

St. Mary's

Polish National Catholic Church

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The Third Sunday of Lent



Sunday March 7th, 2021

9am Mass: John Paul Repko of. by daughter Cheryl

10:30am Polish Mass: sp. Rt. Rev. Jan Dawidziuk of. by family

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, John 2:13-25

Lector – Greeters – Collectors –

- To-go coffee hour served after 9am Holy Mass
- Baptism of Gwen takes place during 9am Mass

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, March 8th

9am: Holy Mass of the Day

TUESDAY, March 9th

WEDNESDAY, March 10th

Noon: Holy Mass of the Day

4pm – Weekly Food Ministry provided

THURSDAY, March 11th

6-8pm – Women’s AA meets in Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, March 12th

Holy Mass of the Day

4:30-6pm – Fish Fry #2 – See announcement!

6pm – Sorrowful/Bitter Lamentations, Part 2

SATURDAY, March 13th

9am – Pierogi Making begins

10am – Seniorate Lenten Retreat

8pm – Saturday AA Meets in the Fellowship Hall

*****SET CLOCKS FORWARD BEFORE BED*****

SUNDAY, March 14th- PNCC Solemnity of the Institution

9am Mass: Joan Spilka of. by husband John Spilka

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

Lector – Greeters – Collectors –

- To-go coffee hour served after 9am Holy Mass

- Dr. Natalie Soltysiak, Pharm.D will have a short presentation and answer questions on Covid-19 Vaccines

Announcements

BUSY DAY YESTERDAY- Thanks to all who participated in yesterday’s pierogi making as well as the short Lenten Retreat of our

Northeast Seniorate of the Western Diocese.
The church is coming back to life again, and it is beautiful!

Sp. RT. REV. JAN DAWIDZIUK – This Sunday at our 10:30am Polish Mass, we remember our former longtime pastor and bishop of the diocese. It was in 2012 that Bishop Jan went to his eternal rest with his funeral rites celebrated here. Please say a prayer for the repose of his kind soul this day.

UPCOMING

Mar 12 – Fish Fry #2
Mar 12 – Sorrowful Lamentations
Mar 14–Vaccine Q& A after 9am Mass
Mar 17– Adult Catechism
Mar 21- Next Parish Comm. Mtg.
Mar 23 – PNCC Zoom Lenten Retreat
Mar 26 – Pierogi Dinner Drive-Thru
Apr 3 – Easter Kolaczki pick-up
Apr 6 – Restaurant Fundraiser –
Burntwood Tavern in Brecksville

FISH FRY FRIDAY – This Friday March 12th, we feature our 2nd Lenten Fish Fry of the season, again from 4:30-6pm. There will be 2 dinner options this time, both for \$12: The 9oz beer battered breaded pollock or 12 breaded/fried shrimp. Each meal comes with fries, creamy coleslaw, tarter/cocktail sauce, and dessert. We hope you are to attend and pass the word on.

ITEMS AVAILABLE – As we continue the process of “tidying our home”, we do have some items that we are taking out of storage and offering to our parishioners – please stop in the basement hall and, if something catches your eye, make a free-will donation.

REMINDER – To “spring” clocks forward this coming weekend!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER– Today, and for all of March, we use the 3rd Eucharistic Prayer on Page 84, the Canon of St. Basil.

LENTEN DINNERS – The parish will be holding three dinners during Lent, all three being of the drive-thru format that we’ve become accustomed to and taking place 4:30-6pm. The next fish fry will take place on Friday March 12. Flyers will be available and posted around. The third dinner will be a pierogi dinner that will take place on Friday, March 26.

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION –We have begun another guided Food Collection. Once again, we will be collecting on behalf of the Parma Hunger Center, located at Parma Lutheran Church, and our own parish

weekly Food Ministry. For next Sunday, March 14, please bring baby food, kids snacks, and individually wrapped snacks.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS – Friday Lenten Devotions began Friday, February 19 with Stations of the Cross and continue each Friday during Lent, alternating between Stations and Sorrowful Lamentations. They will be accompanied by a short sermon or the Benediction/Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Exposition is scheduled for March 5 at Stations & March 26 at Lamentations.

EASTER KOLACZKI – You can place your Easter Kolaczki order with the forms near the parish mailboxes, by speaking to Patti Dotson or Susan Boehnlein.

