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## OPENING HYMN

**Hymn of Faith** (verses 1, 2, 4) – PNCC #1

## ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 23: 1-3, 5)

C. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name.

**R. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

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.**

## READING 1

## 2 CHR 36:14-16, 19-23

A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles.

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost Sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!" The Word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PS 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6.

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept  
when we remembered Zion.

On the aspens of that land

we hung up our harps.

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

For there our captors asked of us  
the lyrics of our songs,

And our despoilers urged us to be joyous:

“Sing for us the songs of Zion!”

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

How could we sing a song of the LORD  
in a foreign land?

If I forget you, Jerusalem,

may my right hand be forgotten!

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

## **READING**

## **2 EPH 2:4-10**

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians. Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. The Word of the Lord.

## **VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

## **JN 3:16**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

## **GOSPEL**

## **JN 3:14-21**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not

be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. The Gospel of the Lord.

## **PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES**

Hudson Tutko, Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Johanna Pardoe, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pelka, Bronisław Korus, Ewa Nowak, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Rosalie Clark, Joan Kotulsky, Karyn Muse, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli, Helene Tylor, Peter Mantzaris, Richard Tomkovitz, Terry Kleckner, Meredith Straw, Kamil Dudała.

**Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Father Mariusz will visit them with the Holy Communion.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**Through the Years** (verses 1, 2, 3) – PNCC # 2

## **FAITH SHARING**

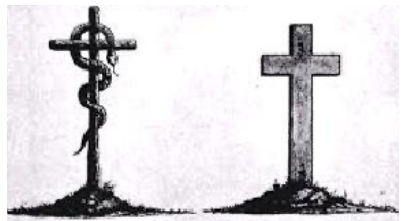
The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Lætare* (Rejoice) Sunday, from the first words of today's liturgy. A rose-colored vestment may replace violet, symbolizing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of Our Lord. However, as you noticed, the vestment color is white today, because the anniversary of the founding of the PNCC is celebrated on the second Sunday in March.

The central theme of today's readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus, His Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness, and grace extended to us in Christ.

In the first reading, taken from the Second Book of Chronicles, we see the compassion and patience of God. God chose Cyrus the Great, a pagan conqueror, to become the instrument of His mercy to, and salvation of, His chosen people exiled in Babylon.

In the second reading, Paul tells us that God is so rich in mercy that He has granted us eternal salvation and eternal life as a free gift through Christ Jesus.

Today's Gospel provides a theme that parallels the Gospel, but on a much higher level. Jesus, the Son of God, becomes the agent of God's salvation, not just for one sinful nation but for the sinfulness of the whole world. The Gospel teaches us that God has expressed His love, mercy, and



compassion for us by giving His Only Son for our salvation. Nicodemus, the wealthy Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, meets Jesus by night and

begins a long religious discussion. Jesus explains to him that he must believe Jesus' words because Jesus is the Son of God. Then, by referring to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent, Jesus further explains God's plan of salvation. Just as God saved the victims of serpent bite from death through the bronze serpent, He is going to save mankind from its sins by permitting the crucifixion and death of His Son Jesus, because the love of God for mankind is that great.

### LIFE MESSAGE

We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: As a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us to more than simple generosity and compassion. It inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Therefore, let us love the cross, wear its image, and carry our own daily cross with joy, while helping other to carry their heavier crosses.



Our rebirth by water and the Spirit must be an ongoing process. That is, we must lead a life of repentance and conversion which will bring us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us, to an ongoing renewal of life through prayer, adoration, Bible reading, frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist, and doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.



### SAMBS MEETINGS AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Mar 10, 2024; Apr 7, 2024; May 12, 2024

### USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

<u>Sunday, March 10</u>	Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski
<u>Sunday, March 17</u>	Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong
<u>Sunday, March 24</u>	Don Newcamp, George Jobs
<u>Sunday, March 31</u>	Joe Parknavy, Ed Goralczyk



### SPRING CRAFT SHOW

The Spring Craft Show will be on **Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**. We will be preparing on Friday, April 19, 2024 from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. We will need help starting the week of Sunday, April 7, 2024 to start setting the tables, organizing the Chinese Auction Baskets. and pulling down all the supplies.

