

Our Saviour Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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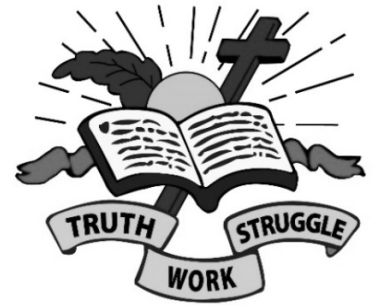
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February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday

FAITH SHARING

Ash Wednesday, is the Church's *Yom Kippur* or the "Day of Atonement." Its very name comes from the Jewish practice of doing penance wearing "sackcloth and ashes."

The Church instructs us to observe Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as days of full fast and abstinence. Fasting is prescribed to reinforce our penitential prayer during the Lenten season.

BIBLE READINGS

Joel 2:12-18

The prophet Joel, in the first reading, insists that we should experience a complete conversion of heart and not simply regret for our sins.

Responsorial Psalm

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

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Saint Paul, in the second reading, advises us "to become reconciled to God."

Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Today's Gospel instructs us to assimilate the true spirit of fasting and prayer.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Wisdom 11:23-24)

V. You [Lord] have mercy on all, because You can do all things; and You overlook the sins of men that they may repent.

R. For You love all things that are and loathe nothing that You have made; for what You hated, You would not have fashioned.

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.

THE BLESSING OF ASHES

V. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to Me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; rend your hearts, not your garments.

R. And return to the Lord, your God. For gracious and merciful is He, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray.

Almighty, Eternal God,

spare those who are penitent, and be merciful to those who call upon You.

Bless † and sanctify these ashes.

May they be a sign of penitence for all who humbly invoke You, for all who earnestly and meekly implore Your steadfast love.

Grant that all who are signed with these ashes seek the remission of their sins, health for their bodies and safety for their souls.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken;

R. you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

C. Gracious God, You look upon those who are humble and are pleased with those who are contrite.

Pour forth the blessings of Your favor on all who will be signed with these ashes, the symbol of repentance.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,

Who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

V. Cleanse me of my sin with hyssop, that I may be purified; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

R. 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. For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always.

C. Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return, but your soul returns to God.

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn
#1 Hymn of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit
#144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn
#110 Cross of Compassion

Communion Hymn
#114 Forty Days & Forty Nights

Recessional Hymn
#113 When I Survey the Wond'rous
Cross

WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, March 1

1st Sunday of Lent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, March 8

Institution of the PNCC

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

PASTOR'S PHONE NUMBER

In case of all regular Parish issues please call Fr. Mariusz at 215-535-4978. This number is always linked to pastor's cell phone, so in case of real emergency please also use this number.

PASTOR'S ADDRESS

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BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have any information which supposed to be in our parish bulletin, please call or email Fr. Mariusz. Due date for each bulletin is always Friday, 4:00 p.m.

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.

INTENTIONS:

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 Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Jan Cherneski, Thomas Oliver, Sally Bisch, Bea and Stan Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jennifer Sabo.

For the repose of the soul of all our parishioners who passed away, especially Beverly Wunderlich, Ann Wolfe.

Our Father...

Ruth Mechowski – new address: Brookdale Rehab, 380 Forsgate Dr., Monroe Twp, NJ 08831.

LENT & EASTER SEASON WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Please come to worship all the following or some Sacred Liturgies:

- **February 26 – Ash Wednesday**
12:00 Noon – Holy Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes.
- **March 8 – Institution of the PNCC**
10:00 AM – Anniversary Breakfast
12:00 Noon – Holy Mass
- **April 5 – Palm Sunday**
12:00 Noon – Holy Mass with blessing and distribution of palms followed by Bake Sale & Ham Raffle
- **April 9 – Holy Thursday (in Philadelphia only)**
7:00PM – The Lord's Supper Mass, The Institution of the Eucharist and Priesthood
- **April 10 – Good Friday**
12:00 Noon – Stations of the Cross
12:30 PM – Liturgy of our Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion, the symbolic Entombment
- **April 11 – Holy Saturday**
2:00 PM - Blessing of Easter Baskets
2:30 PM – Easter Vigil Liturgy, Mass with Blessing of Fire, Paschal Candle and Baptismal Water
- **April 12 – Easter Sunday**
12:00 Noon – Resurrection Mass