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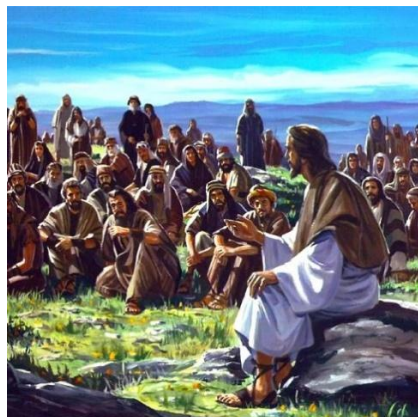
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Septuagesima – The First Sunday
in Pre-Lent



February 16th, 2025

9am: sp. Most Rev. Francis Hodur (73rd Anv.)

Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20; Luke 6:17,20-26

Lector – Marzena Krulik

Greeter – Susan Boehnlein

Collectors – Pete Moritz & John Kasperczyk

- Bishop Hodur Rite of Mass will be used today
- Coffee Hour & SOCL follows 9am Mass today
- Fundraiser Meeting will take place after Mass as well

Welcome

Welcome to all parishioners and visitors this day. Please enjoy Holy Mass and consider coming downstairs for coffee hour afterward.

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, February 17th

9am – Holy Mass of the Day – *Fintan of Colneenagh, Ab.* – **Fr. P.**

TUESDAY, February 18th

6:30pm – Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, February 19th

4pm – Food Ministry served in the parking lot

6pm – Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, February 20th

9am – Holy Mass of the Day – *Fr. P.*

6-8pm: Women's AA

FRIDAY, February 21st

9am – Holy Mass of the Day – *George of Amastris, Bp.*

6pm – Polish School

SATURDAY, February 22nd

8pm - AA meets

SUNDAY, February 23rd – Sexagesima – 2nd Pre-Lent Sunday

9am: Helen Kasperczyk (birthday) of: by son John & family

Readings: 1Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1Cor 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Lector – Bruce Bogzevitz

Greeter – Martha Repede

Collectors – Gene Stepanik & Bob Samelson

- Coffee Hour & SOCL follows 9am Mass today
- Parish Committee Meets after Coffee Hour

Announcements

HOLY MASS TODAY – Today, we celebrate the little-used Rite of the Mass in our tan Massbooks entitled, the “Bishop Hodur Rite” on page 39. It is an enhanced version of the Traditional Rite of the Mass. For the rest of February, we use the 5th Eucharistic Prayer found on page 92.

THROAT BLESSING-Thank you to all who participated in Candlemas and blessing of Throats the last 2 Sundays: neat Catholic celebrations nestled in the mid-winter weeks.

FUNDRAISER MEETING – Today, we have scheduled a fundraiser planning meeting after Mass either in the basement hall or classroom – If interested in helping to fill our plan of fundraising for the balance of 2025, please consider attending.

Sp. ANNA DAWIDZIUK – Faithful parishioner of St. Mary’s Anna Dawidziuk passed away this past weekend. Her funeral was held at St. Mary’s on Thursday at 10am. She was the widow of the 13th pastor of St. Mary’s (1986-2003) and former Bishop of the PNCC’s Western Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Jan Dawidziuk. After moving back to the area after Bishop Jan’s assignment to Chicago, she was a continual presence at Sunday Mass, pierogi making, and more, always offering her memorable smile and kind words. She leaves her daughter Elizabeth (Zbigniew), grandson Paul (Holly), great-granddaughter Zoe, brother Wojciech, and many other extended family members.

SUPERBOWL SQUARES – Congrats to the Philadelphia Eagles and all of our winners: Mike W. (twice, Q1 & Q3), Brady (Q2), and Darleen J. (Q4). Please see Ron Ference after Mass today to redeem!

SAVE THE DATES! The parish has received information on the upcoming PNCC Bowling “Tournament”, which is hosted by a parish in our seniorate, Holy Cross PNCC in Hamtramck, MI May 16-18. We also received information on the Mission and Evangelism Conference & Workshop that is to be held at St. Francis of Assisi PNCC in Denver, CO May 30-June 1. The Diocesan Youth Gathering takes place July 21-24 in southern Indiana. Transportation provided by Fr. Jason for this! For any further information on any of these, please see Fr. Jason.

PRIME BISHOP FRANCIS HODUR – Prime Bishop Franciszek Hodur died on this day, February 16, 1953 in Scranton, PA. He witnessed the Polish National Catholic Church grow from a single congregation of 250 families to 150 parishes in the United States and Canada, and 95 in Poland. Bishop Hodur believed in his mission as a protector of the abused. And he did his best to effect and change their lives by setting a good example, by preaching and practicing the Word of

UPCOMING

- Feb 16 – Fundraiser Meeting
- Feb 19 – Next Bible Study
- Feb 23 – Parish Com. Meets
- Mar 2 – Sodality Meets
- Mar 5 – Ash Wednesday
- Mar 8 – Pierogi Making
- Mar 9- Clocks Spring Forward
- Mar 22 – Lenten Retreat
- Apr 12 – Kielbasa Making
- Apr 20 – Easter Sunday
- Apr 26 – Scholars Conference
- May 12-14 – Clergy Retreat
- May 16-18- Bowling Event
- May 20-21 – Dialogue Mtgs.
- June 7 – Diocesan Council
- June 18-21 – Men’s Retreat
- Jul 21-24- Youth Gathering

God, and by teaching others to accept God’s Will in everything. Bishop Hodur was, is, and always will be remembered as the organizer and leader of a new religious movement among the Polish people who believed that God created the people for good, happiness and salvation and not for punishment, exploitation and abuse. Under a hail of stones, under a rain of criticism and condemnation, he sowed God’s love, equality, and justice, on the fields of the people’s hearts.

PIEROGI MAKING–Pierogi making for Lent/Easter takes place Saturday morning, March 8. But there is a need always in the days ahead for peeling, chopping, prepping, etc. See Cathy Avondet or Barb Wisniewski and let them know when you can lend a hand!

Prayer List

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

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| 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 | Andy Cannizzaro | Nick Demchak |
| Ron Ference | Millie Dominik | Kim Kolens |
| Jack Spilka & John Spilka | John Wisniewski | Elaine Repede |
| Steve & Astrid Wisniewski | George Ziefle | Robin Wankowski |
| Matthew & Sue Ann Penney | Beth Chihill | Bob Kaczmarek |
| Michelle Ostrowski | Jane Hunter | Joe Litto |
| Jay Grabowsky | George Bennett | Kenny Mach |
| Patrick & Jennifer Kmitt | Jeff Lukas | Bill Zychowski |
| Michael Regotti | Amanda Monyak | Paulette Lilli |
| Cherise Pacanovsky | Loretta Baldwin | Cecelia Hall |
| George Makovicka | Judy Alexin | Louise Moritz |
| Edna Samelson | Cathy Pieciak | Karsen Winters |
| Bryson Dzurhoff | Sheri Sefcik | James Tyler |
| Rich Dombrowski | Shauna Smullen | Diane Black |
| Wojciech Federowicz | Stephanie Milla | Mike Paulus |
| Kathleen Sobocinski | Caroline O’Connor | Linda Marks |
| Linda & Rick Duffy | Kim Penney | Greg Banaszak |
| James & Bobbi Moss | Nicole McGivern | Greg Hodor |
| Dan Avondet | Connie Benko | Gail Perz |
| Bob Giczkowski | Jo Orłowski | Laurie Slominski |

AND ALL OTHERS!

Bless them, O Lord.

Pobłogosław im, O Boże