

# St. Mary's

Polish National Catholic Church

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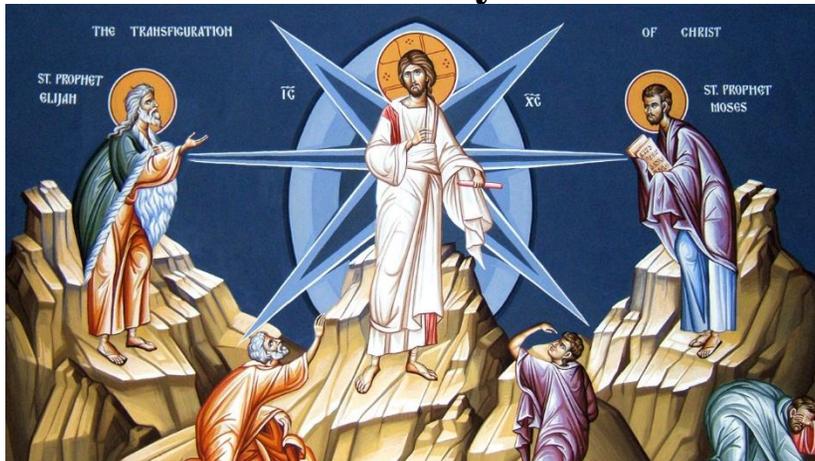
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## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent



March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

9am: Helen Kasperczyk of. by son John & family

Readings: Genesis 12:1-14; 2Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

Lector – Barb Bogzevitz

Greeter – Susan Boehnlein

Collectors – John Kasperczyk & Mark Avondet

- Coffee Hour & SOCL take place after 9am Mass
- Bowling at Red Circle

### Welcome

Welcome to all parishioners and visitors this day. Please enjoy Holy Mass and consider coming downstairs for coffee hour afterward. For our visitors, it is wonderful to have you, be it the first or fifth or fifteenth time worshipping with us. If you have not done so quite yet, we would love to get to know you better- Please

fill out the yellow cards found at each pew and drop in the collection basket –thank you for being with us!

### Sacraments

The Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) acknowledges 7 Sacraments, available to the faithful. Communion is distributed by intinction, that is, the Body of Christ is dipped into the Blood of Christ and placed directly on the communicant's tongue.

Penance is imparted generally at the beginning of each Mass; the Word of God is experienced as well. Should you desire private confession, please see a priest.

Discuss Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony with Fr. Jason.

### The Week Ahead

#### MONDAY, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

9am- Holy Mass of the Day – *Martyrs of the Lombards, M.*

6:30pm – Choir Rehearsal

#### TUESDAY, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

8pm – Diocesan Word of God Study Class 4 – see announcement

#### WEDNESDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup>

4pm – Food Ministry served in the parking lot

#### THURSDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup>

10am- Holy Mass of the Day- *Eusebius of Cremona, Ab. C.* – Fr. P.

6-8pm – Women's AA Meets

#### FRIDAY, March 6<sup>th</sup>

9am – Holy Mass of the Day – *Evagrius of Constantinople, Bp.*

6pm – Polish School Meets

\*No Devotions Scheduled tonight\*

#### SATURDAY, March 7<sup>th</sup>

10am – 2pm – Lenten Retreat at St. Mary's – see announcement!

10am-11:30am – Adult Polish School meets

8pm - AA meets

#### SUNDAY, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Solemnity of PNCC Institution

9am: Robert (Bob) Bernacki (5<sup>th</sup> Anv.) of. by Jo Orłowski & Deb Wilson

Readings: Wisdom 5:1-5; 1Timothy 4:1-5; John 15:1-7

Lector – Bob Samelson

Greeter – Cathy Avondet

Collectors – Pete Moritz & Gene Stepanik

- Coffee Hour & SOCL take place after 9am Mass

### Announcements

LENTEN RETREAT– This Saturday, March 7, from 10am-2pm, the Lenten Retreat of the Northeast Seniorate of the Western Diocese takes

place at St. Mary's. A sign-up sheet (for food planning) is near the glass entrance doors. This retreat is open to anyone and encouraged for all parishioners & friends. Presenters will be Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Rev. Jim Ploskonka, and Rev. Jason Soltysiak. A continental breakfast will welcome attendees with coffee served throughout the event. After fellowship and the presentations, a powerful time will be held before the Most Blessed Sacrament in church, and a full, delicious late lunch will conclude the event. We are hoping for a good turnout!

**CANON** –Today, and for the month of March, we use the 3<sup>rd</sup> Eucharistic Prayer on p. 84, the Canon of St. Basil.

**MISSION CROSS** – The Mission Team, as every Lent, has raised the prayer cross in the corner of the church near the votive candles. We encourage you to use it as an opportunity to practice the first Lenten Disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Envelopes, papers, and pencils are on the nearby sill to offer your prayer to be pinned on the cross. All prayers will remain anonymous and be offered up to our Lord at the conclusion of Lent.

