

Saturday, March 29, 2025 – Weekday

Sunday, March 30, 2025 – 4th Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Bronisław Korus – requested by Chopin Choir and Bell Annunciation Choir

4/06/25 Su 10:00 AM Passion Sunday

† Helen Popovic (4th Anniversary of Death) – requested by Sons and their Families

4/13/25 Su 9:00 AM Palm Sunday

† Barbara Hall (28th Anniversary of Death) – requested by Terry & Henrietta Kleckner

4/17/25 Su 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday

For All Bishops, Priests and Deacons of our Church

4/18/25 Su 3:00 PM Good Friday

4/19/25 Su 7:00 PM Holy Saturday

OPEN

4/20/25 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Resurrection of the Lord

For All Parishioners



Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

9:00 AM Holy Mass with Palms blessing, Procession and The Lord's Passion (the old rite).
Breakfast will follow the Mass.

Holy Monday, April 14, 2025

10:00 AM Decorating of the church for the Holy Week.

Holy Tuesday, April 15, 2025

6:00 PM Mass of Chrism at Holy Trinity Parish (McKees Rocks, PA)

Holy Wednesday, April 16, 2025

6:00 PM Holy Hour, Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity to individual Confession.

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025

7:00 PM Commemoration of the Institution of the Eucharist, Reception of the newly blessed Holy Oils, Last Supper Mass with the feet washing ceremony (Mandatum), Procession to the Altar of Repose, Adoration (church open till 10:00PM)

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Good Friday Liturgy (contemporary rite): The Lord's Passion, Adoration of the Holy Cross, Holy Communion, Procession and the Opening of the Symbolic Grave (church will stay open, come and pray any time).

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

12:00 PM Blessing of the Easter Baskets

7:00 PM Easter Vigil Liturgy, the Blessing of the New Fire, the Blessing of the Paschal Candle and Holy Water, Exultet, Vigil Mass (contemporary rite).
Blessing of the Easter Baskets will follow the Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

10:00 AM Resurrection Procession and the Resurrection Mass.