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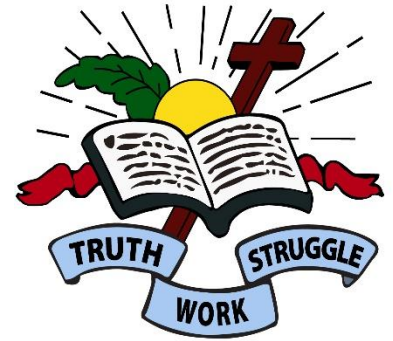
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Quinquagesima Sunday

A Sabbath Thought

Like an ardent and faithful lover, God woos us and speaks to our hearts. Jesus proclaims that he is the bridegroom of the new covenant.

About Today's Bible Readings

HOSEA 2:16, 17b, 21, 22

God calls Israel back to the innocence of their Exodus relationship. Like a lover, God calls Israel back to be healed and made righteous.

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

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:1b-6

Paul needs no letter of recommendation other than the faithful community at Corinth. God's own Spirit wrote the message of salvation in their hearts.

MARK 2:18-22

Jesus is the bridegroom; the sign of the marriage covenant between God and his people. In his presence, celebration, not fasting, is the appropriate response.

ENTRANCE RITE: Isaiah 42:8-10a

V. I am the Lord, this is My Name; My glory I give to no other, nor My praise to idols. See now, the earlier things have come to pass, new ones I now foretell; before they spring into being, I announce them to you.

R. Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise from the ends of the earth.

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: ACTS 13:38a, 39 (Recited in place of the Alleluia)

V. From now on I announce new things to you.

R. Hidden events of which you know not.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 2:18-22

The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were accustomed to fast. People came to Jesus and objected, "Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak. If he does, its fullness pulls away, the new from the old, and the tear gets worse. Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the skins are ruined. Rather,

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

Worship Services

TODAY Feb. 11th
Quinquagesima Sunday
Third Sunday of Pre-Lent
9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

WEDNESDAY Feb. 14th
ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM – HOLY MASS
Blessing and imposition of ashes following the Mass.

SUNDAY Feb. 18th
First Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM – HOLY MASS
Stations of The Cross will follow the Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday. It marks the beginning of the solemn period of Great Lent. The Church urges us to fast on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent. We should strive to be more reflective and prayerful during this time. Giving alms to the poor is also encouraged. This can easily be done by donating food or clothing at the collection site in the Narthex. Booklets containing daily Lenten Prayers can be found on the table in the Narthex as well. Please take one and refer to it daily.

Annual Parish Meeting

My thanks to all who attended the Annual Parish Meeting last Sunday. Problems were debated and many were solved. New ideas were presented and action taken on some. Committee members were elected for the coming year. The Lord continues to smile upon us and to bless us. All praise, honor and glory to His most Holy Name.

Sip and Paint

On Sunday, February 25th we will be hosting a **Sip and Paint Event** here in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 PM. For the very reasonable fee of \$25.00 you will receive a canvas and the use of paints and other supplies along with guidance and instructions that will allow you to create a unique work of art. No previous knowledge or skills are required to do this. You are welcome to bring your own food and drinks and light refreshments will be available for purchase. Invite your friends and neighbors to what promises to be a fun time for all.

My Brothers and Sisters: 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; For the health and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Berne Bloom, Joan Mainzer, Tom Goff, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterici, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, Teresa Vista Gumiran, George Jugan, Prime Bishop Emeritus John Swantek and Joseph Seliga. For the repose of the soul of Paul Beatty. . **Our Father...**

Saint Valentine's Day Breakfast

Our annual Saint Valentine's Day Breakfast will be held Sunday, February 18th, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be:

ADULTS \$10.00

CHILDREN (under 12) \$3.00

I hope that everyone will be able to attend and that they will bring family, loved ones and friends for the good food and Christian Fellowship that we always enjoy at these events. Loretta Mikovsky can be contacted for advance ticket sales.

Today's Hymns

*Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord!
Singing off key is better than silence.*

The Hymns below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books.

Opening Hymn

#1 – Hymn Of Faith (Verses 1 & 4)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator (Verses 1 & 4)

Offertory Hymn

#114 – Forty Days And Forty Nights

Post Communion Hymn

#159 – Jesus, My Lord And Savior

Recessional Hymn

#231 – The Church's One Foundation