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Palm Sunday – Niedziela Palmowa
March 28, 2021

Events for the week:

Sun., 3/28/21 – 10:00AM - Holy Mass for Sp. **John David's family**, of. by Ms. Barbara David.


Mon., 3/29/21 – 8:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass for Sp. **Jan Zaborowski**, of. by daughter **Janina Plichta & family**.

Tue., 3/30/21 – 11:30AM – Mass of Christm in St. Stanislaus Cathedral.

Wed., 3/31/21 – 7:00PM – Bitter Lamentations, all parts.

Thu., 4/1/21 – 7:00PM – Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Fri., 4/2/21 – 12:00Noon – The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

 7:00PM Stations of the Cross.

Sat., 4/3/21 – 2:00PM – The Liturgy of the Blessing of light, Water and Paschal Candle.

Next Sunday, April 4 – Resurrection of the Lord Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

Today we begin our Holy Week, in which we recall the last days of Jesus before His passion and death on the cross. This is the central mystery of our salvation, and we ask God that we may celebrate it so devoutly that our hearts and minds are touched by the love of Him who gave himself so generously for us. May we live in our world with that same loving kindness and self-sacrifice.

I Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

II Reading: Philippians 2:6-II

GOSPEL: The reading of the Lord's Passion

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1st – *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.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd – *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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 29 – Janina Plichta.

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: Apr. 11 – Sp. Honeylore Elsave; Apr. 18 – Sp. James Dean; Apr. 25 – Sp. John David's family; May 2 – Sp. Helen McDonough; May 9 – For all Mothers; May 16 – Sp. James Dean; May 23 – Sp. Dorothy Halaburda; May 30 – Sp. John David's family.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3rd

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.

- **After the Liturgy – blessing of Easter food (baskets).**
- Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament till **8:00PM.**

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.

PNCC 2021 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 **2021: *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 2021 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.***

APRIL – MOTHER THERESA

Reflection and Action Item: Mother Theresa lived her life challenging and inviting others to do something beautiful for God. There is so much going on in our lives that takes us in so many directions many times focusing on things that matter the least, but the example of Mother Theresa's life and efforts call us not to lose sight of what matters the most. She lived performing small acts of kindness with great love for all people – especially the poor and marginalized. Her lifestyle has made her one of the most beloved women in history and an icon of goodness. In following her great example living each day doing acts of kindness with love we can become more faithful disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Perform at least three acts of kindness to help people who are homeless or support a cause that will support them. This can be done with either your time, talent or treasure. Let this help us to see Jesus in those who are less fortunate than we.