

Holy Family Parish

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Celebrating 101 Years of Ministry in McKeesport



Lent 3
March 20, 2022

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This Week

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Lent 3

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

Deceased members of the Fornal, Staniek & Como families Int.

Steffania Piekielek; +**Josephine Kijowski** (14th Ann.) Int Art & Dee

Dee Eagan; +**Helen Korch** (8th Ann.) Int daughter Janet Korch

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

+**Sophie Ferenac** Int. Andrea Kymer

Monday, March 21, 2022

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M.

Friday, March 25, 2022

Lenten Penitential Service

7:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 26, 2022

10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Spring Craft Show

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Lent 4

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+**Agnes Zajdel** Int. Ted & Jan Gibala; +**Raymond Kostovny** Int.

wife Barbara Kostovny

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Spojnia Branch 132 Annual Meeting

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

+**Josephine Rencewicz** Int. SAMBS



PNU District 5 Roll Away the Stone of Hunger

Suggested 20 food items needed most: Applesauce, Canned Beans, Canned Chicken, Canned Fish (tuna and salmon), Canned meats (spam and ham) Canned vegetables, Cooking Oil (Olive and Canola), Crackers, Dried Herbs and spices, Fruit (canned or dried) Granola Bars, Instant Mash Potatoes, Meal in Boxes, Nuts, Pasta, Peanut

Butter, Rice, Shelf -stable and powdered Milk, Soup Stew and Chili & Whole Gran Cereal. Please bring the food to the Narthex of the Church. Please bring the food to the Narthex of the Church.

Spojnia Branch 132 News

Next Sunday, March 27th, Branch 132 of the PNU will hold their regular quarterly meeting after the 9:00 A.M. Mass. All Spojnia members are encouraged to attend. If you have a policy, annuity or social membership, you are a member! So please attend this meeting.



Spring Craft Show Next Saturday 10:00AM- 3:00 PM.

Featuring: Polish food, drinks, and baked goods. Donated baked goods will be happily accepted. To defray costs: cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Root Beer, Cream Soda, Sprite, Iced Tea & Bottled Water 16.9-ounce size are needed. All items are due today, March 20th. Chinese Auction Tickets and 50/50 Raffle Tickets will be sold between masses today. Help is needed on Friday, March 25 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm with prep work and volunteers on Saturday. All proceeds from our show will benefit the church. Any questions, please call Kristen Korenoski -- 412-848-9215.

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.



SAMBS Easter Egg Sale

Order forms are available in the Church Vestibule and are due March 30th. Eggs can be picked up on Sunday, April 10th. Return orders to Marian Sleczkowski. Available: Chocolate or Dark Chocolate, Peanut Butter, Coconut and Fruit & Nut Eggs.

Parish Pierogi Sale-April 1

Help will be needed Thursday, March 31st & Friday, April 1st This will be a parish only sale, not advertised to the public. Cost \$12 per dozen and there will be a 4-dozen limit per person. Order forms are available in the church vestibule and to be returned by March 27th. Contact Carol Burlikowski at carolsburlikowski@gmail.com or call 412-398-0162 for more information.

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.

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

Pisanki-Easter Egg Decorating

Sunday, April 1st 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.





Prayer for Peace

Loving God of all peoples and nations, hear us when we call to you, answer our prayers, and show us your salvation. We unite in prayer with people of faith throughout the world for a swift end to the war in Ukraine. We pray for the men, women, children, and families fleeing their homes in fear because of the terror and destruction that wastes their communities and way of life. Be their shelter, a strong refuge, and fortress. Cover them with your pinions and give them refuge under your wings. Send forth and give your angels charge over the dissenting voices, delegations, leaders, and governments that speak out for peace and seek an end to war, granting them success. With your Spirit, lead your churches to be agents of spiritual and temporal comfort, hope, and strength. Christ of all peoples and nations, Prince of Peace, for the sake of your sorrowful passion, hear our prayer and have mercy on us and on the whole world. Your reign of endless peace, justice, and righteousness come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

