

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 19, 2020 – **2 Easter Sunday**

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (televised - streaming online via Zoom app)

† Joseph & Maryanna Statkiewicz

† Helen & Thomas Misiewicz

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

10:30 AM – Divine Mercy Chaplet (Koronka do Bożego Miłosierdzia)

Monday, April 20 2020 – **Easter Weekday**

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 – **Easter Weekday**

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 – **Easter Weekday**

Thursday, April 23, 2020 – **Easter Weekday**

Friday, April 24, 2020 – **Easter Weekday**

Saturday, April 25, 2020 – **Feast – St. Mark, Evangelist**

Sunday, April 26, 2020 – **3 Easter Sunday**

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (televised - streaming online via Zoom app)

† Dominick Jeblonski – requested by Matulewicz, Kunciw and Jeblonski Families

5/3/2020 **OPEN**

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.



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.

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 readings for this Sunday are about God's Divine Mercy given to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our need for trusting Faith, and our need for the forgiveness of our sins.

In first section of the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat three times, "*His mercy endures forever!*" God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord by His suffering, death and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, which were instituted to sanctify us.

The first reading tells us how the early Church grew every day because of the acts of mercy — sharing, sacrificial *agápe* love — practiced by the early Christians.

In the second reading St. Peter glorifies God, the Father of Jesus Christ, for showing us His mercy by granting His Son, Jesus Resurrection from the dead and a glorious Ascension into Heaven, thus giving us the assurance of our own resurrection.

Today's Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The risen Lord gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "*Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain, they are retained*" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "*My Lord and my God,*" the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith for everyone.

CAN YOU SUPPORT OUR STREAMING AND HELP US TO BUY AN EQUIPMENT NEEDED?

If yes, please let me know. We are in need of two cameras (~\$500 - \$800 each), two field monitors (~\$120 each), Softbox Video Lighting Kit (~\$70) and extra cables (~\$80).

So far, all we have now is just a primitive equipment. My wife is very talented in combining it together and making it working, but it is time and efforts consuming and pretty complicated. And always requires at least two people to operate and monitor the broadcast.

To compare the cost, nearby parishes paid for professional installation and service of the video equipment \$3,500.00 plus.

UPDATE:

We received a donation of \$500.00 to cover the cost of this equipment from Mr. Kevin Grossman from St. Stephen Parish in Reading, PA, who was participating in our online Masses recently. Thank you very much, Kevin, it's a generous gift. Also one family from St. Valentine's anonymously donated \$70.00 for the lights. Thank you very much. May God bless our benefactors! Thanks to you we will be able to improve the streaming. The problem is, however, in the availability of the items we need to order. The closest date when they will be in stock is the end of May or June. Everyone is streaming now and working online: schools, churches, offices, even funeral homes. No items in stock right now.

I talked with few audio-video specialists and all of them are not recommending the cameras I wanted to purchase. And they are right. If we want to use streaming even after the world comes back to normal, we must invest our money wisely. The poor parish cannot afford purchasing a cheap equipment. It will be better to

wait longer and collect more money and buy some brand named cameras which are certified, come with warranty and support.

Meantime, Izabela and I, learn every day and we practice, practice, practice. We are working on the simultaneously streaming on YouTube for those who have a problem with Zoom.

Moreover, for those parishioners who have no internet connection at all, neither the smartphone or laptop, but have a regular phone, there will be possible to join us by phone. Simply, just dial the number, dial meeting ID number and then password. This way they will be able to listen to our Masses.

TWO MASSES ON SUNDAY AT ST. VALENTINE'S

Beginning this Sunday, there will be two Masses at St. Valentine's. One at 9:30 AM streamed online as usually, the second at 12:00 Noon, with or without streaming, not decided yet. Simply the Mass which was offered in Our Saviour Parish in Lawrenceville, NJ will be now at St. Valentine's, but offered for the parishioners of Our Saviour.

Every pastor assigned to parish is obliged to offer the Mass on Sunday for his parishioners. It won't be fair to combine these two Masses into one, therefore there will be two Masses, one for St. Valentine's members and one for Our Saviour. We have to do it due to traveling limitations as well as due to lack of WiFi connection in the other church building. Until last Sunday our cellphones were used as hotspots for streaming but cellular plan has monthly limits of using it. You understand what I am talking about.

Parishioners of Our Saviour share the cost of Zoom subscription with St. Valentine's. Please welcome them warmly into our community and let's join our prayers together asking God for his mercy.

FUNERAL

† Estelle McKee passed away. As you know she was very sick recently and suffered a lot. Coronavirus did the rest. Estelle's burial was on latt Friday, April 17, 2020, 12:00 Noon at St. Valentine's Cemetery. Due to social limits only family was allowed to participate.

The memorial Mass at St. Valentine's for Estelle will be offered in our church later. Please keep Estelle and her family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

FUNERAL GUIDELINES

We have received the funeral Guidelines from Bishop's Office. I forwarded his email to you already. However, please remember that each state, city, town and village are different and we have to always follow our local directives.

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE REACTIVATED

Finally I got an access to our Facebook page which was linked to the private account of Fr. Mendelewski who created it. Now is unlinked I ready to work and serve for us. Please follow us.

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



2nd Easter Sunday

2 Niedziela Wielkanocna

April 19, 2020