



# Holy Family Parish Polish National Catholic Church



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday Music Scholarship Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025



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**Bulletin announcements** should be received by Wednesday for Sunday publication.

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## OPENING HYMN

**We Gather Together** – Ritual Song #709

## ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 147:1-3)

C. How good to celebrate our God in song; how sweet to give fitting praise.  
The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, gathers the dispersed of Israel,

**R. Heals the brokenhearted, binds up their wounds.**

C. 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.**

## FIRST READING

**NEH 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Nehemiah.

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!"

Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"— for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

The Word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15**

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

## SECOND READING

**1 COR 12:12-14, 27**

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.  
Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.  
The Word of the Lord.

## ALLELUIA

**CF. LK 4:18**

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
and to proclaim liberty to captives.

## GOSPEL

**LK 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.  
Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."  
The Gospel of the Lord.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pełka, Bronisław Korus, Anna Dryfik, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli, Helene Tylor, Richard Tomkovitz, Meredith Straw, Colleen Kortz, Lori Tomko, Charles Koczera, Marlene Koczera, John Razukiewicz, Vicki Griffiths, Kiersten Donahoe, Rose Marie Korch, Renata Woś, Roberta Wagner, Lucas Etzel, Kellie Gates, Bishop John Mack, Bishop Paul Sobiechowski, Nate Lennon, Luca Milbower, Karyn Muse, Joyce Haber, Blair Lloyd, Justice Coddington, Martin Carney, Kathy Guy, Veronica Campbell, Cindy Puchka, Wendy Blotzer, Gail Coddington, Gladys Bacco, Lani Knabenschuh.

## CLOSING HYMN

**Now Thank We All Our God** – Ritual Song #700

## FAITH SHARING

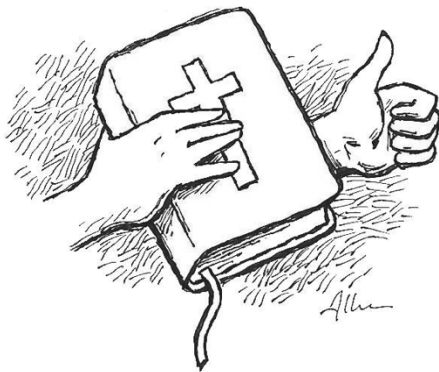
The Scripture readings for today focus our attention on the importance and liberating power of the Word of God as “sacramental,” making God present in our midst. The readings challenge us to listen to the Word, accept it into our hearts, then put it into practice as we live out our lives, thus liberating ourselves and others from all types of bondage.

Today’s first reading, taken from Nehemiah, describes a public reading of Sacred Scripture which challenges the hearers to make a “*fresh beginning*” with a new outlook. After rebuilding the Temple and restoring the city, Ezra leads the people in a “*Covenant renewal*” ceremony by reading and interpreting the Law.

The second reading, taken from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, reminds us that “*together we are Christ’s Body, but each of us is a different part of it.*” This suggests that, as different parts of Christ’s Body, each of us has a share, as instruments in God’s hands, in bringing the freeing and saving mission of Christ to our world in our times.

Today’s Gospel describes how, on a Sabbath, Jesus stood before the people in the synagogue of his hometown, Nazareth, reading and interpreting what Isaiah had prophesied about the Messiah and his mission. Jesus claims

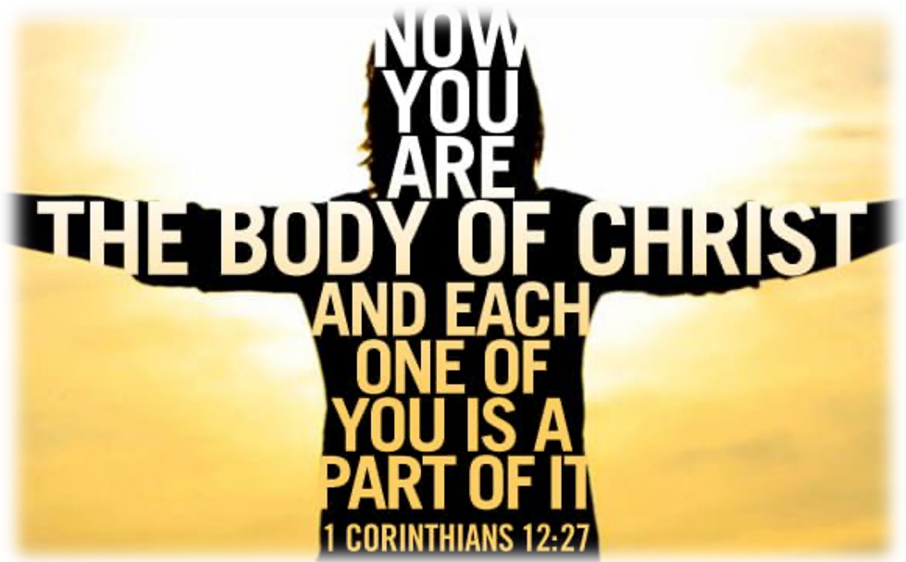
that he is One sent “*to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberation to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and freedom for the oppressed*”—language that



reflects the Biblical year of Jubilee. To the great amazement and disbelief of his own townsmen, Jesus declares that Isaiah’s prophecy is being fulfilled at that very moment “*in your hearing,*” because the prophecy foretells and describes Jesus’ own mission and ministry. Jesus’ mission is still to give liberation to everyone who will listen to his “*Good News,*” accept it and put it into practice. Luke reports that surprise and admiration were the initial reactions of the people who were astonished at the power and eloquence of this son of their soil.