***Lenten Penitential Services this Friday at 7:00 P.M.
Keep the Great Lent and attend this special service.***

The Word This Week

"The man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall." This is the theme of this Sunday: it underlines the need for repentance, which is the focus of our Lenten journey. Jesus, in the Gospel, uses two recent events in order to illustrate his point about sin and repentance - there is a price to be paid for sin, but there is a way of avoiding it: if we repent, we will have salvation and a new and real freedom. This idea is emphasized in the parable, where we see a tree not being condemned immediately, but given a chance to

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change and produce fruit. So are we. With the two other readings, which also talk about escape - the escape of Israel from Egypt. our look at the history of Israel with the call of Moses, the great leader of the people. He is called specifically to lead the people to freedom and to the Promised Land: to help him in this, he is given God's name: "I Am who I Am" ('Yahweh' in Hebrew). This narrative tells a story, to free Israel. Also realize the significance of God for the very first time revealing his name. This is to be a warning for us, as Saint Paul says: if we are Christians, we must live as Christians, and be aware of the need to watch our lives and the direction they are taking. Paul looks at the Exodus and finds the parallels which point to Jesus. Passing through the water of the Red Sea points to Baptism; eating and drinking the special food and water God provided points to either the Eucharist or the Word of Jesus - either way "eating and drinking" from Jesus Christ himself. Paul draws a warning from this: even though the people were so blessed by God with freedom and all they needed, they still sinned and complained. Our lesson is to be on our guard, never taking blessings for granted and being careful not to fall living a life that avoids sin at all times. The lesson is that sin brings with it disaster and death.

Lenten Abstinence

The Polish National Catholic Church still maintains the traditional ritual of fasting and abstinence during Lent. In a self-sacrificial gesture, one may give up something which is enjoyed during the year during the Lenten season. On Wednesdays and Fridays, it is encouraged to abstain from flesh food with only moderate servings. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, a fast (only water) can be made or at least one meal be consumed. Those on medication and with dietary needs are exempt.

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

Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. Mark 8:31

Lent gives us time and opportunity to consider the reality of being a Christian disciple. Most of us would welcome some assurance that our life is safe and secure. We may even start to believe that all

trouble should pass us by- after all, did not Jesus promise to bless us and keep us? Yes, on the Way of the Cross. Discipleship means sharing the sufferings of Christ: they will come to those who faithfully witness to the Good News of the Kingdom. Jesus suffered literal thorns- the crown of mockery- and real thorns in order to fulfil His purpose of bringing in the Kingdom of God. He warned that we too would face trouble and even persecution because we follow the Way of the Cross. He also warned that we might suffer as a consequence of our own faults and sins. So... how shall we respond? Although we do not *welcome* the “thorns”- troubles and pain- can we, *will we*, accept thorns as a fact of our reality instead of blaming God? Secondly: can we think of some “gardening” we need to do in our souls to pull out the brambles and weeds that are spoiling our walk with the Christ? Gardens that are well-tended have fewer nasty surprises. Some troubles and suffering will come to us. If we allow dark corners and overgrown tangles of self-centeredness, pride, or impure thinking, that is where the thorns will grow. We can, with care and Spirit-led humility, avoid the self-inflicted scars that afflict the unwary.

HIPPITY HOP INTO SPRING



PNU Special Spring Sale

The PNU is offering for a limited time open enrollment for people ages 0-30 a \$10,000 Single Payment Policy. For applications received March 15 -April, 15 2022. The PNU will discount \$30 of the administration fee.*

Credit Cards Accepted!!!!

To obtain your specific cost, contact the Home Office at 800-724-6352 or email info@pnu.org

Age		Male		Female
1	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 980.00	\$ 880.00	\$ 850.00
3	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 930.00	\$ 900.00
5	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 990.00	\$ 960.00
7	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,020.00
9	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 1,090.00
11	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 1,160.00
13	\$ 1,460.00	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 1,270.00	\$ 1,240.00
15	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,320.00
17	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,410.00
19	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 1,500.00
21	\$ 1,840.00	\$ 1,810.00	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 1,590.00
23	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 1,910.00	\$ 1,720.00	\$ 1,690.00
25	\$ 2,060.00	\$ 2,030.00	\$ 1,820.00	\$ 1,790.00
27	\$ 2,180.00	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 1,910.00
29	\$ 2,310.00	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 2,060.00	\$ 2,030.00

*Not available in Ohio