

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Tadeusz Citko – requested by Bill Quilty

Monday, March 23, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 – **Feast – Gabriel, Archangel**

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 – **Solemnity – Annunciation of the BVM**

Thursday, March 26, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Friday, March 27, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Saturday, March 28, 2020 – **Lenten Weekday**

Sunday, March 29, 2020 – **5th Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† 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

**DUE TO COVID-19
AND PHILADELPHIA RESTRICTIONS
ALL MASSES ARE NOT FOR PUBLIC,
BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE AS THE
ONLINE STREAMING.**

See our website and check your email for details.



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

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as “*Laetare* (Rejoice) Sunday,” expressing the Church’s joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord. Today’s readings both remind us that it is God who gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul and instruct us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness.

By describing the anointing of David as the second king of Israel, the first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God’s help. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility as children of light *to live as children of the light, producing every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.*” In today’s Responsorial Psalm, (Ps 23), we celebrate the care of God, our Good Shepherd, who keeps us safe in the darkness of this world. Presenting the miracle of Jesus’ giving of sight to a man born blind, today’s Gospel teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of our mind by Faith, and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind.

To live as a Christian is to see, to have clear vision about God, about ourselves and about others. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should serve to heal our spiritual blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God and love them as our own brothers and sisters saved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus.



PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY

I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation.

I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of our country. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and

heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

HOLY MASS AT ST. VALENTINE'S PNCC PHILADELPHIA ONLINE STREAMING SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 9:30 AM

On Friday night we had our first online streaming. It was very successful. Therefore, we can stream all our Sunday Masses the same way.

Younger Parishioners and those who are tech savvy please remotely help our elders to set their computers or smartphones in order to watch my streamings.

All, please make sure that people will know about this new form of liturgy in our parish. If our older parishioners cannot make their devices ready, they can ask their children or grandchildren to help them.

Sunday's broadcast will be for the first time. Please treat it as a test, like Friday's Stations broadcast. I cannot guarantee the smooth streaming because the Internet and Zoom app are overloaded recently. If something goes wrong please be patient. We all have to learn now some new forms of communication and some new forms of worshipping too.

If this app won't work for us we will find something else. My point is, I am with you, and we will go through this difficult time together. You are good people and you deserved to have a Holy Mass on Sunday offered for you and your Families and you have to be assured that your priest in your church prays for you. After the Mass is over we can unmute our microphones and talk to each other. Please feel free to make your comments via email.

GORZKIE ŻALE – LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

March 22 - CANCELLED

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday of Lent Stations of the Cross will be streamed online at 7:00 PM from our Church.

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.

RECTORY BASEMENT WATERPROOFING AND MOLD REMOVING

Virus is spreading around on the streets of Philadelphia, but I have found another deadly agent of death in my rectory basement – it's called black mold. It's dangerous to me and my family and smells really really bad. So far I was able to remove, disinfect and rebuild three from four basement walls. Lack of ventilation and water leak are the two main reasons of this damage.

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