

## Our Saviour Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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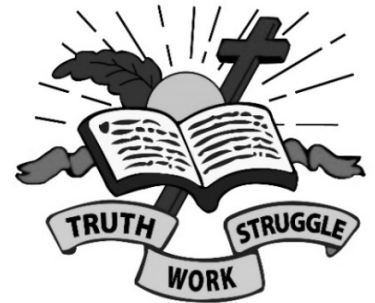
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March 15, 2020

### 3 Sunday of Lent

#### FAITH SHARING

Today's readings are centered on Baptism and new life. Living water represents God's Spirit who comes to us in Baptism, penetrating every aspect of our lives and quenching our spiritual thirst.

#### BIBLE READINGS

##### Exodus 17:3-7

The first reading describes how God provided water to the ungrateful complainers of Israel, thus placing Jesus' promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock at Horeb.

#### Responsorial Psalm

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

##### Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

In the second reading, Saint Paul asserts that, as the Savior of mankind, Jesus poured the *living water* of the gift of the Holy Spirit into our hearts.

##### John 4:5-42

In the Gospel, an unclean and outcast Samaritan woman is given an opportunity to receive the *living water*. Jesus awakened in the woman at the well a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost, a thirst which he had come to satisfy. This Gospel passage also gives us Jesus' revelation about himself as the Source of *Living Water* and teaches us that we need the grace of Jesus Christ for eternal life because he is that *life-giving water*.

#### ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 42:2-3; Psalm 63:2)

V. As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for You, O God. My being thirsts for God, the living God. When can I go and see the face of God?

**R. O God, You are my God - for You I long! For You my body yearns; for You my soul thirsts like a land parched, lifeless, and without water.**

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.**

#### Gospel

##### JN 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, ' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

#### HEALTH PRECAUTIONS AT CHURCH

- The church will be open for Sunday Mass as long as the government authorities will limit public gatherings.
- Please don't sit together in groups in the pews, rather please keep yourself separated from each other.
- Please keep distance from other parishioners when you receive the Holy Communion.
- No handshaking, kissing and hugging as a peace sign during Mass. Instead, a wave, a peace sign 'V', a smile can be substituted.
- Greeting the clergy with a handshake at the doors after Mass will no longer take place.
- Coughing and sneezing into your elbow and arm instead of uncovered into the air around you will be appreciated by everyone and reduce the risk of infection.
- Parishioners who are exhibiting flu-like symptoms should remain at home from Mass until they are fully recovered from their illness.
- The clergy will continue to wash their hands before Mass as they always do. Additionally, they will use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after distributing communion.
- We will observe these precautions as long as necessary.

## 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 and Forty Nights

### Recessional Hymn

#113 When I Survey the Wond'rous  
Cross

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday, March 15

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

For † Irene & Robert Eaton

– requested by Nancy Eaton

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### Sunday, March 22

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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## EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flower envelopes are in the hall.

Thank you for donations.

## FOOD BANK

If you want to share your supplies with the needy and the poor, please bring canned and non-perishable food and leave it in the vestibule. Thank you for your heart and compassion.

## DONATION OF BOOKS

Please bring to the church unwanted books. We can still make some money on them to support our parish. No magazines are accepted. Thank you for your donations.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent after each Mass we will contemplate the Passion of our Lord by participating in the Stations of the Cross devotion.

## PASTOR'S ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER

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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.

## 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...**

## LENT & EASTER SEASON WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

- **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

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## A PRAYER IN OUR TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS

O Jesus Christ, my Savior and healer, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help, who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve.

Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us.

## PARISH MEETING POSTPONED

Parish meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 29 is postponed until further notice. Hopefully it can be scheduled on Sunday April 26, 2020.