



# Holy Family Parish Polish National Catholic Church



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## OPENING HYMN

### The Holy City (choir)

## ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 24:9-10; Traditional)

C. Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters; Who is the King of glory? He is God, the mighty Lord.

**R. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You Who has come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.**

C. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

**R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.**

## FIRST READING

IS 50:4-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me;

they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:

“He relied on the Lord; let him deliver him,

let him rescue him, if he loves him.”

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Indeed, many dogs surround me,

a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;

they have pierced my hands and my feet;

I can count all my bones.

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

They divide my garments among them,

and for my vesture they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, be not far from me;

O my help, hasten to aid me.

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:

“You who fear the Lord, praise him;

all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;

revere him, all you descendants of Israel!”

**SECOND READING****PHIL 2:6-11**

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

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****PHIL 2:8-9**

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**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST****LK 23:1-49**

*(J-Jesus, N-Narrator, P-Pilate or Individual Speaker, C-Crowd)*

**N.** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**N.** The elders of the people, chief priests and scribes, arose and brought Jesus before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying,

**C.** **We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king.**

**N.** Pilate asked him,

**P.** Are you the king of the Jews?

**J.** You say so.

**N.** Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds,

**P.** I find this man not guilty.

**N.** But they were adamant and said,

**C.** **He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here.**

**N.** On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave no answer.

The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them,

**P.** You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.

But all together they shouted out,

**C. Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us.**

**N.** Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder.

Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting,

**C. Crucify him! Crucify him!**

**N.** Pilate addressed them a third time,

**P.** What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.

**N.** With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed.

The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished.

As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenean, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said,

**J.** Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children. For indeed, the days are coming when people will say, “Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.” At that time people will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!” For if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?

**N.** Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said,

**J.** Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.

**N.** They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said.

**C. He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.**

**N.** Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out,

**C. If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.**

**N.** Above him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.”

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,

**P.** Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.

**N.** The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,

**P.** Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.

**N.** Then he said,

**P.** Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**N.** He replied to him,

**J.** Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

**N.** It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

**J.** Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

**N.** And when he had said this he breathed his last.

*(Here all kneel and pause for a short time.)*

**N.** The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said,

**P.** This man was innocent beyond doubt.

**N.** When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events. 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, Michael Gdovic, Carol Burlikowski, Annamarie Points, Connor DiBernardo.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** – PNCC #113

## **FAITH SHARING**

The Church celebrates today the Palm Sunday. This is the time of year when we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our

redemption and salvation. Today's first reading, like the other three, foreshadows Jesus' own life and mission. The Second Reading is an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early Christian understanding of who Jesus is, and of how his mission saves us from sin and death.

The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception Jesus received from his admirers, who paraded with him for a distance of the two miles between the Mount of Olives and the city of Jerusalem. In the second part of today's Gospel, we listen to/participate in a reading of the Passion of Christ according to Luke. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story – like Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus.

Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. Do I welcome Jesus into my heart? Am I ready to surrender my life to Jesus during this Holy Week and welcome him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Savior?

### **USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION**

4/13/2025 Don Newcamp, George Jobs

4/27/2025 Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence

4/20/2025 Joe Parknavy, Shawn Davis

5/04/2025 Frank Pociask, Stan Tadjajski

### **PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST – TODAY, AFTER MASS**

12 years-Adult \$20, Children (4-11) \$10, (3 & under) Free, SOCL Free.

### **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.

### **THE LIVING TREE**

Two new leaves added to The Living Tree. The inscriptions read:

In Loving Memory of Our Mom Jane Contrella

In Loving Memory of Our Dad Dick Contrella

Donor: The Contrella Family

**KOLACHE COOKIES SALE**

Fr. Miro, famous in Pittsburgh Polish “dancing priest” is also known as an excellent baker and cook. Fr. Miro taught Fr. Mariusz how to make traditional Slovak kolache cookies. The classes went long so they baked together over 60 dozen. This is Fr. Miro’s gift for our Parish, that can benefit our budget. All kolache are for sale this Sunday, during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. Walnut, apricot and prune available. You must try it. They are delicious! \$15.00 per dozen.

**CEMETERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Spring is coming and the grass is growing in our parish cemetery. I ask that ALL ground level artificial decorations be removed by the end of April and taken home for storage or disposal as we no longer offer refuse removal. All decorations removed last year are behind the maintenance shed and are available for pick up. Any decorations remaining there will be discarded.

Please do not use the dirt bin for the disposal as it contaminates the topsoil. Artificial decorations that are placed on the monuments are encouraged as it really helps the grounds crew mission. Live planted flowers are fine and add to the beauty of our “church expectant”. Flowers will be removed when overtaken by weeds. Again we could use any assistance (even a few hours a season) as we are getting older and fewer in numbers. Please contact me at 412-610-1943 if there are any questions. Thank you.



*Tom Popovic, Cemetery Coordinator*

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday**

**9:00 AM – Holy Mass**

- † Barbara Hall (28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death) – requested by Terry & Henrietta Kleckner
- † Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Tarli – requested by Bob, Cindy, Diane and Archie
- † Zbigniew Peřka (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death)

**Monday, April 14, 2025 – Holy Monday**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – Holy Tuesday**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2025 – Holy Wednesday**

**Thursday, April 17, 2025 –Maundy Thursday**

**7:00 PM – Holy Mass**

For All Bishops, Priests and Deacons of our Church

**Friday, April 18, 2025 – Good Friday**

**3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross, Good Friday Liturgy**

**Saturday, April 19, 2025 –Holy Saturday**

**7:00 PM – Easter Vigil Liturgy and Easter Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, April 20, 2025 – Solemnity – Resurrection of the Lord**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass**

For All Parishioners

**4/27/25 Su 10:00 AM Second Easter Sunday**  
 † Joan Kotulsky (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Death), Marcia Doering (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Death) – requested by Kotulsky Family

**5/04/25 Su 10:00 AM Third Easter Sunday**  
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**5/11/25 Su 10:00 AM Fourth Easter Sunday**  
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**5/18/25 Su 10:00 AM Fifth Easter Sunday**  
 † Helen Balawajder – requested by Bob & Janet Yonek



**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.