



# Holy Family Parish Polish National Catholic Church



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## Pre-Lent Sexagesima Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025



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**OPENING HYMN**

**Where Charity and Love Prevail** (Amazing Grace) – RS #747 verses 1 - 3

**ENTRANCE HYMN** (Romans 12:20-21)

**C.** “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by doing so you will heap burning coals upon his head.”

**R. Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.**

**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**

**1 SM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul’s soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him. Abishai whispered to David: “God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!” But David said to Abishai, “Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD’s anointed and remain unpunished?” So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul’s head, and they got away without anyone’s seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber. Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: “Here is the king’s spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD’s anointed.” The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,

slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**SECOND READING**

**1 COR 15:45-49**

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: It is written, *The first man, Adam, became a living being*, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven.

As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. The Word of the Lord.

**ALLELUIA**

**JN 13:34**

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
love one another as I have loved you.

**GOSPEL**

**LK 6:27-38**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will

be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” 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 Pelka, 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, Ted Gibala.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**Love Diving All Loves Excelling** – RS #743 verses 1, 2, 3

## **FAITH SHARING**

Today’s Scripture readings challenge us to love our enemies and show sensitivity to the feelings and needs of others. Also, we must choose merciful forgiveness instead of harboring revenge and planning retaliation.

The first reading shows us how David made the right choice, respecting God’s anointed king by forgiving his offenses, while Saul continued to make the wrong choices, perpetuating his own misery in seeking his revenge.

In the second reading, St. Paul tells us how the “First Adam” made a wrong choice of disobedience, bringing death into the world, whereas Jesus, the “Second Adam,” made the right choice of fulfilling his Father’s saving plan for mankind by accepting acute suffering and a heinous death.

Today’s Gospel gives us Jesus’ revolutionary moral teaching about correct choices in our human relationships, and our obligation to



behave like the children of a loving, forgiving, merciful, and compassionate Heavenly Father. Jesus orders us to love our enemies and to be merciful and compassionate to everyone as God our Father is loving, merciful, and compassionate. He concludes by instructing us to stop judging others and start forgiving all who offend us.

## **LIFE MESSAGE**

God asks us to do to others what we would like them do to us. If we obey, loving others and expressing that love by loving words and deeds, we will start

receiving the same love from others in higher intensity. Further, if we want others to forgive our offenses, our words of criticism, and our thoughtless judgments against them, then we should start forgiving their offenses against us and start appreciating their good qualities while encouraging them and supporting them in their needs.

We need to pray for the strength to forgive. At every Mass we pray the “*Our Father*”, asking God to forgive us as we forgive others. Our challenge is to overcome our natural inclination to hate family members, co-workers, neighbors and all who offend us. To meet that challenge, we need to ask God for the strength to forgive each other. Only forgiveness truly heals us. If we remember how God has forgiven us, it will help us forgive others. Let us start forgiving right now by curbing the sharp tongue of criticism, suppressing the revenge instinct, and bearing patiently the irritating behavior of a neighbor.

**USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION**

2/23/2025	Frank Pociask	Stan Tadajski
3/02/2025	Bill Griffiths	Rich DeLong
3/09/2025	Don Newcamp	George Jobs
3/16/2025	Joe Parknavy	Shawn Davis
3/23/2025	Lenny Guy	Joe Lawrence
3/30/2025	Frank Pociask	Stan Tadajski
4/06/2025	Bill Griffiths	Rich DeLong
4/13/2025	Don Newcamp	George Jobs
4/20/2025	Joe Parknavy	Shawn Davis
4/27/2025	Lenny Guy	Joe Lawrence
5/04/2025	Frank Pociask	Stan Tadajski



**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.

**OLD PALMS COLLECTION**

If you still have the palms from the last year Palm Sunday, please bring them to the church. Please leave them in the narthex. They will be burned, and we will make from them the ashes for the Ash Wednesday.

**PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING RESCHEDULED**

Thursday, February 27, at 6:00 PM



**LAJKONIKI DANCE PRACTICE**

There will be a Lajkoniki dance practice on Sunday February 23, at 3:00 PM. New members are welcomed.

**POTATO PIEROGI SALE - SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025**



Holy Family will be holding a POTATO PIEROGI SALE for **Parishioners only** on **Saturday, March 8, 2025** with preparation beginning on Friday, March 7 at 9:00 AM.

Orders for potato pierogies will be taken ONLY on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> in the church narthex. There will be a 2 dozen per person limit. Prices are \$15 per dozen or \$13 per dozen for volunteers.

