

# St. Mary's

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**Sexagesima – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pre-Lent**



**Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*9am Mass: Sophie & Martin Szpilka of. by son John*

*10:30am Polish Mass: Open Intention*

*Readings: Is 43:18-19,21-22,24-25; 2Cor 1:18-22, Mark 2:1-12*

*Lector – Greeters – Collectors –*

*- To-go coffee hour follows 9am Holy Mass*

## *The Week Ahead*

### **MONDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

9am: Holy Mass of the Day

### **TUESDAY, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **WEDNESDAY, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

4pm – Weekly Food Ministry provided

### **THURSDAY, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **FRIDAY, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Mass of the Day

### **SATURDAY, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

8pm – Saturday AA Meets in the Fellowship Hall

### **SUNDAY, February 14<sup>th</sup>–Quinquagesima–3<sup>rd</sup> Pre-Lenten Sun.**

*9am Mass: Frank Ference Sr. & Frank Ference Jr. of. by wife and mother, Josephine Ference*

*Readings: Hosea 2:16-17,21-22, 2Cor 3:1-6, Mark 2:18-22*

*Lector – Greeters – Collectors –*

- To-go coffee hour follows 9am Holy Mass
- Basket Raffle winning ticket pulled after 9am Mass
- Parish Committee (Board) meets after ticket pull

## ***Announcements***

**PRE-LENT** – Pre-Lent is an ancient Christian observance of devotion that was in preparation for the fasting and atonement of the Lenten Season. It allowed some to begin their fast even earlier. In this period, flowers were traditionally removed from the sanctuary, as were the Gloria and the Alleluia verse. Thematically, it really is in between the “green” of Jesus’s ministry and the “violet” of penance and the buildup of the case against Christ that is the Lenten Season. The rose-colored vestments show that thematic bridge in tone and in devotion.

**THROAT BLESSING**-Takes place today, optionally, after the conclusion of Mass. Candles were blessed to honor Candlemas the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and throats may be blessed in honor of St. Blaise as a protection against ailments of the throat. His Day was honored on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and our parish tradition is to bless throats the Sunday after.

**UPCOMING**

Feb 7 – Reports Due  
Feb 14 – Basket Raffle pull  
Feb 14 - Parish Comm. Meets.  
Feb 14- Last Day for Paczki orders  
Feb 16 – Paczki Pickup, 7-11am  
Feb 21 – Basement Comm. Mtg.  
Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday  
Feb 19 – Stations of the Cross  
Feb 26- Bitter Lamentations  
Feb 28–Tentative Parish Annual Mtg.

**NEWSLETTERS** – For the month of February have been printed, emailed, and will be dropped in the U.S. Mail. Please see our Elaine to pick up yours at your parish mailbox.

**EPIPHANY VISITS** – Are unfortunately postponed for 2021. The current plan is to look at the latter part of the summer for some home blessings, should anyone desire one.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**– For all of February, we use the 2<sup>nd</sup> Eucharistic Prayer, the Canon of St. Hippolytus on p. 82.

**BASKET RAFFLE** – We will be auctioning off a wonderful basket just in for Valentine’s Day – it is on display by the coffee and donuts and will have the winning ticket pulled on Valentine’s Day. Tickets are available for \$2 each or 6 for \$10. The proceeds will go to support the parish.

**PACZKI ORDERS** – Though we have to adjust some of our fundraising for the 2021 year, we will be having our Fat Tuesday Paczki sale taking place. Order forms are available at the table in the vestibule of the Fellowship Hall or by seeing Steve Fesz. 8 flavors are available, and pickup will be Fat Tuesday, February 16 from 7-11am. To encourage some foot traffic, we will offer a free to-go cup of coffee with every order! Avoid the lines! Prices this year are \$2 for a single, \$8 for a half-dozen and \$15 for a dozen.

**PARISH ANNUAL MEETING** – As discussed at our recent Parish Committee (Board) meeting, we have decided to postpone the Annual Meeting until Sunday, February 28. We are waiting for a few things to flesh out at other parishes to give us a guide of what they are doing and how we should proceed. Since parish-wide meetings are the highest

governing body in our parish, we need to make sure that as many people attend as possible.

