

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 31, 2019 – **4th Sunday of Lent – *Laetare Sunday***

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**
 † Helen Misiewicz (99th Birthday) – requested by Marianne Woodland and Henry Jackowicz

Monday, April 1, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday – Birth of Bp. Francis Hodur (1866)**

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**

Thursday, April 4, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**

Friday, April 5, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**

- **7:00 PM Stations of the Cross / Droga Krzyżowa**

Saturday, April 6, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**

Sunday, April 7, 2019 – **5th Sunday of Lent**

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**
 † Alfreda Day – requested by Alfreda Janczuk

SUNDAY MASS INTENSIONS:

- 4/14/2019** † Mabel Poposki (25th Anniversary of Death)
- 4/21/2019** Easter – For All Our Beloved Dead
- 4/28/2019** † Verna Lopatkiewicz – Memorial Mass
- 5/05/2019** † Alfreda Day – requestetd by Joyce Paluszkiewicz
- 5/12/2019** Mother’s Day – For All Our Beloved Mothers (Living and Dead)
- 5/19/2019** † Verna Lopatkiewicz – requested by Cliff & Julie Brown
- 5/26/2019** † Very Rev. Joseph Kleppner, Ph.D.
- 6/02/2019** † Irina Kurbat – requested by daughters & family

Parish Committee Meeting



Sunday, April 7, 2019

FAITH SHARING

Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare Sunday* (Rejoice Sunday). Anticipating Easter joy, today’s readings invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance and the confession of our sins and by celebrating our coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God.

Today’s Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his “homecoming” where he discovers his father’s forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the rejoicing of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honor, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community and his God. At the same time, by presenting a self-righteous elder brother, the parable invites us to avoid self-righteousness and self-justification by imitating the repentant younger brother. Let us admit the truth that we are an assembly of sinful people, repentant, and now ready to receive God’s forgiveness and to experience Jesus’ Personal Presence in the Holy Eucharist as our loving and forgiving God.



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. 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 also find the POOR BOX.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on all Fridays during Lent, at 7.00PM



EASTER LETTER SHIPPED

This week you should receive my Easter Letter and the explanation how we split your donations that you make for our Parish. Please respond to this letter with your readiness to help our Parish. May God bless you for being very kind people.



CEMETERY CLEANING AND TREE CUTTING



On Saturday, April 13, 2019 Patrik, our cemetery caretaker needs our help. We are going to cut off few huge broken branches in the park which became very dangerous. For our safety we have to do it as soon as possible. Every pair of hands to help really counts. There will be a lot of cleaning after the tree is down. Please come and join us! We start at 9:00 AM. Don't forget about protecting gloves and shoes. In advance thank you for your help!

PARISH COMMITTEE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY AND MEETING

On Sunday, April 7, 2019 newly elected Parish Committee is invited to swearing-in ceremony during 9:30 AM Mass. There will be a Parish Committee meeting after Mass.

MEMORIAL MASS VS. REGULAR MASS

When some member or former member of our Church dies, sometimes, for many reasons, the family prefers a short funeral ceremony at the Funeral Home instead a full Catholic funeral with the Holy Mass in the church included. Or it can be also a last will of that person. As we know, every baptized person who passed away (even if it was a suicide) deserved a Holy Mass in his or her intention.

Regular Catholic funeral contains three parts:

1. Viewing with prayers at the Funeral Home (always there, never in the church).
2. Holy Mass with the body in the casket or the ashes in the urn after cremation.
3. Committal Service at the cemetery.

Memorial Mass is an optional part of the funeral service. It can be before burial or after, however more popular is after. Memorial Mass is said for the one particular deceased person and for this reason cannot be "merged" with some other Mass intention. Strictly speaking, it is a funeral Mass, but let's say, postponed.

I encourage you to write in your Last Will just few words about your own funeral ceremony. Demand the Holy Mass. Don't let your family do some shortcuts



making your funeral short and cheap. If you come to participate in Mass today, make sure that your body in the casket for the last time will be brought here as well for your own funeral Mass in your own church. Anyway, it is your birth to eternal life and as every Birthday, make it pretty as much as you can.

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4th Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday

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