

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
Polish National Catholic Church  
414 West Oak Street, Frackville, PA 17931



**Palm Sunday**  
Niedziela Palmowa  
**April 5, 2020**

*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 5, 2020**

**Events for the Week**

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



**TODAY, Palm Sunday**

- ⤴ The procession with palms is to be eliminated.
- ⤴ The knocking on the vestibule door with the Antiphon “All glory, laud and honor...” should not be done.

- ⤴ The Mass will be celebrated as usual.

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 all Parishioners.**

**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 6<sup>th</sup>

**Holy Mass**, intention for: **Very Rev. William Chromey, his family** and parishioners of St. Adalbert's in Dickson City and Holy Trinity in Throop, PA.

### HOLY TUESDAY, April 7<sup>th</sup>

**Holy Mass**, intention: for propitiating of God to stop the covid-19 pandemic.

**4:00PM – Mass of Chrism**, celebrated by Bishop Bernard Nowicki in St. Stanislaus Cathedral at Scranton, PA. *The Bishop of the Central Diocese will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the blessing of the Holy Oils of the Sick and Catechumens and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism. The priests are instructed to remain at home, joining with the bishop in prayer at that time. The bishop will ask one or two priests to join him in the celebration of the blessing of oils.*

### HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 8<sup>th</sup>

**Holy Mass**, intention: asking for God's mercy and forgiveness of sins of mankind.

ATTENTION: As the faithful are instructed to remain at home, there should be

**NO ONE IN THE CONGREGATION during the Holy Triduum Celebration, EASTER SUNDAY included.**

### HOLY THURSDAY, April 9<sup>th</sup> – *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.

**5:00PM – Holy Mass**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

*No Vespers of Holy Thursday*

### GOOD FRIDAY, April 10<sup>th</sup> – *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. **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**

- *Any other liturgy of Good Friday need not be celebrated, but pastors may wish to encourage their people to read the Stations of the Cross or Bitter Lamentations at home.*

### HOLY SATURDAY, April 20<sup>th</sup>

**NO BLESSING OF THE FIRE.** 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 Water and Paschal Candle.**

- ♣ **No blessing of Easter food (baskets) in the church.**

**NEXT SUNDAY, April 12<sup>th</sup> - RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

**NO ONE IN THE CONGREGATION** present during the liturgy.

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

**There is no Easter Procession. The Blessed Sacrament is immediately returned to the main altar and the tabernacle.**

### **Today's liturgy**

*The blessing of palms starts in the vestibule (no procession)*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE MASS**

### **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.**

### **ENTRANCE HYMN - Crown Him With Many Crowns**

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne; His regal scepter knows no bounds, All kingdoms are His own. All Christians, come and sing To Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy Savior King For all eternity.

**I Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

**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**

**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: Matthew 26:14 – 27:66**

### **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.

## **CLOSING HYMN - Lift High the Cross**

**Refrain:** *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain:** *Lift high the cross...*

**May God our Father deepen your faith as you follow His Son through the events of 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.
- **Easter Sunday – April 12** – the liturgy begins at **10:00AM**.
- **Sep. 26** – Craft Vendor & Food Truck Fall event.

**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.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER for:** - **Very Rev. William Chromey, his family** and parishioners of St. Adalbert's in Dickson City and Holy Trinity in Throop, PA.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: April 6 – Rose Kolos; April 8 – Marjorie Dean.



**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. **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.

**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](mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org) to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

**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.*

**APRIL – MARY MAGDALENE:** Faithfulness, Fortitude

*Reflecting question: Mary Magdalene was faithful to our Lord even at the foot of the Cross and so Jesus rewarded her with being the first to His Resurrection. How can you better follow her example of unconditional faithfulness to Christ in your own life?*

**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.

**The parish bulletin** - is made on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

### **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.

### **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.**