**REPORTS DUE** – As our Annual meeting has been recalled, we are asking for reports from the heads of each parish society to be emailed to our parish committee chair, Elaine, or to Fr. Jason. We would like to have them by Sunday, February 7 – this way, they can be distributed and read before our Annual meeting, rather than at it.

**FOOD MINISTRY HELP** – It has been announced and even preached about from our pulpit – Thank you sincerely for listening and to those who responded. Deacon Jim has begun scheduling people into time/day slots over the next few months as well as petitioning those who responded for other things. Support is headed in the right direction, and your response allows this ministry to continue on a weekly basis and consider opportunities for growth.

**WELCOME** – To Boy Scout Troop 319, as some are attending our Mass here today in honor of Scout Sunday. This is a special interfaith day set aside by the Scouting movement for all Scouts to reflect on their acknowledgement of duty to God in the Scout Oath or Promise and the 12<sup>th</sup> point of Scout Law - *A Scout is Reverent*. Our altar server, Damion, is a member of this Troop.

**SUPERBOWL SQUARES** – some things never change- Tom Brady is in another Super Bowl (they might as well name it after him!) and St. Mary's is running a Super Bowl Squares game. The big game is tonight! Please see Ron Ference after Mass today to buy a square or two!

## 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	Louise Cygan
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 Dzuroff	Jim Giles
Rich Dombrowski	Linda Duffy	Diane Black
Patrick Kmitt	John Michalczyk	Renee Lucas
Mark Magda	Caroline O'Connor	Linda Marks
Marcus Vaughn Jr.	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
Doug Back	Mike Pescitelli	Nancy Kohut
Ralph Crispino	Pete O'Connor	

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.                      Pobłogosław im, O Boże**

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**SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY-2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. in Pre-Lent – Feb. 7, 2021**

**OPENING HYMN** (*Hymn of Faith v. 1 & 2, pg. 13-Tan Massbooks*)

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.

We ask Thee not for bliss in life, Nor golden treasure's splendor But that we enter in the strife, Christ's kingdom to engender. Lift up from sin Thy people, Lord. And strengthen us; O Father, bless our toil.

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**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*) 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** (*Daniel 9:8-9*)

C: O Lord, we are shamefaced, like our kings, our princes, and our fathers, for having sinned against You. **R: But Yours, O Lord, our God, are compassion and forgiveness! Yet we rebelled against You.** 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.**

*There is no Gloria spoken during Pre-Lent*

**THE OPENING PRAYER**

**LET US PRAY...**Almighty Father, through Jesus Christ You gave repentance and forgiveness to Your people. May we be ever conscious of Your love and thankful for Your mercy. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, 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** – *the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (43:18-19,21-22,24-25)*

Thus says the Lord: Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. The people I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise. Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob, for you grew weary of me, O Israel. You burdened me with your sins, and wearied me with your crimes. It is I, I, who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses; your sins I remember no more.

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

**THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (*Psalm 41:2-3,4-5,13-14*)

R/ (5b) **Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.**

Blessed is the one who has regard for the lowly and poor;

In the day of misfortune the Lord will deliver him.

The Lord will keep and preserve him; and make him blessed on earth,

And not give him over to the will of his enemies

R/ **Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.**

The Lord will help him on his sickbed,

he will take away all his ailment when he is ill. Once I said,

“O Lord, have pity on me; heal me, though I have sinned against you.”

R/ **Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.**

But because of my integrity,

you sustain me and let me stand before you forever.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from all eternity. Amen, Amen.

R/ **Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.**

**THE SECOND LESSON** - *the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians(1:18-22)*

Brothers and sisters: As God is faithful, our word to you is not “yes” and “no.” For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was proclaimed to you by us, Silvanus and Timothy and me, was not “yes” and “no,” but “yes” has been in him. For however many are the promises of God, their Yes is in him; therefore, the Amen from us also goes through him to God for glory. But the one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; he has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

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

*Please Stand:* **THE TRACT** (*Acts 13:38a*)

C: You must know, my brothers, that through Him forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you.

