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**Passion Sunday of Great Lent – “A”**  
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**March 26, 2023**  
*100<sup>th</sup> year of service*

**Events for the week:**

**Sun., 3/26/23 – IV Sunday of Lent**

Lenten Penitential Service

10:00AM – Holy Mass for +John Stabinsky, of. by parents, Ronald & Darlene.

**MON., 3/27/23 – Lenten Weekday**

12:00Noon – Requiem Holy Mass for +Jan Zaborowski (10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of eternal life).

**TUE., 3/28/23 – Lenten Weekday**

1:00PM – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting

**WED., 3/29/23 – Lenten Weekday**

12:00Noon – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

6:00PM – Ministerium Lenten Service

**FRI., 3/31/23 – Lenten Weekday**

5:20PM – The Way of the Cross

Lazarus, the friend of Jesus and the brother of Martha and Mary, is at the center of today's Gospel. Lazarus is brought back to life in Jesus' spectacular and final "sign", as miracles are termed in St. John's Gospel.

**I Reading:** Ezekiel 37:12-14

**II Reading:** Romans 8:8-11

**GOSPEL:** John 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.' He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to Him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathize with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus

**Next Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday**  
**10:00AM – Holy Mass** for +Janet Dean.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Helen Hopko - James Panco – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Marjorie Dean – Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause. *H & R Center Tremont*: Dolores Halaburda. *Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski. *Green Valley Rehab. & Nursing Center, Pottsville, PA* - Carl Guzik; *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen.

**Next Sunday's Mass intentions:** Apr. 2: +Janet Dean; Apr. 16: +John David's family; Apr. 23: +James Dean; Apr. 30: +John David's family; May 7: +James Dean; May 14: Mother's Day Mass; May 21: +Dorothy Halaburda; May 28: +Paul Elsavage; June 4: 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass of the Pastor's Ordination to the Priesthood; June 11: First Holy Communion Day Mass.

The deadline to register for Mission & Evangelism Workshop is **April 17, 2023**. For any information, please ask the Pastor.

had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to Him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; He was still at the place where Martha had met Him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathizing with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw Him she threw herself at His feet, saying, 'Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much He loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could He not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to Him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes and said: 'Father, I thank You for hearing My prayer. I knew indeed that You always hear Me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was You who sent Me.' When He had said this, He cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what He did believed in Him.

### **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.
- **Apr. 2 – Palm Sunday**
- **Apr. 9 – Resurrection of the Lord Solemnity**
- **Apr. 28-30 – 22<sup>nd</sup> National Mission & Evangelism Workshop** – St. Stephen the Martyr Parish in Reading, PA.

- **June 11, 2023** – First Holy Communion Day.
- **June 17** – Craft show
- **October 15, 2023, at 4:00PM Anniversary Holy Mass** – Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of organizing our parish; dinner will be in the Roman’s restaurant, Frackville, PA.

**PNU of America District 1 Activities** - District 1 of the PNU will be helping Meals on Wheels of Greater Pittston with the Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive on **Saturday May 13, 2023 from noon - 2pm**. We will be helping unpack, sort, and date items brought in from the collection. They are located at 59 S. Main St, Pittston, PA. Please contact Julie Andrzejewski at [district1director@pnu.org](mailto:district1director@pnu.org) with any questions. All members of District 1 are welcome to participate in this fraternal activity.

District 1 of the PNU will be helping with **“One Hot Meal” on Saturday, April 1, 2023 starting at 11:30 am until completed**. We will be helping to package and serve meals as well as help with any clean up needed. “One Hot Meal” takes place at St. Stanislaus Cathedral Youth Center located at 530 East Elm Street, Scranton, PA. Please contact Julie Andrzejewski at [district1director@pnu.org](mailto:district1director@pnu.org) with any questions. All members of District 1 are welcome to participate in this fraternal activity.