NATIONAL PNCC RETREAT – The PNCC will be holding a National Lenten Retreat, in the same vein as the discipleship spiritual retreat that was held in January. This will take place on Tuesday, March 23 at 7pm. If there is interest, we may look to hold a group viewing in the Fellowship Hall once again. See Fr. Jason with any questions or if you'd rather attend this from home.

OLD PALMS – We will collect your old palms during the season of Lent so that we can burn them on Holy Saturday, preparing the New Fire for our parish. Please take note of the collection boxes over the next few weeks.

ADULT CATECHISM – We had our first class this past week, and will have another on March 17 at 6pm. It was enjoyed by those in attendance and remains open for others to join – the class (roughly) follows the PNCC Catechism. See Fr. Jason with any questions.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING – Our Annual Meeting took place this past Sunday in our Fellowship Hall. Though a bit different than normal, we are very thankful for those who did attend. A budget was approved, fundraisers were broached, reports were reviewed, and we put 2020 behind us for good!

Prayer List

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

Barbara Baranowski	Patti Dotson	John Spilka
Bill Kastak	Marty Bengela	Ralph & June Zaun
Johanna Markiewicz	Anna Dawidziuk	Barb & Jim Lukas
Bill & Pat Glatzer	Mary Ann Loschelder	Tom Petrie
Helen Budney	Polly Gajda	Len Pryer
Chester & Ann Warzala	Tom Putynski	Ralph Crispino
Craig Atherton	Millie Dominik	Amy Dreger
Jack Spilka	Carol Hreha	Elaine Repede
John Radon	Steve Wisniewski	David Micka
Wanda Clark	Beth Chihill	Keith Reynolds
Helen Cummings	Jane Hunter	Paul S.
Jay Grabowsky	Pam Chesar	Ronald Tiffe
Ed Kidd	Emma Freshwater	Jennifer Kmitt
Laina Dachtal	Nina Braquet	Paulette Lilli
Cherise Pacanovsky	Bp. John Swantek	Cecelia Hall
Jeremy Steinbreck	Chris Minch	Ricky Koehler
Richard & Edna Samelson	Cathy Pieciak	Daniel Morgan
Wanda Heffner	Bryson Dzurhoff	Jim Giles
Rich Dombrowski	Linda Duffy	Diane Black
Patrick Kmitt	John Michalczyk	Renee Lucas
Mark Magda	Caroline O'Connor	Linda Marks
Doug Back	Marilyn Girard	Jennifer Kless
Stephanie Milla	Baby Parker	Mary Cawley
George & Linda Makovicka	Shannon Alberino	Kim Penney
Loretta Baldwin	Julia Badarzynski	Kate Stallbaum
Wendy Andrzejewski	Kenny Mach	Baby Layla
James & Bobbi Moss	Mike Matis	Leslie Rafalko
Hilda Grabowski	Mike Pescitelli	Nancy Kohut
Janice Bielecki	Bill Walo	

ALL WHO ARE IN NURSING HOMES OR ASSISTED LIVING

ALL ACTIVE & RETIRED CLERGY NEEDING HEALING

ALL SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

Bless them, O Lord.

Poblogosław im, O Boże

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 7, 2021

OPENING HYMN (*Mass Book – Hymn of Faith, pg 13, v.1&4*)

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God, before Thine altar, Father. Thou knowest best our yearning hearts; this supplication answer. Lift up from want Thy people, Lord; Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy Cross we stand prepared, to serve Thee with devotion; Be it with sweat of blood or tears, or humble resignation. For we Thy people are, O Lord; Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

9am Holy Mass - Contemporary Rite- Page 63

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

I confess to almighty God, in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault (*striking the breast three times and continuing*) in my thoughts, in my words, in what I have done or failed to do. I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

THE INTROIT (*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.**

THE OPENING PRAYER

LET US PRAY... Heavenly Father, help us to love Your commandments and to follow Your precepts, so that we may extend Your kingdom on earth and do Your will, as it is done in heaven. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON-from the book of Exodus (20:1-17)

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 carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the Lord, your God, am

a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate Me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation, on the children of those who love Me and keep My commandments. "You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain. For the Lord will not leave unpunished him who takes His name in vain. "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day He rested. That is why the Lord has blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. "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."

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE RESONSORIAL PSALM (*Psalm 19:8,9,10,11*)

R. (John 6:68c) **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.**

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;

the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

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

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold;

sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

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

THE SECOND LESSON-*from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians* (1:22-25)

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.

