

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 18, 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**  
+ Jan Pelka
- **10:20 AM Gorzkie Żale (Lenten Lamentations)**

Monday, February 19, 2018 – **Weekday**

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – **Weekday**

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 – **Ash Wednesday**

Thursday, February 22, 2018 – **Lenten Weekday**

Friday, February 23, 2018 – **Lenten Weekday** >>((((° >

- **7:00 PM Stations of the Cross**
- Saturday, February 24, 2018 – **Lenten Weekday**
- Sunday, February 25, 2018 – **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**

O zdrowie i błogosławieństwo Boże dla Ady i Michała z okazji Urodzin – intencja od Taty.

- **10:20 AM Gorzkie Żale (Lenten Lamentations)**

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### FAITH SHARING

Ash Wednesday is the Church's "Day of Atonement." Its very name comes from the Jewish practice of doing penance wearing "sackcloth and ashes." The Old Testament tells us how the people of Nineveh, King Ben Hadad of Syria and Queen Esther fasted wearing sackcloth and ashes.

In the early Church, Christians who had committed serious sins were instructed to do public penance wearing sackcloth and ashes. The Church instructs us to observe Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as days of full fast and abstinence. Fasting is prescribed to reinforce our penitential prayer during the Lenten season. We should experience a complete conversion of heart and not simply regret for our sins.

The priest dipping his thumb into ashes (collected from burnt palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday), marks the forehead of each with the sign of the cross, saying the words, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return". By marking the sign of the cross with ashes on the foreheads, the Church gives us:

- 1- a firm conviction that: a) we are mortal beings, b) our bodies will become dust when buried and ashes if cremated, and c) our life-span is very brief and unpredictable;
- 2- a strong warning that we will be eternally punished if we do not repent of our sins, become reconciled with God, asking His pardon and forgiveness, and do penance; and
- 3- a loving invitation to realize and acknowledge our sinful condition, return to our loving and forgiving God with true repentance as the prodigal son did and ask Him for the renewal of our life.

### PARISH COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN 2018



- Sunday, March 4, 2018, after Mass
- Sunday, April 8, 2018, after Mass
- Sunday, May 6, 2018, after Mass
- Sunday, June 3, 2018, after Mass
- Sunday, July 1, 2018, after Mass

### GORZKIE ŻALE - LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

Lenten (or Bitter) Lamentations is a Catholic devotion containing many hymns that developed out of Poland in the 18th century. The devotion is primarily a sung reflection and meditation on the Passion of Christ and the sorrows of His Blessed Mother.

In our Parish we will sing Gorzkie Żale on **February 18, February 25 and March 18** after 9:30AM Mass.



**Stations Of The Cross**  
Fridays, 7:00 PM

### THANK YOU

Thank you very much for your presence last week, for supporting your parish with your donations, for preparing a delicious meal to celebrate St. Valentine's Day. Special thanks to Bishop Bernard Nowicki and Mr. Michael Blichasz, our special guests. Thank you for those who brought to our church their family and friends. May St. Valentine, our Patron Saint, bless us all and pray for us.

### 2018 DUES

Please kindly mail your checks with 2018 dues to Parish Office.

**\$225.00 Total/per each adult member yearly.** (\$100.00 to the National Church, \$25.00 to the Central Diocese, \$100.00 to the St. Valentine's Parish). Those parishioners who didn't pay 2017 dues please do so ASAP.

You can also mail your Sunday/Solemnities collection envelopes along with your dues.

Your Parish and your Church need your help to operate. According to our Constitution of PNCC by neglecting dues member loses his/her PNCC membership, right to vote and burial in our cemetery.

### PARISH FLEA MARKET

Please look for some unwanted items in your garage, attic, basement and other storage rooms. There are many things you don't need any more but for somebody else it can be a treasure. Please donate your unwanted items to us and let St. Valentine's Parish make some money on it. We need your help. Flea market is a

great opportunity to help your Parish to survive.