**LIFE MESSAGE**

As members of Christ’s Mystical Body, we share in the freeing, saving mission of Jesus. But we are captives of sin. We need Christ to set us free. We are often blinded by our evil habits, addictions, and need for financial security. Once we receive true liberation from Christ, we have to share it with those we encounter in our daily lives, families, neighborhoods, parishes, schools, and workplaces. We need to let the power of the Holy Spirit fill us, and then be ready to have miracles done through us. Let us be ready to become Spirit-filled instruments of Christ’s saving freedom.



**USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION**

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|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| 1/26/2025 | Bill Griffiths | Rich DeLong |
| 2/2/2025  | Don Newcamp    | George Jobs |
| 2/9/2025  | Joe Parknavy   | Shawn Davis |





## **BLESSING OF CANDLES NEXT SUNDAY**

Bring your candles to be blessed during Mass next Sunday. Feast of the Presentation introduces Jesus as the Light. The burning candle symbolizes His abiding presence in the midst of the Christian community.

## **BLESSING OF THROATS**

Time: During the Mass next Sunday.

The annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. This blessing is ordinarily given on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the memorial of Saint Blaise, by touching the throat of each person with two candles blessed on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and which have been joined together in the form of a cross.

One of the more familiar legends involves St. Blaise healing a boy with a fish bone stuck in his throat. Other legends are about wild animals coming to him to be cured of their wounds. Another story tells of a kind woman who brought him candles to dispel the darkness of the prison cell where he was being held.



## **CENTER FOR VICTIMS - THE LAST CALL!**

Sunday, February 2, 2025 is the last day for the collection of gently used winter coats for the residents of the Center for Victims shelter. Needed are sizes toddler to adult. Donations would be greatly appreciated. A collection box will be placed

in the Narthex of the Church.

If you have any questions, please contact **Janice Griffiths** at **412-477-7061**.

## **PNA MEETING**

The PNA 132 will have a meeting following Sunday's Mass, February 22.

## **TAX REPORTING LETTER**



You can request already the letter/receipt concerning your 2024 donations for you tax reporting purposes.

If it is needed, please email Fr. Mariusz (pastor@hfpncc.org). You can pick up the requested letter in person in Parish Office or after Mass on Sunday.

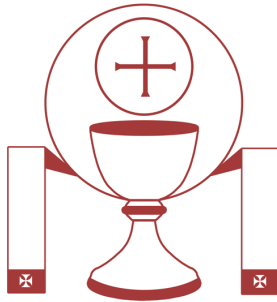
## SAVE THE DATE

**Spring Craft Show:** Saturday, March 29, 2025, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Prep Day:** Friday, March 28, 2025, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Details to follow for Chinese Auction Baskets, Lottery Tickets, Baked Goods, and Donations.

# ORDINATIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS



We announce the ordination of **Deacon Marcus Ryan Tinajero** to the Holy Priesthood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Polish National Catholic Church to be conferred by His Grace The Rt. Rev. John E. Mack, Bishop Ordinary of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese Polish National Catholic Church on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1:00 PM, Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, 6298 Broadway - Lancaster, NY

We also announce the ordination of **Cleric Anthony Michael Anderson** to the office of Deacon of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Polish National Catholic Church to be conferred by His Grace The Rt. Rev. John E. Mack, Bishop Ordinary of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese, Polish National Catholic Church on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 11:00 AM, Transfiguration of our Lord Parish, 353 Bridgeport St., Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666

We invite you to witness these ordinations by your presence or by offering your prayers to God for Deacon Marcus and for Cleric Anthony.

If anyone knows of any reason why Deacon Marcus or Cleric Anthony should not be ordained, inform the Bishop's Office immediately or forever hold your peace.

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, January 26, 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday (Music Scholarship Sunday)**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass**

† Mildred & Phillip Kotulsky – requested by Barbara Kostovny

**Monday, January 27, 2025 – Weekday**

**Tuesday, January 28, 2025 – Weekday**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2025 – Weekday**

**Thursday, January 30, 2025 – Weekday**

**Friday, January 31, 2025 – Weekday**

**Saturday, February 1, 2025 – Weekday**

**Sunday, February 2, 2025 – Solemnity – Presentation of our Lord**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass with the blessing of the Candles and the blessing of Throats**

† Patricia Hayduk – requested by Dolores & Frank Szatkowski

**2/9/25 Su 10:00 AM 5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

† Jane Contrella – requested by Kost Family

† Ted Balawajder – requested by Bob & Janet Yonek

† Michal Mularczyk – requested by the Mularczyk Family

**2/16/25 Su 10:00 AM Pre-Lent – Septuagesima Sunday**

† Bonnie Zaucha – requested by the Lectors of the Holy Family Parish

† Bernice Drnach – requested by Izabela Dryfik

**2/23/25 Su 10:00 AM Pre-Lent – Sexagesima Sunday**

† Johanna Pardoe – requested by David & Sandy Kost

**3/3/25 Su 10:00 AM Pre-Lent – Quinquagesima Sunday**

OPEN

**3/5/25 We 10:00 AM Ash Wednesday**

† Johanna Pardoe – requested by the Lectors of the Holy Family Parish

**3/5/25 We 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday**

OPEN

**3/9/25 Su 10:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

OPEN



### MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for \_\_\_\_\_

Date requested \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mass stipend \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to:  
Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, 1921 Eden Park Blvd, McKeesport, PA 15132*