



Holy Family Parish Polish National Catholic Church



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Pre-Lent Septuagesima Sunday February 16th, 2025

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OPENING HYMN

Morning Hymn – PNCC #195

ENTRANCE HYMN (Luke 4:27; Psalm 41:5)

V. There were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naman the Syrian.

R. Once I prayed, “Lord, have mercy on me; heal me, I have sinned against You.”

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

JER 17:5-8

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit. The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not
the counsel of the wicked,
nor walks in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the company of the insolent,
but delights in the law of the LORD
and meditates on his law day and night.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree
planted near running water,
that yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves never fade.

Whatever he does, prospers.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so the wicked, not so;
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,
but the way of the wicked vanishes.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 COR 15:12, 16-20

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

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. The Word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

LK 6:23AB

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.

GOSPEL

LK 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way." 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

Blessed is He – PNCC #196

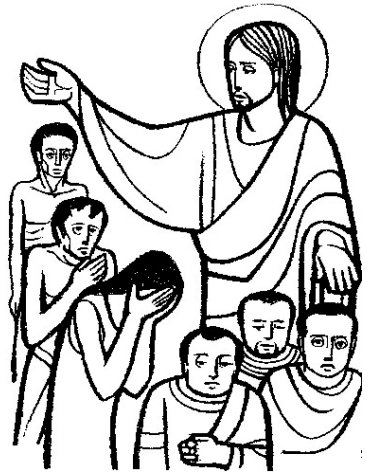
FAITH SHARING

Today's readings teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, and work to uplift them, thus declaring our "*option for the poor*," as Jesus did.

In the first reading, Jeremiah tells us that true happiness consists in our placing our trust in God and in putting our trust in His promises.

In the second reading St. Paul warns us that true beatitude is obtainable only in Heaven, and that Christ's Resurrection gives us our assurance of reaching Heaven for an everlasting life of happiness.

In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow, and persecution. In poverty, we recognize our dependence on God; in hunger, God's providence; in sorrow for sins, reconciliation with God; and in persecution, the true joy of standing for the Faith with heroic convictions. What makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for the Faith but living these in the context of one's commitment to Jesus and his spirit of sharing. The Beatitudes consist in humble selflessness and compassionate, generous sharing of our blessings with the needy. The beatitudes must be understood as eschatological statements which see and evaluate the present in terms of the future glory and everlasting happiness.



LIFE MESSAGE

Millions are starving, persecuted, homeless, and leading hopeless lives. The only way the promises of the Beatitudes can become a reality for them is through the efforts of people like us. Therefore, let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, or the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now.

God knows that 50% of His children are hungry, 80% live in substandard housing and 70% have no education. If over half our children were hungry, cold and uneducated, how would we respond to their suffering? God wants us to live as brothers and sisters who care for one another.

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

2/16/2025	Lenny Guy	Joe Lawrence
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.



PNA MEETING

The PNA 132 has been rescheduled to Sunday, February 16th after Mass.

The PNA Council 305 Zoom meeting will be held on Saturday, February 22nd at 1:00 P.M.

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

Thursday, February 20, 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 16th and Sunday, February 23rd 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 8th after 3:00 PM.

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

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.

SCAM WARNING!!!

Someone stole Fr. Mariusz’s identity and uses his name in emails sent to parishioners! If you received an email asking you to do something discreetly for father or buy gift cards, please be extremely careful



because this is scam!!! Please double check the email address that message was sent from and if it is different than the email address printed on the first page of the parish bulletin, please disregard it, don’t respond to it, don’t click on any links and optionally you can report it to the Police.

The offending email is: **churchofficemailonline725@gmail.com**

This is a fraud!!! It is neither the Holy Family Parish email nor Fr. Mariusz’s personal email. If you received such an email from this or other email address please immediately let father know.

This froud issue has been reported already to the Police Department and Military Cyber Security authorities.

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.



EASTER SPECIAL
MEAT AND MORE

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 p.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 16, 2025 – Pre-Lent – Septuagesima Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

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

† Bernice Drnach – requested by Izabela Dryfik

Monday, February 17, 2025 – Weekday

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – Weekday

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 – Weekday

Thursday, February 20, 2025 – Weekday

Friday, February 21, 2025 – Weekday

Saturday, February 22, 2025 – Weekday

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

3/2/25 Su 10:00 AM Pre-Lent – Quinquagesima Sunday
 † Jane Contrella – requested by Martha Krusienski
 † 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 1st Sunday of Lent
 † Bronisław Korus – requested by Carol Davelli & Deanna Nemece
3/16/25 Su 10:00 AM 2nd Sunday of Lent
 OPEN
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 3rd 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 4th 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 _____

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*