

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Palm Sunday
Niedziela Palmowa
April 14, 2019

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow in number of holy, respectful and dedicated people.

TODAY, APRIL 14, 2019

Events for the Week

Holy Mass: 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English

Palm Sunday

TODAY, Palm Sunday – *Blessing and distributions of palms*

Today we celebrate the Lord's entry into Jerusalem, humble yet triumphant. We commemorate His arrest and execution, a death that becomes exultation.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Joseph Studlick**, of. by Mr. Daryl Davis.

- **Attention: We don't drink any beverages and we don't eat any food when we worship God in this church!**

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11; **Tue.**, Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33.36-38; **Wed.**, Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Easter Triduum Readings:

Holy Thursday - Exodus 12:1-8.11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15; **Good Friday** – Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

HOLY MONDAY, April 15th

Holy Mass, intention: for remissions of sins.

HOLY TUESDAY, April 16th

11:00AM – Central Diocese Clergy Conference in Scranton.

4:00PM – Holy Mass of Chrism in St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA.

That Mass, which the bishop con-celebrates with his presbyterium and at which the oils are blessed, manifests the communion of the priests with their bishop. To show the unity of the presbyterium, the priests who con-celebrate with the bishop should come from different parts of the diocese.

HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 17th

7:00PM – **Gorzkie Żale/Bitter Lamentations**, all three parts in Polish with an English translation.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 18th – *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*

The Mass of the Last Supper begins our three days of enacting the Easter mystery. In this rich celebration, we recall tonight the Passover meal that commemorates the liberation of Israel from Egypt, the institution of the Eucharist, and Jesus washing of the disciples' feet.

7:00PM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19th – *The Lord's Passion*

According to the Church's ancient tradition, the sacraments are not celebrated today or tomorrow. The celebration of the Lord's passion takes place in the afternoon. The celebration consists of three parts: liturgy of the word, veneration of the cross, and Holy Communion. **Fasting:** all those of post-confirmation age are to fast **TODAY** limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals. These regulations are recommended for healthy adults. Children under First Holy Communion age, the infirm, those on restrictive medication and the elderly are exempt from the obligation of fasting.

12:00 (at Noon) – **The Liturgy of the Good Friday with adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion**

⤴ Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be held until **8:00PM**.

7:00PM – **Stations of the Cross**

HOLY SATURDAY, April 20th

On this day the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his suffering and death. The altar is left bare, and the Holy Mass is not celebrated. Today's service is arranged in: a) a brief service of light; b) the liturgy of the word; c) blessing of water.

2:00PM – **The Liturgy of the Blessing of Fire, Water and Paschal Candle**

⤴ After the Liturgy – blessing of Easter food (baskets)

⤴ Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament till **8:00PM**.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 21st - RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

7:30AM – Easter procession. After Procession – Holy Mass – intention: for All Parishioners.

Today's liturgy

Hosanna to the Son of David!

THE LITURGY OF THE MASS

Hymn of Faith...

ENTRANCE

(Psalm 23:9-10)

V. Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters; Who is the King of glory? He is God, the mighty Lord.

R. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You Who are have come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.

V. Lord for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

I Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The servant of God places his trust in the Lord and knows that he is lovingly protected from the insults and spittle he can endure all suffering with patience.

GRADUAL (John 11:47-48)

V. The chief priests and the Pharisees gathered with the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs."

R. If we let Him go on thus, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation."

II Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Like the seed that is buried in the soil and brings forth new life, Jesus reveals that it is only by dying that we rise to new life.

TRACT (Isaiah 62:10-11)

V. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

R. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

Gospel: Luke 22:14 – 23:56

St. Luke reveals the compassionate promise of Jesus to the good thief: "today you will be with Me in paradise".

May the Lord inspire us to be faithful and follow Him closely during this Holy Week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

- **Hall for Rent** is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.
- **May 16-18** – Men's Spiritual Retreat in Waymart, PA.
- **May 18** – Seniorate Council meeting in Hazleton, PA at 11:00AM.
- **June 9** – Mother's/Father's Day brunch.
- **June 20 at 7:00PM** – Seniorate Corpus Christi Service in our church.

In Order of the Resurrection Day Procession the church needs the help of parishioners to carry: Processional Cross... Paschal Candle... Resurrection Statue..., Resurrection Cross..., Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society with candles..., Parishioners... If anyone is interested to be a part of this liturgy, please contact the pastor ASAP. **Following items** is needed to be carry at the procession: *Processional Cross... Paschal Candle (position already taken), Resurrection Statue...Resurrection Cross (position already taken)*.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home;. if your phone number or address change; if you have a prayer concern.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Janusz Lucarz –Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Frank Savitsky – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross - Thomas Justen – Edward Jurewicz. ***H & R Center Tremont:*** Dolores Halaburda (309); ***Luther Ridge – Pottsville, PA*** – Marie Demnitski (223); ***Shenandoah Manor*** – Helen Menzyk (D14).



HOSPITAL VISIT. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification.



CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child's religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **9:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age **must come** to **private** Confession. **If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come and be well prepared for private confession at least once a month.** If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.



WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship.

PNCC Future Direction Message - If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

PNCC 2019 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods

Develop and emphasize Discipleship through 2019: *Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Getting back to basics. Discipleship is who we are – all this flows from being a disciple of Jesus.*

May – The Disciple: Living the example of our Blessed Mother – Saying “Yes” to God. Projected outcome: Church members will be inspired to say “Yes” to God by a choice they make each week during this month choosing God's Will for them and not their own.

DUES 2019. Since January 2005, each adult member (18 years old+) is now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at St. John the Baptist parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

Total dues for 2019 per Adult Member: \$137.00 Per Year

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations:

Sunday Collection, St. Johns Fund, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Donations, Flower Fund, and Christmas Donations.

PARISH INFORMATION. **Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God’s Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

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