

## **ST. VALENTINE'S POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

### **SUNDAY APRIL 6th 5th SUNDAY OF LENT/PASSION SUNDAY, (ROSE)**

**LESSON:** Isaiah 43:16-21 **LESSON:** Philippians 3:8-14 **GOSPEL:** St. John 8:1-11

**9:30AM** Mass for the soul of the departed Thoomas & Helen Misewitz:Req. by Mari Ann Woodland & Henry Jakowitz.

### **MONDAY APRIL 7th-9th**

Fr. Carmen will be attending the Spring meeting of the National Liturgical Commission, in Scranton. In case of an emergency Fr. can be reached at **570-351-1584**. Fr. will return Wednesday afternoon.

### **THURSDAY APRIL 10th LENTEN WEEKDAY, (PURPLE)**

**8AM** Mass for the intentions of our Parish Family.

### **FRIDAY APRIL 11th LENTEN WEEKDAY, (PURPLE)**

**8AM** Mass for the health of the sick.

**7PM** Stations of the Cross, Benediction.

### **SUNDAY APRIL 13th PALM SUNDAY, (PURPLE)**

**BLESSING OF PALMS, READING OF THE PASSION, HOLY MASS**

**LESSON:** Isaiah 50:4-7 **LESSON:** Philippians 2:6-11 **GOSPEL:** Passion acc. to St. Luke

**9:30AM** Mass for the intentions of our Parish Family.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: APRIL 13th** Palm Sunday; **APRIL 20th** Easter Sunday

**EASTER BULLETINS:** Are available in the vestibule, please take one with you.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Offerings are now being accepted for Easter flowers.

**SACRED VOCATIONS:** Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

**CAST STONES:** Who here is without sin? None of us of course. In the Gospel Jesus has two conversations. One with the religious authorities, and the woman. The Pharisees tell Jesus the woman was caught in adultery the law says she must be stoned to death. Jesus does not answer at first, but writes on the ground. The woman felt bad about it, because they were trying to trap Jesus to accuse Him of something, not obeying the Law. Jesus finally says “Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.” They had to look at themselves and realize they were sinners. They leave, leaving Jesus alone with woman. Jesus tells her to “go and sin no more. We are quick to judge others and not think of our own faults.

It can turn out that many of our faults maybe great. We sin many times, but in confession we ask forgiveness for our sins. At the end of private confession we are told to go and sin no more. It is so easy to give in to temptation, and find ourselves in sin. Yet when we make a good confession we are forgiven. There was a time when the Sacrament of Penance did not exist. if we were caught in sin the punishment was harsh. We would not be allowed to enter the church for a period of time. Now we can go to confession and have our sins forgiven. The question is asked, “by what right does the priest forgive our sins?” We do not, it is Jesus who forgives us.

The priest is only the instrument of Jesus’ forgiveness, as he is the instrument at Holy Mass. We need to seek out God’s forgiveness for sin. Yes, we will sin again only to ask again to be forgiven. But, only if we are sincere in our confession. Can you cast a stone? We are given Lent to look at ourselves and seek forgiveness and see what our sins have done. Jesus won forgiveness for us from the Father by Jesus’ death and Resurrection.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Michele Elliot, Bridgette Roth, Christi Duff, Nancy, Kyle, Fr. Carmen, Mary Gonzalez, Marie Harrington, Brian Poplarchick, Cliff and Julie Brown.