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**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 22, 2020**

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**Continuing our Discipleship**

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT MASS LITURGY

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C: Lead out the people who are blind though they have eyes, who are deaf though they have ears. Let all the nations gather together, let the people assemble.	
R: Pay attention to this, foolish and senseless people who have eyes and see not, who have ears and hear not. Should you not fear Me, says the Lord, should you not tremble before Me?	
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.	

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### LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading	1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 23
R: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.	
Second Reading	Ephesians 5: 8-14
Lenten Acclamations.	John 8: 12
L: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.	
R: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.	
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Gospel	John 9: 1-41

### SACRAMENT OF THE WORD

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**Opening Hymn: “Shepherd of Souls”**

CC Hymnal #447

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless, Your chosen pilgrim flock  
With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone, but by your word of grace  
In strength of which we travel on, To our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart,  
Savior abide with us and spread your table in our hearts.

Lord, sup with us in love divine; Your body and Your blood  
That living bread, that heav’nly wine, be our immortal food.



**Closing Hymn: “Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior”**

PNNC Hymnal #90 verses 1,2, & 5

Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior  
Lamb of God so wont to suffer.  
You did bear Your heavy cross in anguish  
For the sins in which all men would languish.

Weep, O man, in His sad station,  
How He suffers degradation.  
Jesus, Jesus, on the cross is dying,  
Sunlight’s brilliance now in darkness lying.

At the end, His side is pierced too,  
Blood and water, rushing, flow through.  
Let a flood of tears this day flow from us,  
Jesus, Jesus, please have mercy on us.

## **This Week**

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**

**Lent 4**

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+**Agnes Zajdel** Int. Ted & Jan Gibala; + **Joseph & Jane**

**Parknavy** Int. Janet Ghetian

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

**Sunday, March 29, 2020**

**Passion Sunday**

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

All Lenten Devotions and Bible Classes will be cancelled until further notice. This is the decision of our Prime Bishop and our Diocesan Bishop. Holy Mass will still continue to be celebrated. Included in this bulletin are two letters from Prime Bishop Mikovsky regarding the Church's current state of affairs concerning COVID-19 and a list of National Events that are cancelled. We will also cancel the annual Palm Sunday Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt, the March 29<sup>th</sup> Pisanki decorating and the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Pierogi Sale. We are to cancel all events until May. Our parish service projects will still continue. The most important advice as your pastor is not to panic. We have had other such health concerns confronting our nation in the past and we survived. This too will pass. Follow the proper hygiene recommendations and if you feel under the weather, limit your contact with others. This is the time to trust in the Lord, have full faith in Him and know that we are all in His care and protection.

**LOVE LIFE**  
**LIVE**  **LENT**  
**TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD**

**Please Note:** Due to the present situation in the country, the daffodils ordered will not be able to be delivered. Judy Waskowicz will contact all donors with an update.



### **Today's Sunday Ministry**

**9:00 A.M.**

Greeter: M. Sleczkowski  
Lectors: Red Team  
Ushers: G. Jobs & J. Lawrence

**11:00 A.M.**

A. Fioravanti, H. Zaucha  
B. Zaucha  
J. Wagner

### **Next Sunday Ministries**

**9:00 A.M.**

Greeter: C. Trumpe  
Lectors: Yellow Team  
Ushers: L. Ruoizzi & T. Gibala

**11:00 A.M.**

A. Fioravanti, H. Zaucha  
B. Zaucha  
J. Wagner

*The youth will still be making Easter Baskets for our shut-ins again this year. If you have a person in mind, that you would like to see receive a basket filled with Easter food, please contact Patty Bagshaw @ 412.953.5123. You will be responsible for the delivery.*

### **2019 Fair Share**

For those who would like a copy of their 2019 Fair Share offerings for tax purposes, please contact Fr. Bruce @ 412.276.5562 or email bsleczkowski@aol.com



**Old Station of the Cross books are available. Take one home to continue your Lenten journey while we are asked to remain home.**

