



Holy Family Parish Polish National Catholic Church



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OPENING HYMN

Seek Ye First – RS #728

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 26:1-3)

C. 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.

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

SIR 27:4-7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested. The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

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

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, Most High,
To proclaim your kindness at dawn
and your faithfulness throughout the night.

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

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

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

They shall bear fruit even in old age;
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,
Declaring how just is the LORD,
my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

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

SECOND READING

1 COR 15:54-58

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

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,

then the word that is written shall come about: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?* The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

PHIL 2:15D, 16A

Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of life.

GOSPEL

LK 6:39-45

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

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." 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

Jesus, My Lord And Savior – PNCC #159

FAITH SHARING

Jesus draws our attention to practical points of Christian living and challenges us to use our words as he used his in his preaching and healing ministry — to heal, to restore, and to bring back life, joy, and hope.

The first reading teaches us that what is inside us is revealed through our conversation – as the grain and husks are separated in a farmer’s sieve, as the quality of the shaped clay is revealed in the potter’s fire, and as the size and quality of a tree’s fruit reveal the care it has received from the planter.

In the second reading St. Paul advises the Corinthian Christians to be firm, steadfast and fully devoted to the work of the Lord, instead of wasting time on useless and sinful conversations, which bring punishment instead of the victory of resurrection and eternal reward.

In today’s Gospel passage Jesus condemns our careless, malicious and rash judgments about the behavior, feelings, motives, or actions of others by using the funny examples of one blind man leading another blind man and one man with a log stuck in his eye, trying to remove a tiny speck from another’s eye.

LIFE MESSAGE

We should avoid judging others because no one except God is good enough to judge others because only God sees the whole truth, and only He can read the human heart. Hence, only He has the ability, right, and authority to judge us. We do not see all the facts or circumstances or the power of the temptation which has led a person to do something evil.

Abraham Lincoln said that the only one who has the right to criticize is the one who has the heart to help. Therefore, we should leave all judgment to God, practice mercy and forgiveness, and pray for God’s grace to get rid of all forms of evil in our lives. Let us remember the warning of saints: *“When you point one finger of accusation at another, three of your fingers point at you.”*

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

3/02/2025 Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong
3/09/2025 Don Newcamp, George Jobes
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 Jobes
4/20/2025 Joe Parknavy, Shawn Davis
4/27/2025 Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence
5/04/2025 Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski

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!



SPRING CRAFT SHOW

The Spring Craft Show will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 10:00am - 3:00pm. We are asking for Chinese Auction Baskets and/or Lottery Tickets to be donated. Baskets and lottery tickets should be turned into Kristen



by Sunday, March 16. For those who will not be able to attend the show but would still like to support the event, we will be selling Chinese Auction Tickets and 50/50 Raffle Tickets after mass on Sunday, March 23.

If you would like to donate any baked goods for our baked goods table, you can bring them down on Friday, March 28, from 10:00am - 5:00pm, or the morning of the show. Baked goods will be most helpful. Polish food, drinks, and baked goods will be available for purchase the day of the show.

Also, if anyone would like to donate drinks to be sold during the event, that would be greatly appreciated. We are looking to sell the following: Cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Root Beer, Cream Soda, Sprite, and Iced Tea. If you would like to donate bottled water, please make sure they are the 16.9 ounce size so we are able to charge one price for everything. Please have all donated cans of pop and/or bottled water at the church by Sunday, March 23 so we can see what we still need to buy. Cash donations are always appreciated to help defray the costs of the meat and produce.

We will need help Friday, March 28, between 10:00am - 5:00pm with prep work. In addition, we are asking for volunteers on the day of the show who can help the crafters unload their cars at 8:00 am and then reload them at 3:00 pm. If you are able to help, please let Kristen know.

Thank you in advance for all of your help and support for the craft show. All proceeds from our show will benefit the church. Please remember: when you see the event on Facebook, please share it and invite your family and friends! Any questions, please call Kristen Korenoski --- 412-848-9215.

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.





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. **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.

PNA LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Polish National Alliance Council 305 runs “Roll away the Stone of Hunger!”- Lenten Food Drive, to be donated to local Food Bank, beginning Ash Wednesday till Passion Sunday. All donations can be stored in the Narthex.



THE RULES OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent including GOOD FRIDAY.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each

one’s needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.



ASH WEDNESDAY – March 5, 2025

With Ash Wednesday we begin the holy season of Lent, our time for penance, reflection, and reconciliation. Please join us for **Holy Mass at 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM**. Ashes to be distributed at both Masses.

