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## QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

### WELCOME FATHER TOM!

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**Ash Wednesday is this  
Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>!**

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### A Sabbath Thought

On this day, Jesus places before us the basic obligation of discipleship.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### SIRACH 27:5-8

Our speech reveals our hearts' intentions. Even deceptive words will eventually betray the deception within.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

**R. Lord, it is good to give  
thanks to you.**

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-58

In a stirring conclusion to his teaching on the resurrection, the apostle Paul praises God who has given us in Jesus Christ the victory over death.

#### LUKE 6:39-45

Disciples are not deceptive. Jesus teaches that we are to be completely open to God's influences if we are to influence others to the good.

### ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 26:1-3

*V. Grant me justice, Lord! I have walked without blame. In the Lord I have trusted; I have not faltered.*

**R. Test me, Lord, and try me; search my heart and mind. Your love is before my eyes; I walk guided by your faithfulness.**

*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

### TRACT : Proverbs 11:3 (recited in place of the Alleluia)

*V. The honesty of the upright guides them;*

**R. The faithless are ruined by their duplicity.**

### THE GOSPEL – Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

# Worship Services

**TODAY – March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pre-Lent  
Quinquagesima**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**WED. – March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
GREAT LENT BEGINS**

**9:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**Blessing and distribution  
of ashes to the faithful**

**7:00 PM – HOLY MASS**

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**SUNDAY – March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Anniversary**

**of the Institution of the Polish  
National Catholic Church**

**Daylight Saving Time  
Begins!**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**WED. – March 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Stations of the Cross**

**7:00 PM**

**Free Lenten Meal Before**

**@ 6:00 PM**

**Sponsored by the ANS  
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches  
and Tomato Soup!**

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**ALTAR DRESSINGS**

After the 9:30 AM Mass today, the Ladies of the ANS will be changing the Altar Frontal to Purple and setting the Altars in preparation for the upcoming season of Lent which begins this Wednesday with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

## INTENTIONS:

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, 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, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, David Mulutzie, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, Dr. Brandon Ishaque, John Halecky III, Jer and Tim Checket, Leina Jean Meier, Cassidy Durante, Dre Curto, Brenda Hoffa, Teri Hettinger, Joe Gimont, Dan Chujko and Chester and Cherrie Kitchman. For the repose of the soul of Yvonne Edling. **Our Father....**

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**; Ash Wednesday. Masses at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**; Free Lenten Meals preceding Stations of the Cross begin each Wednesday of Lent. Church Organizations or individuals or families are needed to volunteer to sponsor these meals. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule or see Tom Schalata for more information. Meals at 6:00 PM and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

**Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 AM Mass.

**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**; Lenten Penitential Service at 7:00 PM.

**Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**; YMS of R Egg Sandwich sale after each Mass. Don't miss out on these famous sandwiches.

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

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## NEW PICNIC TABLE DRIVE

The YMS of R is asking for donations to purchase new, lightweight, plastic, folding tables for use during the Annual Picnic. Our old, existing tables are wooden and quite heavy to move from the church to the picnic grounds and back, plus this is damaging them in the process. It is proposed to purchase about twenty new tables at a cost of approximately \$85.00 each. Donations, if made in cash, should be placed in a separate envelope marked "YMS of R Table Drive" and checks should be made Payable to "St. Stephens YMS of R" and noted for Table Drive. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

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## PIEROGI MAKING

The Picnic Committee has established tentative dates for pierogi-making. They are as follows: March 14 & 15, March 28 & 29 (Potato); April 11 & 12 (Potato); April 25 & 26 Cheese); May 9 & 10 (Cheese), May 30-31 (Cheese); Sauerkraut- to be determined. A sign-up sheet will be available in the vestibule for volunteers.

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## YMS OF R ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The PNCC/YMS of R will hold its annual Bowling Tournament on May 16 – 18, 2025 in Hamtramck, Michigan. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule. For details on how to sign up, please contact Father Senior Donald.

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## COFFEE AND DONUTS

**We are pleased to gather for Fellowship in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for donuts being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.**