

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
**Polish National Catholic Church**  
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**Fourth Sunday of Lent - "A"**  
Czwarta Niedziela Wielkiego Postu  
Quarta Domenica di Quaresima

**March 22, 2020**

*O Lord I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and this parish will grow in number of really holy and dedicated people to God and to the Church.*

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – IV Sunday of Lent**

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Julian Bednarek Sr.**, of. by the son, Julian.

**MONDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – *Lenten Weekday*

**Holy Mass**, intention for: **Father Andrew Machowski, his wife**, and parishioners of Guardian Angel parish in Los Angeles, CA.

**TUESDAY, March 24<sup>th</sup>** – *Feast – St. Gabriel, Archangel*

**Holy Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>** – *Solemnity – Annunciation of the BVM*

**Holy Mass**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

**FRIDAY, March 27<sup>th</sup>** – *Lenten Weekday*

**Requiem Holy Mass**, intention for: those who are in Purgatory.

**SATURDAY, March 28<sup>th</sup>** – *Lenten Weekday*

**Holy Mass** and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**NEXT SUNDAY, March 29<sup>th</sup>** – V Sunday of Lent – Passion

**10:00AM** – **Holy Mass**, intention: for all Parishioners.

### **Today's liturgy**

**ASPERGES** – **Pokropisz mnie** Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

**ENTRANCE RITE** (Isaiah 43:8-9a; Jeremiah 5:21-22a)

V. Lead out the people who are blind though they have eyes; who are deaf though they have ears. Let all the nations gather together, let the peoples assemble!

**R. Pay attention to this, foolish and senseless people who have eyes and see not, who have ears and hear not. Should you not fear Me says the Lord, should you not tremble before Me?**

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

**R. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

**I Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13

**GRADUAL** (Isaiah 42:18.20; Psalms 146:8; Isaiah 2:5b)

V. You who are deaf, listen, you who are blind, look and see! You see many things without taking note; your ears are open, but without hearing.

**R. The Lord gives the sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves righteousness. Let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

**II Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-15

**TRACT** (Psalms 36:9-10)

V. We fast on the rich food of Your house; from Your delightful; stream You give us drink.

**R. For with You is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.**

**GOSPEL:** John 9:1-41

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

*(To be used at the time of communion when not receiving the sacrament or anytime we wish to be united with our Lord)*

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. Amen.

**Supplication** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 290, 3v.

**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.
- **March 29** – Lenten Penitential Service (before the Mass)?
- **Palm Sunday – April 5**
- **Easter Sunday – April 12** – the liturgy begins at **10:00AM**.
- **Sep. 26** – Craft Vendor & Food Truck Fall event.

**FRACKVILLE MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERVICES and our Lenten devotions are canceled, due to the coronavirus.**

**PNCC GENERAL CHURCH NEWS COVID-19** - In regards to the celebration of the Liturgy, **Holy Mass will continue so that the Church will continue to pray for her people, but we are instructing all our parishioners to remain at home** joined in prayer with others at home during the appropriate time. Worship aids for each Sunday will be available on the P.N.C.C. website (pncc.org) and on the P.N.C.C. Facebook Page (PNCC1), so that you can follow the liturgical prayers and readings of that particular Sunday.

The celebration of Holy Mass will appear on the **P.N.C.C. Facebook Page (PNCC1)** on Sundays and Holy Days.

Although we are instructing our people to remain at home, if anyone does attend the celebration of Mass, **the clergy will not distribute Holy Communion during Mass**. At the appropriate time, the “Act of Spiritual Communion” will be read together by the celebrant and any worshippers present.

This statement has been posted on our P.N.C.C. Facebook Page (PNCC1) and our P.N.C.C. website.

(All Statements from this office can be downloaded from pncc.org via the Prime Bishop’s Blog (COVID-19 - Statements from the Office of the Prime Bishop, P.N.C.C.) at: [http://www.pncc.org/?page\\_id=3611](http://www.pncc.org/?page_id=3611))

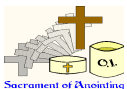
**THIS WEEK PRAYER for:** - **Father Andrew Machowski, his wife**, and parishioners of Guardian Angel parish in Los Angeles, CA.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 27 – Mary Ann Tokarczyk.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Helen Hopko - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen – Marjorie Dean - Edward Jurewicz – Jaden Leiby – Battista Amato. ***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.



**WELCOME OUR VISITORS** – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! If you are new to our parish, please submit your name, address and telephone number to **Father Robert**. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. **WELCOME!** You are always welcome to join us in worship. Come as a Guest – **Leave as a Friend.**

**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 an active part of this liturgy, please contact the pastor ASAP. Following items is needed to be carry at the procession:

*Processional Cross...*

*Paschal Candle...*

*Resurrection Statue...*

*Resurrection Cross...*

**PNCC 2020 Future Direction Plan Committee** – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> General Synods.

Develop and emphasize Discipleship through **2020**: *Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This will give us a better sense of ourselves as the Church. During 2020 we will examine the lives of the early disciples of our Lord and their discipleship to see what we can learn from them and apply to our daily living. Please, see the monthly Future Direction messages regarding this effort with reflections for living this out daily.*

**MARCH** – Martha and Mary of Bethany: Prayerfulness, Service

Reflecting question: *Martha and Mary together give us a balanced model of the aspects of our discipleship. Do you have this same balance of prayer and service in your daily life? What can you do to achieve it?*

### **A PRAYER in OUR TIME of the CORONAVIRUS**

*(adapted from the monthly publication, America)*

O Jesus Christ, my Savior and healer, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help, who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. **Amen.**

### **The Coronavirus Prayer in Its Essence**

*(also one, in Tweet-able form)*

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

### **Prayer to St. Michael**

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wiles and wickedness of the devil. Restrain him, o God, we humbly pray, and you, o Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin and destruction of souls. Amen.