

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 11, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Lent – Solemnity – Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**
+ Joseph & Helen Ganteski – requested by Barbara Ganteski
Special Collection for National Church Center.

Monday, March 12, 2018 – Lenten Weekday

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 – Lenten Weekday

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 – Lenten Weekday

Thursday, March 15, 2018 – Lenten Weekday

Friday, March 16, 2018 – Lenten Weekday ><((((°>

- **7:00 PM Stations of the Cross**
- Saturday, March 17, 2018 – Lenten Weekday
- Sunday, March 18, 2018 – 5th Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday
- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

Today's special second collection is for National Church Center. Thank you for your generosity. God bless you. Bóg zapłać!

FAITH SHARING

As we celebrate today the Solemnity of the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church let's review one more time our identity.

1. We are a **Catholic Church** rooted in Scripture, based on Tradition of early Church (first ten centuries), and accepting as dogmatic the first four Councils of the undivided Church which forms a unique expression of our Christian faith.
2. We are an **Apostolic Church** which preserves Apostolic Succession, meaning our present day bishops and priests extend in an unbroken line from the Apostles of Jesus Christ.
3. We are **Holy Church** founded by Jesus Christ.
4. We are a **Sacramental Church** which acknowledges the seven Sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation; The Word of God, Heard and Preached; Penance; Holy Eucharist; Anointing of the Sick; Holy Orders; Holy Matrimony.
5. We are **democratic church** whose church property is owned and controlled by its members. Each parish sends its priest and elected lay delegates to diocesan and national Synods (assemblies) to vote on spiritual matters in addition to church policies and procedures. Individual parishes are governed by a Parish Committee elected by the all members (parishioners) who also have the right to vote at annual Parish Meetings.
6. We are a **non-papal church** with a Prime Bishop elected by church members and the clergy. Our Prime Bishop heads the church nationally while regional leadership is given by the diocesan bishops.
7. We are a **teaching church** holding classes in preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, the School of Christian Living (SOCL) for parish

youth, and adult bible study. We offer annual diocesan religious education seminars, youth retreats, summer church camps, and biennial national youth convocations.

8. We are a **responsive church** meeting our members' religious and spiritual needs through the celebration of Holy Mass and other religious services, and the administration of the sacraments. Many other church organizations meet social and fellowship needs.

9. We are an **ecumenical church** cooperating with other churches and organizations to make our community a better place.

10. We are a **counseling church** whose pastors are available to help people experiencing spiritual, family or personal problems. Parishioners also extend moral and spiritual support to each other.

11. We are a **worshipful church** encouraging regular attendance at Mass on Sunday and holy days of obligation. Other religious services give members the opportunity to praise and honor God.

12. We are a **welcoming church** whose doors are open to everyone. No one is denied the freedom to worship with us. Those who share our beliefs are welcome to take part in the sacraments.

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN 2018



Sunday, April 8, 2018, after Mass

Sunday, May 6, 2018, after Mass

Sunday, June 3, 2018, after Mass

Sunday, July 1, 2018, after Mass

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

We cordially invite everyone to attend Palm Sunday brunch in parish hall on Palm Sunday, **March 25**, after 9:30AM Mass. Tickets will be available at the door. Please spread the word and invite your family members and your friends. Your presence is very important to your parish. Thank you!

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

It has been well said that if you want to know God, show love to your neighbor. The small sacrifices we make during Lent only have meaning if they increase love. So, if you are giving up chocolate or wine as a small gesture of love for the Lord, don't forget to give the money you save to those who cannot afford daily bread. You will be repaid a hundredfold. Don't forget the most precious gift you can give is your time. So, over and above any material gift, give your time to those who need it. That visit to someone you have been putting off, that letter, email or text message you have been meaning to write, even the smile with which you greet the office bore, they are all forms of almsgiving which will enrich your life as well as that of others.

In the back of our church you can find the POOR BOX.

LAST CHANCE THIS YEAR TO SING GORZKIE ŻALE - LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

In our Parish we will sing last time this year Gorzkie Żale **on March 18** after 9:30AM Mass. Please come and join us.



Stations Of The Cross Fridays, 7:00 PM

OFFICE ITEM DONATIONS

If you have some unwanted office supplies, such as paper, envelopes, post stamps, etc. and you would like to donate them or you could sponsor them for our Parish Office, please let us know. Even your tiny donation can be helpful to your Church.

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 – JUNE 9, 2018

Thank you those parishioners who delivered already to parish hall their donations to our parish flea market.

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 and church hall on **June 9, 2018**. Second time later in our park with renting the tables for other vendors. Exact date will be announced later.

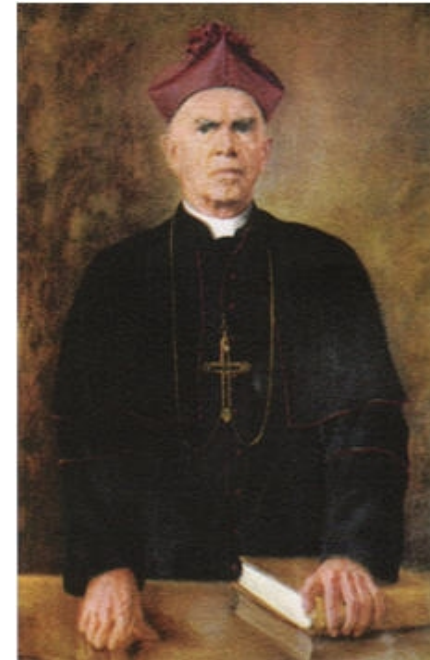
If you have some items to donate but you are unable to bring them to our church hall, please give us a call and we can pick them up. Please call us at (215) 535-4978.

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4th Sunday of Lent

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