## MASS OF CHRISM

Mass of Chrism and Spring Clergy Conference of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese will be hosted this year at Holy Trinity Parish (Woodlawn, NY) on March 26, 2024.



## NATIONAL MISSION & EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

National Mission & Evangelism Workshop will be on **April 12-14<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Barbara Parish, Houtzdale, PA**. All pastors and the laity representatives from each parish are encouraged to attend.



## PNA FOOD DRIVE

PNA Lodge P132 is collecting non-perishable food items for Intersection Food Pantry in McKeesport. They are mainly in need of cereals, soups and spaghetti sauce. The collection is from Ash Wednesday through March 17<sup>th</sup>.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Each Friday** during Lent **7:00 PM**.

Friday, March 15 (service led by both Choirs)

Friday, March 22 (service led by Parish Committee)

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday, outdoor Stations (if good weather)



## LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Special Lenten Penitential Service will be held on **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## A WALK THROUGH LITURGY

Liturgical classes *A Walk through Liturgy* will be held on **Tuesdays at 5:30PM** during Lent and Easter Season.

These classes are addressed to the Altar

Servers, Lectors, and everybody else who wants to learn of what we do, how we do and why we do things during liturgy.

**This coming Tuesday, March 12, classes are cancelled.** My apology. Unforeseen important appointment.



## YMSR MEETING

Gentlemen are invited for the meeting on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> following Mass.

## EASTER EGG DECORATING WORKSHOP

We cordially invite you to the Easter egg decorating workshop, which will take place on **Sunday, March 17, after the Holy Mass** in the auditorium. All 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!

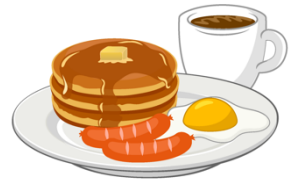


## PAĆZKI (DONUTS) SALE

Our choirs are hosting another paczki sale **today, March 10<sup>th</sup>**, after Mass. Enjoy Oakmont Bakery paczki and coffee for just \$5.

## PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST – MARCH 24, AFTER 9 AM MASS

To make reservations please complete the form available in the narthex after each Sunday Mass or contact **Rosemary (724-861-0759)** or **Janis (724-765-4269)**. Reservation deadline: Sunday, March 17. Adults \$17, Children (4-11) \$9, (3 & under) Free, SOCL Free.



## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, March 10, 2024** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent / Institution of the PNCC

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass**

† Kenneth Kost – requested by Alexa Foster & Karyn Muse

† Mildred Koltulsky – requested by her children

**Monday, March 11, 2024** – Weekday

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024** – Weekday

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024** – Weekday

**Thursday, March 14, 2024** – Weekday

**Friday, March 15, 2024** – Weekday

**Saturday, March 16, 2024** – Weekday

**Sunday, March 17, 2024** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent / Passion Sunday

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass**

† Dennis Grantz (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Death) – requested by wife Elaine Grantz

† Helen Korch (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death) – requested by Janet Korch

**3/19/24 Tu 10:00 AM Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**

Mass for all men of the Holy Family Parish

**3/24/24 Su 10:00 AM Palm Sunday**

OPEN

**3/28/24 Su 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday**

For Fr. Bruce, Fr. Mariusz and all clergy of our Church

3/30/24 Su  
OPEN

7:00 PM

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday**, March 24, 2024

9:00 AM

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

**Holy Tuesday**, March 26, 2024

Mass of Chrism and Spring Clergy Conference at Holy Trinity Parish (Woodlawn, NY)

**Holy Wednesday**, March 27, 2024

6:00 PM

Holy Hour, Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity to individual Confession.

**Maundy Thursday**, March 28, 2024

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**, March 29, 2024

3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross (outdoor), 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).

7:00 PM

Bitter Lamentations

**Holy Saturday**, March 30, 2024

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**, March 31, 2024

10:00 AM

Resurrection Procession and the Resurrection Mass.