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OPENING HYMN

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

ENTRANCE HYMN (Deuteronomy 6:4-5,13)

C. Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

R. **The Lord your God shall you fear; Him shall you serve, and by His name shall you swear.**

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

EX 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. "You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

READING 2

1 COR 1:22-25

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

JN 3:16

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

GOSPEL

JN 2:13-25

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

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

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.

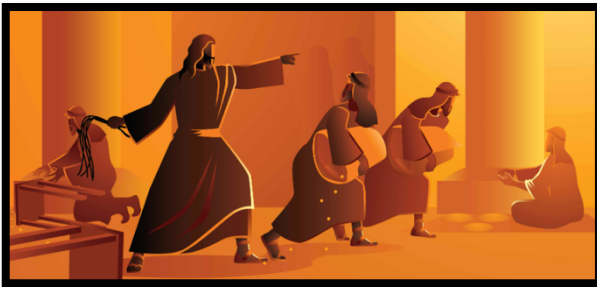
CLOSING HYMN

Forty Days and Forty Nights (verses 1, 2, 3) – PNCC # 114

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings from Holy Scripture teach us that Lent is the ideal time to clean out the Temple of our own hearts and to offer to God proper Divine worship by obeying the Ten Commandments.

Today's first reading teaches us that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our religious and spiritual life.



The second reading reminds us that we must appreciate the Divine “foolishness” of the crucified Christ and obey His commandment of love as our expression of Divine worship.

Today's Gospel gives

us the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple of its merchants and moneychangers, followed by a prediction of his death and Resurrection. Jesus' reaction to commercialized Faith was fierce. Since no weapons were allowed inside the Temple, Jesus constructed his own, a whip of cords, and used it to drive out the merchants and moneychangers from the Court of the Gentiles.

LIFE MESSAGES

We need to avoid a calculating mentality in Divine worship. Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. We are not supposed to think of God as a vending machine into which we put our sacrifices and good deeds to get back His blessings.

Let us remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit: St. Paul reminds us that we are God's temples, body and soul, because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, or jealousy. Let us be cleansed by asking God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Let us love our parish church as our “Heavenly *Father's house*” and make it a holier place by our care for it, by our active participation in the liturgy, by offering our time and talents in the various ministries, and by our financial support for its maintenance and development.



**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 3:</u>	Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence
<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 Jobes
<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 12-14th 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. Food drive ends on March 17th.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent 7:00 PM.

- 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 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 5:30PM** 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. 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.



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!



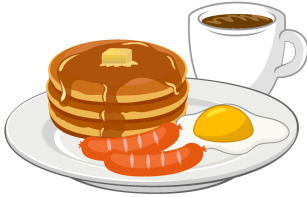
PĄCZKI (DONUTS) SALE

Our choirs are hosting another pączki sale on **March 10th**, after Mass. Enjoy Oakmont Bakery pączki and coffee for just \$5.

INSTITUTION OF THE PNCC

The anniversary of the founding of the PNCC just celebrated on the second Sunday in March (March 10th this year). Although this Sunday falls in Lent, we nonetheless commemorate our founding. The Solemnity of the Institution is celebrated in white with a hymn Gloria. Flowers are permitted and altar paraments should be white.

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 3, 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

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

Monday, March 4, 2024 – Weekday

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 – Weekday

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – Weekday

Thursday, March 7, 2024 – Weekday

Friday, March 8, 2024 – Weekday

Saturday, March 9, 2024 – Weekday

Sunday, March 10, 2024 – 4th 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

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.