## Fourth Sunday in Lent Word Search

S	R	E	N	N	I	S	L	E	T
S	E	D	E	V	O	U	T	H	S
P	E	I	R	T	R	O	H	R	T
I	S	L	A	S	A	R	G	E	N
T	E	H	P	O	R	P	I	S	E
T	A	S	P	I	A	A	S	T	R
L	H	G	I	S	C	O	P	O	A
E	O	U	T	I	P	S	I	R	P
E	V	E	I	L	E	B	I	E	S
E	D	N	I	L	B	L	N	D	I

BLIND      SPAT      PASTE  
 SPITTLE    SIGHT      RESTORED  
 PROPHET   PARENTS   DISCIPLES  
 SINNERS    DEVOUT     BELIEVE



### Easter Altar Flower Donations

Don't forget to make your Easter Flower donations this year.

Special memorial envelopes for Easter Flowers donations can be found in the Church Narthex.

Please take one and fill out. Check

can be made out to the Holy Family Ladies SAMBS organization.

### Homemade Chocolate Easter Egg Sale

The SAMB Ladies have made various varieties of ½ lb. Milk Chocolate & Dark Chocolate Easter Eggs for sale. Price is \$10.00. Eggs will be sold after Masses in the vestibule. These are great Easter gifts to our family and friends as well as supporting a worthy organization.

## Parish Service Projects

There are three ongoing community service projects going on this Lenten Season: **Witness Bags** filled with toiletries by the Youth; **Food Drive**: “Roll Away the Stone of Hunger” by PNU Branch 132 and **Clothing Drive** headed by Dave Kost to be distributed to the homeless. Choose the one that interests you as we reach out into our communities as we feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Easter Sunday begins in darkness. While it is still dark, the women go to the tomb. They do not expect a resurrection. They are prepared to anoint a dead body.

But reality has more in store for them than they know – rolled back rocks, empty tombs, angels, appearances of the Risen One.

Resurrection cannot be predicted. It is the unfolding of light, the seeing of what was previously unseen. Even more, previously unthought. This is how hope arrives. It is not the projected desire of what we presently know and want to have more of. It is a fulfillment that only takes place through the transformation of dying. Death does not have dominion. The fullness of life has hidden passages, varieties of invitations. “Love never ends.” (1 Cor. 13:8) When we internalize the hope of resurrection, we become resurrection people. Most definitely, we create our plans and vigorously pursue them. But as we do this, we are attentive to all that is going on, to the emergence of opportunities that were not on the drafting board. Once things are set in motion, motion sets things before us that we did not see coming.

In short, we live from the future that, on one hand, we do not know but, on the other hand, we sense is right. And once it arrives, we recognize it is what we have wanted all along. The vastness of the universe as well as the intuitions of our own hearts resonates with what is unfolding before us. The river on which we journey is opening into the sea.

What is always emerging is the interdependent unity of all things. And we are servants of this reality, both humble and creative, both worshipers and partners. And fear, always a player, is no longer totally in charge. It cannot banish hope in the Ground of Love who holds us. The resurrected future is our home, asking us to make it present now.

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

**Responsorial Psalm:** 23

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5: 8-14

**Gospel:** John 9: 1-41



**KEY VERSE:** “The man went and washed, and He came home seeing.”

John 9: 7

**READING:** In the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path - ‘no evil would I fear’ as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light: it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of the light. All this is summed up in the Gospel, the marvelous story of the healing (by being ‘anointed’ with spittle) of the man born blind. Jesus is the light of the world. He not only gives sight to those who are physically blind but the light of faith to those who are spiritually blind, provided they are open.

**REFLECTION:** When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about light – true light, that defeats the blindness of sin. Again, this would have been offered to those preparing for Baptism but speaks to all of us who have been baptized, inviting us to be renewed in the light of Christ at Easter. Remember that one of the oldest titles of the newly baptized was “neophyte”, which means “newly enlightened” There is a subtle link between the readings on this Sunday.

**PRAYING:** Heavenly Father, in this life we see as in a glass, darkly. Open our eyes that we may walk with confidence along the road which leads to Your kingdom, where one day we shall see as we are seen. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

