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OPENING HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (verses 1,4,5) – Ritual Song #553

ENTRANCE HYMN (Sirach 44:17-18)

V. Noah, found just and perfect, renewed the race in the time of devastation. Because of his worth there were survivors, and with a sign to him the deluge ended;

R. A lasting agreement was made with him, that never should all flesh be destroyed.

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

GN 9:8-15

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."

God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings." The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;

teach me your paths,

Guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,

and your love are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,

because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Good and upright is the LORD,
thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice,
and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

READING 2

1 PT 3:18-22

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL MT 4:4B

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL

MK 1:12-15

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."

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,

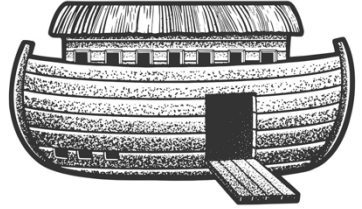
Rosalie Clark, Joan Kotulsky, Karyn Muse, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli, Helene Tylor, Peter Mantzaris, Richard Tomkovitz, Terry Kleckner
Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Father Mariusz will visit them with the Holy Communion.

CLOSING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (verses 1, 2, 3) – PNCC #113

FAITH SHARING

The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the celebration of Jesus' death and Resurrection. The second purpose is to bring us to renew our Baptismal promises of rejecting Satan and accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior, allowing him to rule our lives. Both these aims demand purification of minds and hearts. The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to true repentance, and by renewal of life through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, self-control, and practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. During Lent, we talk to God through personal, family, and liturgical prayers; we listen to Him by meditative Bible reading. We serve the Lord by giving alms, and we practice self-control through fasting.



The first reading tells us that, although man irrevocably broke the *original covenant* God had made with Adam and Eve, the merciful God selected Noah and his family to renew that covenant. Noah's rescue from the flood waters symbolizes our being saved through the water of Baptism which cleanses us of sin and makes us one with Christ.

In the second reading, St. Peter reminds us that, as Noah and his family were saved from the waters of the deluge, so we are saved through the waters of Baptism. Baptism is an outward sign of the New Covenant that God has made with His people. It makes us adopted children of God, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel, we are told that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter at the end of his forty days of prayer, penance, and communion with the Father in the desert immediately following his baptism. It also tells us how Jesus started preaching his Messianic mission: "*The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel.*"

LIFE MESSAGES

Let us conquer our temptations as Jesus did, using the methods Jesus employed: prayer, self-denial, and timely use of the word of God. During this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by talking to God, by listening to Him

speaking to us through the Holy Bible, and by practicing self-control to subdue our evil tendencies.

Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by participating in the Sunday Mass, Stations of the Cross on Fridays, Lenten Lamentations on Sunday afternoon, but also by visiting the sick and those in nursing homes, and doing some acts of charity, kindness, and mercy every day in the Lent. Let us use Lent to fight daily against the evil within us and around us.

THE RULES OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent including GOOD FRIDAY.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.



SAMBS MEETINGS AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, February 18: Don Newcamp, George Jobs

Sunday, February 25: Joe Parknavy, Ed Goralczyk

Sunday, March 3: Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence

Sunday, March 10: Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski

Sunday, March 17: Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong

Sunday, March 24: Don Newcamp, George Jobs

Sunday, March 31: 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 12-14th** 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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Friday, Feb 23 (service led by Lectors and Altar Servers)

Friday, March 1 (service led by YMSR)

Friday, March 8 (service led by SAMBS)

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 LAMENTATIONS – GORZKIE ŻALE

Lenten Lamentations will be held at Holy Family church in the first (Feb 18), second (Feb 25) and third (March 3) Sunday of Lent at **3:00 PM** and on Good Friday at **7:00 PM**.

The Polish and English subtitles will be displayed on the screen.



LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Special Lenten Penitential Service will be held on **Friday, March 22nd 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 5:00PM** during Lent and Easter Season, beginning with Tuesday, Feb 20th.

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. Special invitation is also addressed to adults who would like to serve funeral Masses and Blessing Services.

Our Old Catholic liturgy is beautiful if it is organized and performed with knowledge and understanding.



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 18, 2024 – 1st Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Bonnie Zaucha – anonymous request

Monday, February 19, 2024 – Weekday (Presidents Day)

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – Weekday

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 – Weekday

Thursday, February 22, 2024 – Weekday

Friday, February 23, 2024 – Weekday

Saturday, February 24, 2024 – Feast – Matthias, Apostle

Sunday, February 25, 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Genevieve Lawrence – requested by Henrietta & Terry Kleckner

† Edmund Adamek – requested by Alexa Foster & Karyn Muse

3/3/24 Su 10:00 AM 3rd Sunday of Lent

† Deacon Raymond Lagesse, † Max T. Sleczkowski – requested by Rev. Bruce & Marian Sleczkowski

3/10/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC

† Kenneth Kost – requested by Alexa Foster & Karyn Muse

† Mildred Koltulsky – requested by her children

3/17/24 Su 10:00 AM Passion Sunday

† Dennis Grantz (2nd Anniversary of Death) – requested by wife Elaine Grantz

† Helen Korch (10th 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 7:00 PM Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

OPEN

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 Monday, March 25, 2024

10:00 AM Decorating the church for the Holy Week.

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.