

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 15, 2020 – **3rd Sunday of Lent – Institution of the PNCC**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

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

Monday, March 16, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Thursday, March 19, 2020 – **Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**

Friday, March 20, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Saturday, March 21, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Sunday, March 22, 2020 – **4th Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Tadeusz Citko – requested by Bill Quilty

3/29/2020 † Helen Misiewicz (100th 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 25th 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

Today's readings are centered on Baptism and new life. Living water represents God's Spirit who comes to us in Baptism, penetrating every aspect of our lives and quenching our spiritual thirst.

The first reading describes how God provided water to the ungrateful complainers of Israel, thus placing Jesus' promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock at Horeb.

In the second reading, Saint Paul asserts that, as the Savior of mankind, Jesus poured the *living water* of the gift of the Holy Spirit into our hearts.

In the Gospel, an unclean and outcast Samaritan woman is given an opportunity to receive the *living water*. Jesus awakened in the woman at the well a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost, a thirst which he had come to satisfy. This Gospel passage also gives us Jesus' revelation about himself as the Source of *Living Water* and teaches us that we need the grace of Jesus Christ for eternal life because he is that *life-giving water*.

A PRAYER IN OUR TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS

O Jesus Christ, my Savior and healer, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help, who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve.

Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us.



GORZKIE ŻALE – LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

Lenten Lamentations this year will be only twice during Lent, after Mass on the second and fourth 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.

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS AT CHURCH

- The church will be open for Sunday Mass as long as the government authorities will limit public gatherings.
- Please don't sit together in groups in the pews, rather please keep yourself separated from each other.
- Please keep distance from other parishioners when you receive the Holy Communion.
- No handshaking, kissing and hugging as a peace sign during Mass. Instead, a wave, a peace sign 'V', a smile can be substituted.
- Greeting the clergy with a handshake at the doors after Mass will no longer take place.
- Coughing and sneezing into your elbow and arm instead of uncovered into the air around you will be appreciated by everyone and reduce the risk of infection.
- Parishioners who are exhibiting flu-like symptoms should remain at home from Mass until they are fully recovered from their illness.
- The clergy will continue to wash their hands before Mass as they always do. Additionally, they will use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after distributing communion.
- We will observe these precautions as long as necessary.



THE NEW FUNERAL CANDLES ARRIVED

As I informed you already we will re-activate the old liturgical custom of funeral candles around the coffin during funeral Masses. The new six candles just arrived from Poland and will be used for this purpose. Each candle can be sponsored by families or individual Parishioners and dedicated in memory of your beloved relatives. The cost of one candle is \$52.00.

CEMETERY TREES TRIMMED IN THE CENTER AISLE

Thank you Leon for sponsoring the trees cutting at St. Valentine's Cemetery. Two crews were working two days on this project last week. You can see the pictures on our webpage www.stvalentinespncc.org Many tombstones were at risk of damage during storms and windy days, therefore Leon decided to prevent it and hired professionals to save people and graves from this danger. Leon, may God bless you for your generosity. Thank you that you really care.

RECTORY BASEMENT WATERPROOFING AND MOLD REMOVING

I continue working on the rectory basement. All infected by black mold wall panels and framing had been removed already. The walls were sprayed with Clorox and mold control solution which eliminates the stench, then painted twice with drylok making the original foundations and walls waterproofed. Patrik helped me to replace partially and seal the sewage pipe. Thank you, Patrik. Now I rebuild the framing and walls. There is still a new basement window needed and some air vents to make the basement ventilated and dry.

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT

3rd Sunday of Lent
The Institution of the PNCC

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March 15, 2020