

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, March 19, 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)**

† Jerry Blavat – requested by Frank Brzozowski

**2:30 PM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)**

For good health and God's Blessing for Grażyna (Birthday) – requested by children

**Monday, March 20, 2023 – Feast – St. Joseph (transferred)**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023 – Weekday**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023 – Weekday**

**Thursday, March 23, 2023 – Weekday**

**Friday, March 24, 2023 – Weekday**

**Saturday, March 25, 2023 – Feast – Annunciation of the BVM**

**Sunday, March 26, 2023 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent / Passion Sunday**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)**

† Helen Misiewicz – requested by Henry Jackowicz & Marianne Woodland

04/02/23	Su	9:30 AM	For God's blessing for Cliff Brown (Birthday) and Jodie Brown (Birthday) – requested by Julie Brown
04/09/23	Su	9:30 AM	<b>Easter Sunday</b> - For All Departed
04/16/23	Su	9:30 AM	† Deceased Members of Statkiewicz & Misiewicz Family – requested by Henry Jackowicz & Marianne Woodland
04/23/23	Su	9:30 AM	† Dominick Jeblonski – requested by Jeblonski, Kuncivi and Matulewicz Families
04/30/23	Su	9:30 AM	† Danica Mulholland – requested by Frank Brzozowski
05/07/23	Su	9:30 AM	<b>RESERVED</b>
05/14/23	Su	9:30 AM	<b>Mother's Day</b> – For All Mothers
05/18/23	Th	7:00 PM	<b>OPEN (Ascension of our Lord)</b>
05/21/23	Su	9:30 AM	† Hedwig Jackowicz – requested by Henry Jackowicz & Marianne Woodland
05/28/23	Su	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
06/04/23	Su	9:30 AM	† Dariusz Slawecki – requested by Bill Quilty
06/08/23	Th	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN (Corpus Christi)</b>
06/11/23	Su	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
06/18/23	Su	9:30 AM	<b>Father's Day</b> – For All Fathers
06/25/23	Su	9:30 AM	† Jan Dryfik, Jan Pelka For God's Blessing for Jan Dryfik & Fr. Jan

### PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed Kapuscinski, Joseph Smith, Wanda Groman, Antoinette Drake, Bernice Michlinski, Marianna Pelka, Bronisław Korus, Jean Slowakiewicz O'Brien, Marie Turlinski-Kelley, Ewa Nowak.

**Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.**

### 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 remind us that it is God Who both gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul and instructs 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. It reminds us that those whom God involves in his saving plans are not necessarily those whom the world perceives as great.

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.*”



Presenting the miracle of Jesus' giving of sight to a man born blind, today's Gospel teaches us the necessity of being willing to have our eyes opened 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 and to grow continually, gaining clearer vision about God, about ourselves and about others. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should help 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.



### ALMSGIVING – OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

Let us remember that Christ said, “Whatever you do for the least one of my brothers, you do it for Me.” As Christians we are obliged to help. Look around you and seek for the opportunity to support those who find themselves less blessed than ourselves.

### THE RULES OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent including GOOD FRIDAY.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according

to each one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

### THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held this year at St. Valentine's Parish today on Sunday, March 19, 2023, at 3:30 PM. There will be two Masses today: morning Mass at 9:30 AM and an extra Mass at 2:30 PM.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM.

### I-95 NORTH EXIT 27 TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE IN APRIL

The northbound Interstate 95 exit to Bridge Street/Harbison Avenue (Exit 27) will permanently close in April. Following the closure, Exit 26 (Betsy Ross Bridge/Aramingo Avenue) will become the permanent new access route to Bridge Street and Harbison Avenue from northbound I-95.

## I-95 BRIDGE ST RAMPS: I-95 NORTH EXIT 27 TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE



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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English/Polish)



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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March 19, 2023



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