**THE GOSPEL** - *according to St. Mark (Mark 2:1-12)*

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they

had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, “Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?” Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, “Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, pick up your mat and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth” – he said to the paralytic, “I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home.” He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this.”

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

### **THE HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT** *(NB #32 vs. 1 & 3)*

Come, Thou almighty King. Help us Thy name to sing. Help us to praise!  
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious. Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come Thou incarnate Word. Gird on Thy mighty sword. Our prayer attend!  
Come and Thy people bless and give Thy Word success! Spirit of Holiness,  
on us descend.

### **THE HOMILY** **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary AND BECAME MAN. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to

judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Lent Sunday/Sexagesima, Year B 2021- Intercessions**

**Celebrant: When we bring our prayers to God, we know that we are weak and sinful. Let us offer these prayers, confident that the Almighty is always eager to forgive us.**

*Lector:* For our brother and sister of blessed memory, Sophie and Martin Szpilka; that our prayers for their souls reach God's heavenly throne this day, *(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

*Lector:* For the Church of God everywhere, that she may shine forth as a community of healing, *(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

*Lector:* For all across the world who work to bring a healthier life to those for had no hope, *(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

*Lector:* God loves His creation, and His goodness sustains the universe. Let us pray that He will bestow His blessings upon all scouts and their families. That they may be renewed and supported with His strength.*(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

*Lector:* For those who feel paralyzed from their sinful habits, who are reluctant to return to church,*(pause)* 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, Louise Cygan, Mike Matis, Doug Back, Ralph Crispino, Thomas & Charlie Dennison, Mike Pescitelli, Nancy Kohut, Pete O'Connor, \_\_\_\_\_, for all on our prayer list, for all friends and family members, for parishioners of St. Mary's, We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

*Lector:* For all of the faithful departed, especially our Sophie and Martin Szpilka, \_\_\_\_\_, for our departed family members, friends, and parishioners who have gone to their eternal rest, (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

**Celebrant: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers of a penitent people, anointed and marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit. We pray this all through Christ, Your Son, who lives with you and the same Spirit for ever and ever. R: Amen!**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **THE OFFERTORY VERSE** (*Acts 10:43*)

To Him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins through His name.

### **OFFERTORY HYMN** (*NB #153*)

O how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and me. He gave His life, what more could He give? O how He loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for mankind to show. What He did there brought hope from despair. O how He loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me.

### **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Heavenly Father, accept these gifts from a people dedicated to You, and grant us Your forgiveness. 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 PREFACE AND THE SANCTUS** (*Sung*)

### **THE CANON – PG. 82- 2<sup>ND</sup> CANON**

After the Consecration of the Bread and Wine into Christ's Body and Blood, we all say together: **“Calling then His death and resurrection to mind, we offer You the Bread and the Cup. We thank You for allow us to come before You and to serve You.**

**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 second Communion Prayer:

**May the partaking of Your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus, not be cause for my judgment or condemnation. Though I am unworthy to receive this great Sacrament, through Your loving kindness may it become my safeguard and healing remedy. My saving Master, awaken in me a living faith, fervent love, worship, adoration and a holy longing.**

**Through this Communion, make me Your willing servant, zealous to fulfill Your holy will. May it, at last, unite me entirely with You, my Lord and my God.**

## *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 #139)**

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear my while I pray, take all my guilt away. O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart. My zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee-pure, warm, and changeless- be a living fire!

#### **THE COMMUNION VERSE (Eph 1:7)**

C: In Him we have redemption by His blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, **R: in accord with the riches of His grace.**

#### ***Please Stand:* THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**LET US PRAY**....Heavenly Father, we have been filled with spiritual gifts and refreshed with heavenly food and drink. Bestow upon us the spirit of humility that we may never presume on Your mercy. 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.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

Moved to the depths of our very soul, Lord, we now turn homeward with grateful tear for words divine, the breaking of Bread, and Thy joyous mysteries which we did hear. For now, O Christ, we gain understand of Thine own purpose and judgements true, Thy fount of grace, and water most cleansing with which Thy children Thou didst imbue.