Ash Wednesday is a holy day of obligation, and the distributing of the Ashes cannot be transferred neither to Sunday nor any other day.



RAFFLE FOR A FREEZER OF MEAT

The YMS of R is sponsoring another raffle for a freezer of meat PLUS \$500. Tickets are \$5.00 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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Each Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM.

- Friday, March 7 (service led by Parish Committee)
- Friday, March 14 (service led by Lectors and Altar Servers)
- Friday, March 21 (service led by YMSofR)
- Friday, March 28 (service led by father Mariusz)
- Friday, April 4 (service led by SAMBS)
- Friday, April 11 (service led by both Choirs)
- Friday, April 18 – Good Friday

LENTEN LAMENTATIONS – GORZKIE ŻALE

One of the signs of Lent in the Polish community are the Gorzkie Żale, called in English Lenten Lamentations or Bitter Lamentations, sung at church on Sundays during that somber season. They're a series of melancholic hymns about Jesus Christ's passion and death, meant to be a form of grieving for His suffering.



The Lenten Lamentations are divided into three parts. Part one recalls Christ's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, arrest and unjust trial. Part two recalls Christ's suffering from his unjust trial to His being crowned

with thorns. Part three recalls Christ's crucifixion and death. Each part has its particular set of spoken intentions and hymns.

This year Lenten Lamentations will be held at Holy Family church in the Second (March 16), Third (March 23) and Fourth (March 30) Sunday of Lent at 3:00 PM. The Polish and English subtitles will be displayed on the screen.

MASS OF CHRISM

Mass of Chrism and Spring Clergy Conference of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese will be hosted this year at Holy Trinity Parish in McKees Rocks on April 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to participate.



ASH WEDNESDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

JL 2:12-18

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel.

Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing, Offerings and libations for the LORD, your God. Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the people, notify the congregation; Assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast; Let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber. Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep, And say, "Spare, O LORD, your people, and make not your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over them! Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 12-13, 14, 17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

For I acknowledge my offense,
and my sin is before me always:
"Against you only have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight."

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING

2 COR 5:20—6:2

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

Brothers and sisters: We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: *In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.* Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. The Word of the Lord.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

SEE PS 95:8

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL

MT 6:1-6, 16-18

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

9:00 AM Holy Mass with Palms blessing, Procession and The Lord's Passion (the old rite).
Breakfast will follow the Mass.

Holy Monday, April 14, 2025

10:00 AM Decorating of the church for the Holy Week.

Holy Tuesday, April 15, 2025

6:00 PM Mass of Chrism at Holy Trinity Parish (McKees Rocks, PA)

Holy Wednesday, April 16, 2025

6:00 PM Holy Hour, Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity to individual Confession.

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025

7:00 PM Commemoration of the Institution of the Eucharist, Reception of the newly blessed Holy Oils, Last Supper Mass with the feet washing ceremony (Mandatium), Procession to the Altar of Repose, Adoration (church open till 10:00PM)

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Good Friday Liturgy (contemporary rite): The Lord's Passion, Adoration of the Holy Cross, Holy Communion, Procession and the Opening of the Symbolic Grave (church will stay open, come and pray any time).

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

12:00 PM Blessing of the Easter Baskets

7:00 PM Easter Vigil Liturgy, the Blessing of the New Fire, the Blessing of the Paschal Candle and Holy Water, Exultet, Vigil Mass (contemporary rite).

Blessing of the Easter Baskets will follow the Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

10:00 AM Resurrection Procession and the Resurrection Mass.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, March 3, 2025 – Weekday

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 – Weekday

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 – Ash Wednesday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

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

7:00 PM – Holy Mass

† Jane Contrella – requested by Tom Tondera

Thursday, March 6, 2025 – Weekday

Friday, March 7, 2025 – Weekday

Saturday, March 8, 2025 – Weekday

Sunday, March 9, 2025 – 1st Sunday of Lent / Institution of the PNCC

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Bronisław Korus – requested by Carol Davelli & Deanna Nemeč

3/16/25 Su 10:00 AM 2nd 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 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

† Helen Popovic (4th Anniversary of Death) – requested by Sons and their Families

4/13/25 Su 9:00 AM Palm Sunday

OPEN

4/17/25 Su 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday

For All Bishops, Priests and Deacons of our Church

4/18/25 Su 3:00 PM Good Friday

4/19/25 Su 7:00 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*

Lenten prayer

Dear God, During Lent help us to keep our eyes on Jesus. Help us to spend more time talking and listening to you. Help us to share what we have with others and be sorry for times we have done wrong.

Amen