This is the Word of the Lord. R. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE TRACT (*Romans 8:3-4*)

C: For what the Law, weakened by the flesh, was powerless to do, this God has done; by sending His Own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for the sake of sin: R: **He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteousness decree of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who live not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

THE GOSPEL *according to St. John (2:13-25)*

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.

This is the gospel of the Lord. R. PRAISE BE TO YOU...

THE HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord I am not worthy that Thou should come to me, but speak the works of comfort, my spirit healed shall be.

And humbly I'll receive Thee, the bridegroom of my soul. No more by sin to grieve Thee or fly Thy sweet control.

O Sacrament most Holy! O Sacrament divine! All praise the all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

THE HOMILY

9am only: The Sacrament of Baptism of Gwenevere Joy Ploskonka takes place. Also, During Liturgy of the Baptism, the Apostle's Creed is read, replacing the normally used Nicene Creed.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He Ascended into heave, He sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

3rd Sunday in Lent, Year B 2021 – Prayers of Faithful

Celebrant: The commands of the Lord are clear, and his mercy even greater. Let us pray to our Heavenly Father, forever trusting in His Divine Wisdom.

Lector: For our brother of blessed memory, John Paul Repko, as we celebrate Holy Mass in his memory this day, (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For Baby Gwen, joyfully baptized into the Body of Christ this day (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: That the teachings and teachers of the Faith remain pure in heart and unclouded in judgment, (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: That we may learn to turn away from sin with all our hearts, remaining obedient to the laws of God, (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: That, during this holy season of preparation, we may recognize the crucified Christ as “the power and wisdom of God,” We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For our own spirituality; that we show our devotion to you in a greater way as we lead towards Holy Week, We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For those in need of our prayers: especially Richard & Edna Samelson, Shannon Alberino, Jeremy Steinbreck, Mary Cawley, Eugene Beggin, Diane Black, Len Pryer, Emma Freshwater, Jennifer Kless, Jack Spilka, John Radon, Jim Giles, Tom Slomka, Kim Penney, Nina Braquet, Tammy Teubl, Linda Duffy, Ben Soltis, Mike Matis, Doug Back, Ralph

Crispino, Thomas & Charlie Dennison, Mike Pescitelli, Nancy Kohut, Pete O'Connor, Amy Dreger, Janice Bielecki, _____, for all on our prayer list, for all friends and family members, for parishioners of St. Mary's, *(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For those entered into glory, especially our brother John Paul Repko, _____, for our friends, neighbours and parishioners; that they may enjoy divine glory forever, *(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Celebrant: Almighty Father, in wisdom you have revealed your law; in mercy you give us grace to fulfil it. Hear these petitions of Your Holy people, gathered in the name of your Son Jesus, who lives and reigns for ever and ever: Amen!

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY VERSE *(Romans 13:8)*

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

There lies beneath its shadow, but on the farther side, the darkness of an awful grave that gapes both deep and wide. And there between us stands the cross, two arms outstretched to save; like a watchman set to guard the way from that eternal grave.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me. And from my smitten heart, with tears, two wonders I confess - The wonders of His glorious love, and my own worthlessness.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty God, may these oblations purify us from our sins that we may be found an acceptable people in Your sight. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

THE LENTEN PREFACE AND THE SANCTUS (spoken)

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3, PG 84

A bit after the Consecration, spoken together:

**We praise You, we bless You,
we give thanks to You,
and we pray to You, Lord, our God.**

LORD'S PRAYER: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.

C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

R. Because there is one bread we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one Bread.

C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life. **R. Amen.**

C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles: I leave you peace, My peace I give you. Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom where You live for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

C. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **R: And also with you.**

C. Let us pray together the first Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

Act of Spiritual Communion

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my

soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN - Solo

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN(NB #113)

Jesus, keep me near the cross. There a precious fountain free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, Love and mercy found me; There the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me. Help me walk from day to day with its shadows o'er me. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

THE COMMUNION VERSE(Hebrews 12:25)

C: See that you do not reject the one who speaks. For if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, **R: how much more in our case if we turn away from the one who warns from heaven!**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

LET US PRAY....Lord Jesus Christ, You have given us this holy season for repentance and atonement. May we, through the grace of this Eucharist, always respond to Your voice. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN(NB #183)

Savior, like a shepherd lead us. Much we need Thy tender care. In Thy pleasant pastures feed us – for our use Thy folds prepare.

Thou hast promised to receive us poor and sinful though we be. Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus Thou has bought us – Thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus Thou has bought us – Thine we are.