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**First Sunday of Lent – Pierwsza Niedziela Wielkiego Postu**  
February 21, 2021

### Events for the week:

**Sun., 2/21/21 – 10:00AM - Holy Mass** for: Sp. John David's family, of. by Ms. Barbara David.

**Mon., 2/22/21 – 8:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass** for Sp. Paweł & Antonina Jaskowiak.

**Wed., 2/24/21 – 8:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention for: all **Parishioners**.

**Fri., 2/26/21 – 8:00AM – Holy Mass** and Litany of the Passion, for: Very Rev. John Kowalczyk, his family, and parishioners.

➤ 6:00PM Stations of the Cross.

**Sat., 2/27/21 – 8:45AM – Holy Mass** and Litany to the BVM.

**Next Sunday, Feb. 28 – Holy Mass** for Sp. Julian Bednarek Sr.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER for:** - Very Rev. John Kowalczyk, his family, and parishioners of St. Michael Archangel parish in Cedar Lake, and Our Savior Parish Mission in Hobart, IN.

As we begin our Lenten journey, water is one of the themes of our readings today. Water is essential for life but can also be destructive and catastrophic. The waters of the flood and the water of baptism are the opportunity for a new beginning.

**I Reading:** Genesis 9:8-15

**II Reading:** I Peter 3:18-22

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and He remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after Him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There He proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' He said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thank you very much to **Mr. Kenneth Payne, his son, and co-workers** for plowing the snow recently and during the past winter seasons.

Thank you also to **Members of pastor's family** for help to remove the snow.

- Hall for Rent is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.
- **March 7** – Annual Parish meeting after the Mass.
- **Friday, March 26 – Halushki sale;** pre-order till March 19 - \$7.00 per quart.
- **March 31 (Holy Wednesday) 7:00PM** – Bitter Lamentations all three parts.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Father Richard Wosiak - Helen Hopko - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen – Marjorie Dean. *H & R Center Tremont*: Dolores Halaburda (309); *Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski (223).

FUTURE MASS INTENTIONS: Feb. 28: Sp. Julian Bednarek Sr.; March 7: Sp. Joanne Plaxa; March 14: for our Congregation; March 21: Sp. James Dean; March 28: Sp. John David's family.

THE HOLY SEASON OF GREAT LENT began on Ash Wednesday. As Jesus fasted for 40 days in the desert, the Church traditional fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christian reminds us of our total dependence on and love for God. Please remember that Fridays are days of abstinence from meat. Fasting: all those of post-confirmation age are to fast on Fridays, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals.

Our Lenten 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. During this holy and grace-filled season of Lent, all of you are encouraged to share in our Lenten Journey in preparation for Christ's Resurrection by faithfully attending not only Sunday's Mass but also our Lenten service such as: Stations of the Cross (Friday's at 6:00PM). Your prayers and participation will be appreciated by our Lord and Savior.

February 24<sup>th</sup> – Feast: St. Matthias, Apostle

(+64). After the Ascension of our Lord, St. Peter proposed that the disciples select an apostle to take the place of Judas. The choice was Matthias. He worked for the faith in Palestine, and later was stoned to death. Today we are reminded that our Christian vocation is a gratuitous gift from God which we should accept and live out with gratitude and fidelity.