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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024



# Lent calls for a change of heart

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## OPENING HYMN

O, My Jesu (verses 1, 2, 7) – PNCC #86

## ENTRANCE HYMN (Deuteronomy 5:24; Psalm 104:1b-2a)

C. The Lord, our God, has indeed let us see His glory and His majesty! We have heard His voice from the midst of the fire and have found out today that a man can still live after God has spoken with him.

**R. Lord, my God, You are great indeed! You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak.**

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 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."

As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing — all this because you obeyed my command."

The Word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I believed, even when I said,

"I am greatly afflicted."

Precious in the eyes of the LORD

is the death of his faithful ones.

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;  
you have loosed my bonds.  
To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.  
**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**  
My vows to the LORD I will pay  
in the presence of all his people,  
In the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

## **READING 2**

**ROM 8:31B-34**

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died — or, rather, was raised — who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

The Word of the Lord.

## **VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

**CF. MT 17:5**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

## **GOSPEL**

**MK 9:2-10**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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

**Tis Good Lord To Be Here** (verses 1, 2, 3) – Ritual Song # 882

## FAITH SHARING

The three readings refer to transfiguration on three mountains. The first reading explains how Abraham's obedience and faith were transformed to blind obedience and trusting faith in his God, when Yahweh saved Isaac from being sacrificed on Mount Moriah, making Abraham the Father of Faith.

In the second reading, St. Paul speaks about the Mount Calvary transfiguration of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God when instead of saving him from death as He spared Isaac, God the Father permitted Jesus to die a shameful death by crucifixion, suffering horrible pain and humiliation.

In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed in His Heavenly glory, superior to Moses and Elijah on the Mountain of Transfiguration, Tabor or Hermon. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow him to consult his Heavenly Father and ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death, and



Resurrection. God's secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. A third aim was to give Jesus the conviction that he will continue to be the Son of God, his loving Father, even during his suffering and death. Finally, by describing the theophany of Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

## LIFE MESSAGES

Christ's Transfiguration gives us the message of encouragement and hope: In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness,

pain and suffering, the thought of our future transformation in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words: *“This is my beloved son.”* Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord so that, through these practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses, we may grow closer to Jesus in his suffering, may share in the carrying of his cross, and finally may share the glory of his second “transfiguration,” namely, his Resurrection.



**SAMBS MEETINGS  
AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULE**  
Mar 10, 2024; Apr 7, 2024; May 12, 2024

**USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION**

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 12-14<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 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, 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 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.



## 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 20<sup>th</sup>.



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

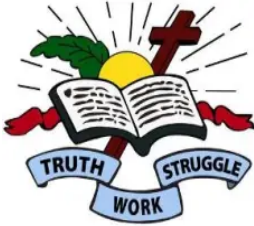
We cordially invite you to the Easter egg decorating workshop, which will take place on **Sunday, March 17, after the Holy Mass** in the auditorium. All materials will be provided. The workshop will be led by Barbara, Bożena and Izabela.

Let's keep this beautiful Eastern European tradition alive and let's have fun together!



## INSTITUTION OF THE PNCC

The anniversary of the founding of the PNCC just celebrated on the second Sunday in March (March 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



The symbol of the  
Polish National Catholic Church

The BOOK signifies the Word of God.

The SUN signifies freedom and fervor.

The CROSS signifies suffering and consecration for others.

The PALM signifies peace.

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, February 25, 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass**

† Genevieve Lawrence – requested by Henrietta & Terry Kleckner

† Edmund Adamek – requested by Alexa Foster & Karyn Muse

**Monday, February 26, 2024 – Weekday**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024 – Weekday**

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024 – Weekday**

**Thursday, February 29, 2024 – Weekday**

**Friday, March 1, 2024 – Weekday**

**Saturday, March 2, 2024 – Feast – Matthias, Apostle**

**Sunday, March 3, 2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass**

† 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 (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

**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.