**LENT**—Friday nights will feature Lenten Devotions—please join your faithful Christians each week as we walk the Stations of the Cross and as we offer the Bitter Lamentations. The schedule & times is posted in our calendars as well as in our bulletin. We also have prayer booklets, donated by Carol S. from Michigan to guide us through the season.

**ELEVATIONS** - On March 3 at All Saints Cathedral in Chicago at 10am (central time), Cleric Al Becker and Cleric Jason Fox will be elevated to Subdeacon. Prime Bishop Anthony will preside and bestow the orders. Fr. Jason will be in attendance. On March 19, elevations take place at St. Stanislaus Cathedral on the Solemnity of St. Joseph for those matriculated in the Savonarola Theological Seminary of the PNCC.

**WORD OF GOD STUDY** -Has commenced and continues each Tuesday night for the next 6 weeks at 8pm via Zoom. Facilitated by Very Rev. John Kowalczyk and Rev. Jim Ploskonka, it is based on the book “Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist” by Brant Pitre.

**SCHOLARS CONFERENCE** - Save the Date - This year's Scholars

**UPCOMING**

- Mar 3 – Clerical Elevations (CHI)
- Mar 7–Seniorate Lenten Retreat takes place at St. Mary's
- Mar 15 – Baptism of Clover
- Mar 15 – Parish Comm. Meets
- Mar 19-Ordinations (Scranton, PA)
- Apr 5 – Easter Sunday
- Apr 8-9- Nat'l Liturgy Mtgs (Fr. J)
- Apr 11 – Hall Rental
- Apr 18- Scholar's Conference
- May 3- 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Sunday
- May 11-13-PNC-RC Dialogue (Stl)
- May 15-17- Nat'l Bowling Tourn.
- May 18-20- Clergy Conference
- May 29-31- M & E Conf (MA)
- June 17-20- Men's Retreat (PA)
- Aug 3-7- Youth Convo (NH)
- Aug 22 – Nat'l Golf Tourn. (PA)
- Sep 28-30- General Synod (NH)

Conference in the PNCC will be April 18, 2026 in Scranton, PA and online. If you would like further info, please contact Rev. Father Jim Ploskonka of the History and Archives commission at 216.650.5596

**YOUTH CONVO/RETREAT**— The 2026 PNCC Youth Convo/Retreat takes place in Jaffrey, NH August 3-7. Fr. Jason and Brady plan on attending—if any children from the parish are interested, please speak to Fr. Jason, as we must plan early for this travel.

**LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION** –We are collecting on behalf of our Food Ministry as well as the Parma Hunger Center, located at Parma Lutheran. We are partnering with the Polish National Alliance spring program “Roll Away the Stone of Hunger”. For next Sunday, March 8, please bring please bring carbs~ rice, pasta, cereals, etc.

**Prayer List**

**Please pray for these St. Mary's parishioners, family and friends:**

Helen Cummings	Shannon Alberino	Tom Pietka
Bill Kastak	Marty Bengela	Jay Jurczyk
Johanna Markiewicz	Sage McLane	Jim Lukas
Bill & Pat Glatzer	Wanda Clark	Shyanna Tiller
Dave Tuma	Jim Giles	Marilyn Girard
Lew & Margaret Heifner	Ron Ference	Jo Orlowski
Andy Cannizzaro	Millie Dominik	Kim Kolens
Jack Spilka & John Spilka	Nicole McGivern	Elaine Repede
Steve & Astrid Wisniewski	Jane Walo	Josephine Ference
Sue Penney	Beth Chihill	Bob Kaczmarek
Michelle Ostrowski	Jane Hunter	Joe Litto
Jay Grabowsky	George Bennett	Kenny Mach
Patrick & Jennifer Kmitt	Gail Perz	Bill Zychowski
Jeff Dreger	Amanda Monyak	Paulette Lilli
Cherise Pacanovsky	Loretta Baldwin	Cecelia Hall
George Makovicka	Judy Alexin	Louise Moritz
James & Bobbi Moss	Cathy Pieciak	Kenneth Parks
George & Rose Ann Ziefle	Sheri Sefcik	Jeffery Kirchner
Rich Dombrowski	Bryson Dzurhoff	Diane Black
Esther Stepanik	Stephanie Milla	Mike Paulus
Kathleen Sobocinski	Caroline O'Connor	Linda Marks
Linda & Rick Duffy	Kim Penney	Greg Banaszak
Chris Avondet	Carl Neutzling	John Beno
Tammy Knotek		

**AND ALL OTHERS!**

**Bless them, O Lord.**

**Poblogoslaw im, O Boze**