

March 17, 2024

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Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday

ENTRANCE RITE Psalm 43:1-2

V. Do me Justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people; from deceitful and impious men rescue me.

R. For You, O God, are my strength. Why do You keep me so far away? Why must I go about in mourning, with the enemy oppressing me?

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

TRACT: Psalm 129:1-4 (Recited in place of the Alleluia)

V. Much have they oppressed me from my youth, let Israel say, Much have they oppressed me from my youth; yet they have not prevailed against me.

R. Upon my back the plowers plowed; long did they make their furrows but the just Lord has severed the cords of the wicked.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

A Sabbath Thought

In today's celebration, we live through the process of salvation. By falling prey to sin, we separated ourselves from God. In Jesus, we have been redeemed. God's infinite love has pardoned us and has invited us to eternal life.

About Today's Bible Readings

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

God promises a new world order in which the divine presence will touch everyone from the least to the greatest. All people will know God directly.

PSALM: 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

R: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

HEBREWS 5:7-9

Who better to understand our weakness than God's Son who is one of us, who shared our temptations, suffered our infidelities - and yet pardons our sins?

JOHN 12:20-33

Those who approach Philip to ask for Jesus express a universal longing: to see God, to know God, to be one with God.

Worship Services

TODAY – March 17th

Passion Sunday

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Matt Cox offered by Kevin Grossman.

WEDNESDAY – March 20th

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

Meatless Lenten Meal will be served at 6:00 PM
Homemade Cheese Ravioli and salad.

SUNDAY – March 24th

Palm Sunday

Blessing and distribution of Palms to the Faithful Procession

Ensemble Reading of the Passion Gospel

One Mass Only!

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY – March 27th

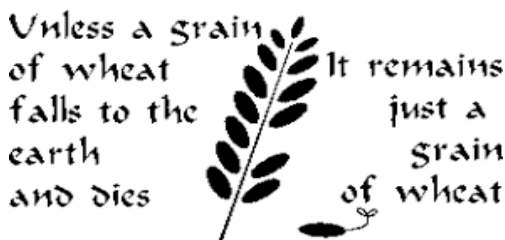
Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

Meatless Lenten Meal will be served at 6:00 PM
Pizza Night Courtesy Of the Book Club.

Remember, you can find the weekly bulletin online at:

<https://www.ststephenpncc.org/bulletins-and-newsletters/>



INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Nicole Dapp, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Larry Bagenstose, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock and Christine Mulutzie. For the repose of the soul of Matt Cox. Our Father....

If there are changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, March 17th; The Parrish Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Thursday, March 21st; The Book Club will meet in the library at 7:00 PM.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

LENTEN WORSHIP BOOKLET

The Lenten Worship Booklets are on the table in the vestibule. Please take one and refer to it daily during Lent for prayers and reflections on our Lord's Passion. It is not too late to start.

PIEROGI MAKING SIGNUP SHEET

Pierogi Signup sheets are on the table in the vestibule. We are starting early this year in order to avoid the last minute rush in preparing food for the Annual Picnic in August. Help is need on each of the designated days. If you can volunteer to help it would be most appreciated. No experience is necessary. We will teach you how. And thanks to all those who have helped so far.

WEDNESDAY FREE MEALS DURING LENT

We are continuing to offer free meatless meals each Wednesday during Lent at 6:00 PM, before Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM. These meals are provided free of charge but donations are graciously accepted.

23rd ANNUAL MISSION AND EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

The 23rd Annual Mission and Evangelism Workshop of the PNCC will be held this year at Saint Barbara's Parish in Houtzdale, PA, April 12th through April 14th. Flyers are on the table in the vestibule. See Fr. Sr. Donald for more information.

PIEROGIS AND KIELBASA

There is still some kielbasa for purchase after Mass in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Tom Schalata to purchase.



Saint Stephen's Easter Season Worship Schedule 2024

Lenten Services – During this season of Lent we prepare ourselves spiritually for the death of Jesus and for the risen Christ. Stations of the Cross will be offered by Father Senior Donald each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. These will be preceded by a light Lenten meal at 6:00 PM. There will be no charge for these meals but free will donations will be accepted. Please join us.

Penitential Devotions, March 9, 2024 7:00pm

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024 – One Mass

9:00 AM Holy Mass
 Blessing and Distribution of Palms

Holy (Maundy) March 28, 2024

7:00 PM Holy Mass
 Feast of the Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist
 Mandatum – Washing of Feet
 Procession to the Repository

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

3:00 PM Mass of the Pre-Sanctified
 Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord

7:00 PM Tenebre

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

12:00 noon. Blessing of Easter Food
6:45 PM Blessing of Easter Food
7:00 PM Blessing of the New Fire, Paschal Candle and Holy Water

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 – One Mass

9:00 AM Holy Mass
 Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord - Procession

Low Sunday, April 7, 2024

8:00 AM. Holy Mass
9:30 AM Holy Mass

*A Blessed and Glorious Easter to all!
The Very Rev. Donald E. Wunderlich and the Parish Committee*