

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 1, 2020 – **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**9:30 AM Holy Mass**

† Genevieve Hutchens– requested by Julie & Cliff Brown

Monday, March 2, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Thursday, March 5, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Friday, March 6, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Saturday, March 7, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Sunday, March 8, 2020 – **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – Institution of the PNCC**

**9:30 AM Holy Mass**

† Jan Pelka (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of death)

3/15/2020 For health and God's blessing for Izabela – requested by mom, husband and son.

3/22/2020 † Tadeusz Citko – requested by Bill Quilty

3/29/2020 † Helen Misiewicz (100<sup>th</sup> Birthday) – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz

4/5/2020 **OPEN**

4/12/2020 Easter Sunday – reserved for all our deceased relatives

4/19/2020 † Joseph & Maryanna Statkiewicz

† Helen & Thomas Misiewicz

† Deceased members of Statkiewicz Family – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz

4/26/2020 † Dominick Jeblonski – requested by Matulewicz, Kunciw and Jeblonski Families

5/10/2020 Mother's Day – For All Mothers

5/17/2020 For God's blessing and all needed graces for Trish & Bob Heaberly celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary – requested by Andrew & Chase

5/24/2020 † Bernard Minakowski - requested by Jeff & Donna Spotts

### PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed & Florence, Kapuscinski, Estelle McKee, Josephine Zdanowicz, Anna Mendla, Barbara Ganteski, Joseph Smith, Andy Stachowicz, Wanda Groman.

If you like to add somebody to this list please let us know.

### FAITH SHARING

Lent is primarily the time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations, using the means Jesus used during his forty days of preparation in the desert for his public life. It is also the time for renewing our lives for the celebration of Easter with our Risen Lord who conquered sin and death by his suffering, death and Resurrection.

Today's readings teach us that we are always tempted by the devil, by the world and by our own selfish interests. So, we need to cooperate actively with God's grace to conquer our temptations.



The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis describes the “Original Temptation” – “*You will be like gods, knowing what is good and what is evil.*” Adam and Eve were given the possibility of making a choice to live for God, dependent upon and obedient to His will, or to say no to God. The temptation to evil led Adam and Eve to an act of faithlessness and sin.

In the second reading, St. Paul describes how the disobedience of Adam, who fell to Satan's Original Temptation, brought him and us sin, death, and a broken relationship with God. Paul

explains that Christ regained for us the right relationship with God by his perfect obedience to God his Father.

In today's Gospel from St. Matthew shows us how Jesus Christ conquered temptation by relying on Faith in God's Word and authority. Today's Gospel teaches us how the “desert experience” of fasting, praying, and soul-strengthening enabled Jesus to confront his temptations successfully and then to preach the Good News of salvation. The tempter urges Jesus to turn stones into loaves of bread. But Jesus rejects that temptation to mistrust His Father by satisfying his own immediate, temporal needs and thus reducing His Divine mission to self-satisfaction. The tempter then suggests that Jesus prove that he is really the Son of God by jumping off the parapet of the temple. Jesus rejects this as a temptation to act as God's superior and demand He prove His Trustworthiness! Finally, Jesus rejects the temptation to idolatry, even if worshipping Satan would enrich and empower Jesus with all kingdoms of the world.



### DAYLIGHT SAVING

Please note that daylight saving time 2020 in Pennsylvania will begin at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 8. In case you miss Mass at St. Valentine's, please remember that at Our Saviour Parish in Lawrenceville, NJ the Holy Mass starts at 12:00 Noon.

### BRAEKFAST AT OUR SAVIOR PARISH

On March 8, which is the feast day – the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church – Our Saviour Parish in Lawrenceville, NJ hosts the Anniversary Breakfast. Please go with your relatives and friends to celebrate. Breakfast will be served at 10:00 AM in church hall followed by the Mass at 12:00 Noon.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flower envelopes will be mailed to each family along with the Easter Letter. Thank you in advance for your donations.

## VIRUS PRECAUTION

To prevent virus and bacteria sharing I encourage you to be careful with using the holy water at the entrance to the church. Water font where all deep their fingers may be infected. Before and after Mass you can bless yourselves without using the holy water.

Also please do not shake hand for the sign of peace if you are sick.



# Lenten Lamentations

## GORZKIE ŻALE - LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

Lenten Lamentations this year will be only twice during Lent, after Mass on the second and four Sunday of Lent, that is March 8 and March 22.

This Catholic devotion containing many hymns that developed out of Poland in the 18th century is primarily a sung reflection and meditation on the Passion of Christ and the sorrows of His Blessed Mother.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There are many ways to celebrate Lent, one of them is the way of the Cross. Each Friday of Lent we have Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in our Church.



# ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



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March 1, 2020