



# Holy Family Parish National Catholic Church

1921 Eden Park Boulevard  
McKeesport, PA 15132



Office 412.678.0566; Auditorium 412.664.7009  
www.hfpncc.org info@hfpncc.org pastor@hfpncc.org  
Facebook: Holy Family National Catholic Church

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



Change of address or phone number, for parish registration, hospital visitations and sacramental needs, baptism and wedding arrangements (six months in advance), please contact the Parish Office by calling 412.678.0566. Office Hours: by appointment.

**Bulletin announcements** should be received by Wednesday for Sunday publication.

### **Parish Staff:**

Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk, Pastor 412.330.8286  
Ted Gibala, Committee Chairman 724.765.4269  
Carol Davelli, Chopin Choir Director 412.678.2368  
Wendy Blotzer, Organist, Bell Choir 412.926.6029  
David Kost, Lector Coordinator 412.519.7771  
Tom Popovic, Cemetery Coordinator 724.243.3033  
Parish Custodian 724.765.4269



## OPENING HYMN

**From Ashes to the Living Font** (verses 1, 2, 4) – Ritual Song #561

## ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 43:1-2)

C. Do me Justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people; from deceitful and impious men rescue me.

**R. For You, O God, are my strength. Why do You keep me so far away? Why must I go about in mourning, with the enemy oppressing me?**

C. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

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

## READING 1

**JER 31:31-34**

A reading from the Second Book of Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15**

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;  
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt  
and of my sin cleanse me.

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from your presence,  
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.

I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners shall return to you.

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

## **READING 2**

**HEB 5:7-9**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and Sisters: In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The Word of the Lord.

## **VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

**JN 12:26**

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

## **GOSPEL**

**JN 12:20-33**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

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 Pełka, 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**

**Again We Keep This Solemn Fast** (verses 1, 4, 5) – Ritual Song #559

## **FAITH SHARING**

Today's readings focus on the approaching death of Jesus. Just as Jesus became the "*Promised Messiah of Glory*" and the "*Conquering Son of Man*" by offering his life for others, we, too, if we would come to Heaven, must die to self by loving obedience, spending our lives in self-giving, sacrificial service.

The first reading, taken from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah, explains how God will replace the Old Covenant of Judgment with a New Covenant of Forgiveness of sins.

The second reading tells the Hebrews that it is by Jesus' suffering and death, in obedience to his Father's will, that Jesus established the New Covenant.

The Gospel hints at the inner struggle of Jesus in accepting the cup of suffering to inaugurate the New and Eternal Covenant. However, Jesus accepts the cross as his "*hour*," meaning the stepping-stone to his passion, death, Resurrection, and exaltation. Jesus also considers his "*hour*" as the way of glorifying his Heavenly Father and of being glorified by his Father. In addition, it is the way by which all people will be drawn into the saving action of God. Finally, the "lifting up" of Jesus on the cross and later into Heavenly glory by Resurrection and Ascension is the assurance of our own exaltation and glorification, provided we accept our crosses.



## **LIFE MESSAGE**

Today's Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are made possible only by the death of the self through obedience, suffering and service. Salt gives its taste by dissolving in water. A candle gives light by having its wick burned and its wax melted. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by transforming a grain of sand through a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. Let us pray that we may acquire this self-sacrificing spirit, especially during Lent.

## **YMSR MEETING**

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



## SAMBS MEETINGS

AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULE  
Apr 7, 2024;  
May 12, 2024

### USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

<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
<u>Sunday, April 7</u>	Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence
<u>Sunday, April 14</u>	Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski
<u>Sunday, April 21</u>	Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong
<u>Sunday, April 28</u>	Don Newcamp, George Jobs



### 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 extends a sincere "Thank You" to everyone for their generous response to the Lenten Food Drive. Donations will be delivered to Intersection Food Pantry this week.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Friday, March 22 (service led by Parish Committee)

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





## A WALK THROUGH LITURGY

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

## 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.

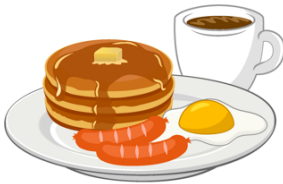
## EASTER EGG DECORATING WORKSHOP

We cordially invite you to the Easter egg decorating workshop, which will take place today, after 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!



## 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 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

**Monday, March 18, 2024** – Weekday

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024** – Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

**7:00 PM – Holy Mass**

Mass for all men of the Holy Family Parish

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024** – Weekday

**Thursday, March 21, 2024** – Weekday

**Friday, March 22, 2024** – Weekday

**Saturday, March 23, 2024** – Weekday

**Sunday, March 24, 2024** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent / Passion Sunday

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass**

† Irene Jugan – requested by Nancy & Michael Zurovcik

**3/28/24 Th 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday**  
 For Fr. Bruce, Fr. Mariusz and all clergy of our Church  
**3/30/24 St 7:00 PM Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)**  
 † Richard Contrella – requested by Rob & Debbie Hassinger  
**3/31/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity - Resurrection of our Lord**  
 For All Parishioners  
**4/7/24 Su 10:00 AM 2 Easter Sunday**  
 † Marianne Keith – requested by Natalie & Dave Kraft  
**4/14/24 Su 10:00 AM 3 Easter Sunday**  
 † Mildred Kotulsky – requested by Barbara Kostovny  
**4/21/24 Su 10:00 AM 4 Easter Sunday**  
 † Raymond Kostovny – requested by Dolores Zoretich  
**4/28/24 Su 10:00 AM 5 Easter Sunday**  
 † Bonnie Zaucha – requested by Adam Lesnicki  
**4/30/24 Tu 10:00 AM Solemnity – St. Joseph the Worker**  
 † Irene Jugan – requested by Walt Cook Family  
**5/3/24 Fr 10:00 AM Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross**  
 † Bonnie ZAucha – requested by Jim & Barbara Rippon  
**5/5/24 Su 10:00 AM 6 Easter Sunday**  
 † Laura Adamek – requested by Cathi Glanz  
**5/9/24 Th 10:00 AM Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord**  
 † George & Irene Jugan – requested by Popovic Family  
**5/19/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity - Pentecost**  
 RESERVED  
**5/26/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Holy Trinity**  
 OPEN  
**5/30/24 Th 10:00 AM Solemnity – Corpus Christi**  
 For God’s blessing for Anna Dryfik (Birthday)  
**6/2/24 Su 10:00 AM Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi**  
 OPEN  
**6/7/24 Fr 10:00 AM Solemnity – Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
 OPEN



**MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM**

**Mass for** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Date requested** \_\_\_\_\_

**Requested by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mass stipend \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to:  
 Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, 1921 Eden Park Blvd, McKeesport, PA 15132*

# 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.