Unfortunately we DO NOT ACCEPT any clothing, bedding and shoes.

We want to make the sale twice. Ones in our church hall and driveway in May or June. Second time later in our park with renting the tables for other vendors. Those days will be announced ASAP.

If you have some items to donate but you are unable to bring them to our church hall, please give us a call and we can pick them up. Please call us at (215) 535-4978.

#### LIST OF SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTIONS IN 2018

February 4, 2018	For the Mission Fund
March 4, 2018	For the Mission Fund
March 11, 2018	Institution of the PNCC - For the National Church Center
April 1, 2018	For the Mission Fund
May 6, 2018	For the Mission Fund
June 3, 2018	For the Mission Fund
June 17, 2018	Father's Day - For the Clergy Pension Fund
July 1, 2018	For the Mission Fund
August 5, 2018	For the Mission Fund
August 26, 2018	Youth Sunday - For the Youth Fund
September 2, 2018	For the Mission Fund
September 9, 2018	Solemnity - Brotherly Love - For Spójnia, Inc.
October 7, 2018	For the Mission Fund
October 21, 2018	Heritage Sunday - Outreach to Poland Collection
November 4, 2018	For the Mission Fund
December 2, 2018	For the Mission Fund
December 30, 2018	Solemnity - Humble Shepherds - Seminary Fund

#### **AFFORDABLE COMPUTER REPAIR, UPDATING, UPGRADING**

#### **FIX YOUR PC AND SUPPORT YOUR PARISH**

Is your PC or Apple computer slow or stopped working?

Maybe you don't need a new computer yet?

Maybe your old PC just needs some cleaning and update?

Maybe only a slight upgrade is a good solution?

Call Parish Office for free estimate.

**40% of what you pay for repair  
goes as donation to St. Valentine's Parish.**

You can support your Parish by fixing your computer.

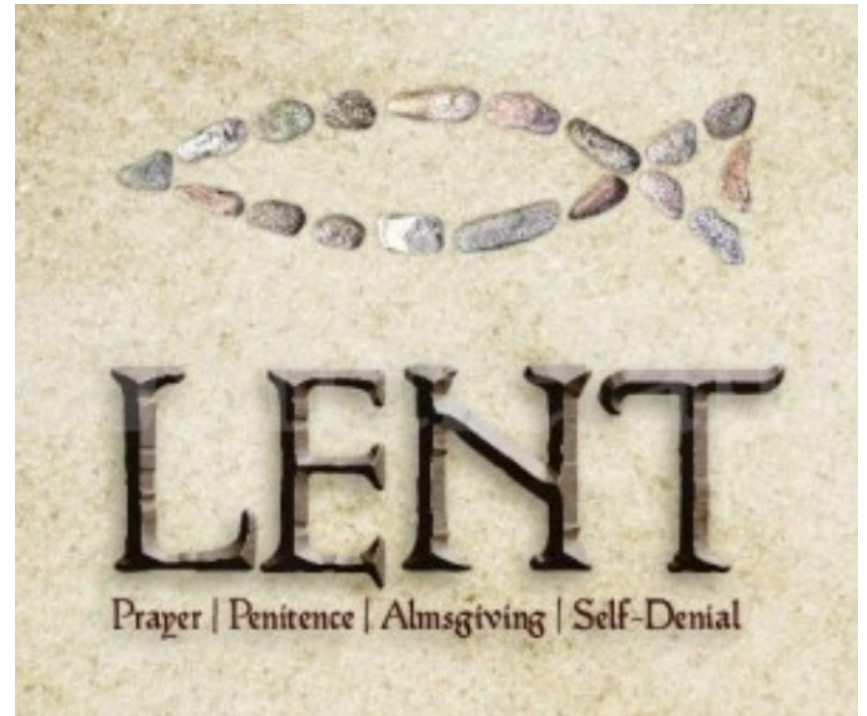
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**February 18, 2018**