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Lent 5- Passion Sunday
April 3, 2022

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This Week

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Holy Mass

+**John Trumpe** Int. SAMBS; +**Helen Popovic** (1st Ann.) Int. Sons
and Family

SOCL Classes

Easter Pisanki Decorating

Holy Mass

Passion Sunday

9:00 A.M.

10:15 A.M.

10:15 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

Monday, April 4, 2022

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M.

Friday, April 7, 2022

Stations of the Cross

7:00 P.M.

The Annunciation Bell & Chopin Choirs will lead the meditations

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Holy Mass

Palm Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Blessing of Palms, Distribution and Procession

SAMBS Easter Egg Sale

Order forms are available in the Church Vestibule and are due March 30th and can be given to Marian Sleczkowski or in collection basket. Eggs can be picked up on Sunday, April 10th.

Ukraine Relief

The Polish National Catholic Church not only encourages prayer for the people of the Ukraine and is collecting financial donations. Our parishes in Poland are housing many Ukrainian refugees in this time of need. Please designate and make out your checks to Holy Family for the Ukraine relief and in turn the parish will send the collected donations to the National Church Center to be distributed.

Mass of Chrism

This year's Mass of Chrism will be celebrated Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 P.M. at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lilly, PA.



Easter Flower Envelopes are available in the Church Vestibule Make our worship site beautiful with spring flowers.

Pisanki-Easter Egg Decorating

Today after the 9:00 A.M. Mass, we will be decorating Easter eggs in the parish hall. This is open to everyone of all ages. Friends are also invited.



Available: PNCC Book of Prayer and Devotion are available for \$10.00 each. See Father Bruce. There is a limited supply.

Psalm 101 (the Fifth Penitential Psalm)

Hear, O Lord, my prayer: and let my cry come to Thee. Turn not away Thy face from me: in the day when I am in trouble, incline Thine ear to me. In that day soever I shall call upon Thee, hear me speedily. For my days are vanished like smoke: and my bones are grown dry like fuel for the fire. I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered: because I forgot to eat my bread. Through the voice of my groaning, my bone hath cleaved to my flesh. I am become like to a pelican of the wilderness: I am like a night raven in the house. I have watched and am become as a sparrow all alone on the housetop. All the day long my enemies reproached me: and they that praised me did swear against me. For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping. Because of Thine anger and indignation: for having lifted me up Thou hast thrown me down. My days have declined like a shadow, and I am withered like grass. But Thou, O Lord, endurest forever: and Thy memorial to all generations. Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Sion: for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come. For the stones thereof have pleased thy servants: and they shall have pity on the earth thereof. And the Gentiles shall fear Thy Name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth Thy glory. For the Lord hath built up Sion: and He shall be seen in His glory. He hath had regard to the prayer of the humble: and He hath not despised their petition. Let these things be written unto another generation: and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord: Because He hath looked forth from His high sanctuary: from heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth. That He might hear the groans of them

that are in fetters: that He might release the children of the slain: That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion: and His praise in Jerusalem. When the people assemble together, and kings, to serve the Lord. He answered him in the way of His strength: Declare unto me the fewness of my days. Call me not away in the midst of my days: Thy years are into generation and generation. In the beginning, O Lord, Thou foundest the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thy hands. They shall perish but Thou remainest: and all of them shall grow old like a garment: And as a vesture Thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed. But Thou are always the selfsame, and Thy years shall not fail. The children of Thy servants shall continue; and their seed shall be directed forever.

Passion Sunday

The 5th Sunday of Lent is historically known as “Passion Sunday” in the Polish National Catholic Church, which ushers in the final two weeks of Lent, called “Passiontide.” Passiontide is characterized by a heightened celebration of Lent as Easter approaches, reaching its peak during Holy Week. During this period the faithful redouble their Lenten penances. It is also customary on this day to shroud all the crucifixes in the churches with purple cloths, except the Stations of the Cross. On Good Friday the crucifixes are unveiled, while the other sacred images are unveiled on the afternoon of Holy Saturday in preparation for the Easter Vigil. This imagery calls to mind how Christ hid his Divinity during his passion and death, no longer performing miracles until his resurrection from the dead. Likewise, the holy images are veiled in imitation of their Lord, their glory being unveiled with the joy of the celebration of Easter.



"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

The Word This Week

There is a logical development in the readings this Sunday: in the Old Testament, God asks us to look forward to the "new deed he will do, when he will put "water in the wilderness"; The introduction praises God for his deeds in the loving Father liberating Israel from Egypt - emphasizing the destruction of Pharaoh's pursuing army in the waters of the Red Sea. This is all an introduction to what the Lord says, so pause after "like a wick..." in order to separate the introduction from the speech. The irony is that after the prelude, which makes so much of what God did, God's first words invite us not to remember the past but to look forward. There is a lovely whimsical tone to the phrase "...can you not see it?" All in all, it is a wonderful friendly, intimate tone to the rest of this reading. There should be warmth and enthusiasm as we read and then see the new deed, which Paul talks about, This is one of those "Saint Paul enthusing" passages that crop up every now and again. He puts aside the measured, logical arguments, and simply pours forth what he really believes from his heart. It is very personal (look at how many times he says "I" (18!)), and very passionate. With some of his passion is all about "what really matters", and for Paul, all that matters is Jesus Christ - everything else is "rubbish". There should be some passion and enthusiasm when we hear this second reading from Philippians. The reading, there may be a temptation to let it drop a bit halfway through, but we should try to sustain it, right through Paul talking about straining onwards to the wonderful goal where God promises a marvelous prize, to be the "supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus", and sharing the "power of his resurrection"; so, who is this Jesus, and how is he "water in the wilderness"? It is because he brings hope for the future and forgiveness of our sins, as the Gospel story relates. This Sunday's readings are there for our encouragement, to help us look forward to Easter, and the meaning of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection: that meaning is Reconciliation and a new creation. We should be driven this Lent by a vision of the marvels that God has worked, and that God will work for us.



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GROUND	QUESTION	FIRST



Thank You

Last week's Spring Craft Show/Sale was very successful, and all proceeds were given to the parish. Kristen and Wanda Korenoski would like to thank all who helped, donated and attended the show. It was good to see many parishioners and friends supporting and attending the event. Again, thank you and God bless.

To make Holy Week celebrations relevant, attendance and participation of all parish members is a must. The SAMB ladies are to be in procession on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Easter. The YMSR to usher during Holy Communion and Easter Procession. Altar Servers and Sacristans (former altar servers included) to participate Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. The Frederic Chopin and Annunciation Bell Choirs members to be present especially on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday. Needed 12 people for the Mandatum, foot washing, representing the 12 Apostles during the Last Supper. Make every effort to sacrifice your time during this Holy Season remembering Jesus sacrificed His life for your redemption and future resurrection.

Cemetery News from cemetery coordinator Tom Popovic.

Spring is coming and the grass will be growing at our parish cemeteries. I ask that ALL ground level artificial decorations be removed by April 1 and be taken home for storage or disposal as we no longer offer refuse removal. Please do not use the dirt bin for disposal as it contaminates the topsoil. Artificial decorations may be placed year-round on the monuments. Live planted flowers are fine and add beauty of the grounds. Flowers will be removed when overtaken by weeds. Again, we could use any assistance as we are getting older and fewer in numbers. Thank You.