**Pick up** will be Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> after 3:00 PM.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED from preparation to clean up on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and sale day, Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Come join us in carrying on the Polish culinary tradition and sharing in Christian fellowship by volunteering in this program.

Monetary donations to help defray the escalating costs will also be appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Burlikowski @ 412.398.0162.

**MCKEESPORT DOWNTOWN HOUSING**

The YMSofR is requesting support for McKeesport Downtown Housing (former YMCA). The housing is for individuals male and female at risk for homelessness. Items requested: new twin fitted sheets, shampoo, liquid body soap, hand and body lotion, deodorant (non aerosol or spray), disposable razors (male and female) and female hygiene products. Donations can be made on Sunday February 23 through Sunday March 23. Thank you from the YMS of R Branch 70.



## PACZKI SALE – SUNDAY, MARCH 2

The Frederic Chopin Choir and the Annunciation Bell Choir invite everyone to our Annual Oakmont Bakery Paczki Sale after Mass on Sunday, March 2. Assorted paczki will be available with coffee for \$5. Come join us in this pre-lenten treat!



**EASTER SPECIAL**  
**MEAT AND MOREY**  
Benefits  
**HOLY FAMILY BELL TOWER**

1 HAM STEAKS  
2 ROUND STEAKS  
2 SIRLOIN STEAKS  
2 T-BONE STEAKS  
8 CUBE STEAKS  
12 PORK CHOPS  
2 LBS. BEEF CUBES  
2 LBS. LOOSE SAUSAGE  
2 WHOLE CHICKEN BREASTS  
2 LBS. BACON  
2 LBS. KIELBASSI  
5 LBS. GROUND BEEF  
3 LB. COUNTRY RIBS  
3 LBS. CENTER CUT PORK ROAST  
2 LBS. CHUCK ROAST  
3 LBS. RUMP ROAST  
6 CHICKEN THIGHS  
AND  
— \$500.00 CASH —

Winning number taken from the first 7:00 a.m. Pick Three on  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025**  
Meat products provided by Lampert's Market  
Any unsold Tickets become the Property of the  
**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**  
Donation \$5.00 — Void After 30 days  
— Not responsible for typographical errors.—

## RAFFLE FOR A FREEZER OF MEAT

The YMS of R is sponsoring another raffle for a freezer of meat PLUS \$500. Tickets are \$5 and the proceeds have been designated to repair the church bells; only one of the three bells is working! Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Men's Society.



## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, February 23, 2025 – Pre-Lent – Sexagesima Sunday**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass**

† Johanna Pardoe – requested by David & Sandy Kost

† Bronisław Korus – requested by Fr Bruce & Marian Sleczkowski

**Monday, February 24, 2025 – Weekday**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2025 – Weekday**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025 – Weekday**

**Thursday, February 27, 2025 – Weekday**

**Friday, February 28, 2025 – Weekday**

**Saturday, March 1, 2025 – Weekday**

**Sunday, March 2, 2025 – Pre-Lent – Quinquagesima Sunday**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass**

† Jane Contrella – requested by Martha Krusienki

† Max T. Sleczkowski, Deacon Raymond Lagesse – requested by Marian & Fr. Bruce Sleczkowski

**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**  
 † Jane Contrella – requested by Tom Tondera  
**3/9/25 Su 10:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent / Institution of the PNCC**  
 † Bronisław Korus – requested by Carol Davelli & Deanna Nemec  
**3/16/25 Su 10:00 AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
 † Helen Korch – requested by Janet Korch  
**3/19/25 We 7:00 PM Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**  
 For all men of the Holy Family Parish  
**3/23/25 Su 10:00 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
 OPEN  
**3/25/25 Tu 7:00 PM Solemnity – Annunciation of the BVM**  
 † Bronisław Korus – requested by Henrietta & Terry Kleckner  
**3/30/25 Su 10:00 AM 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
 OPEN  
**4/06/25 Su 10:00 AM Passion Sunday**  
 OPEN  
**4/13/25 Su 10:00 AM Palm Sunday**  
 OPEN  
**4/17/25 Su 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday**  
 For All Bishops, Priests and Deacons of our Church  
**4/18/25 Su 6:00 PM Good Friday**  
**4/19/25 Su 6:00 PM Holy Saturday**  
 OPEN  
**4/20/25 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Resurrection of the Lord**  
 For All Parishioners



## MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

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

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**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*