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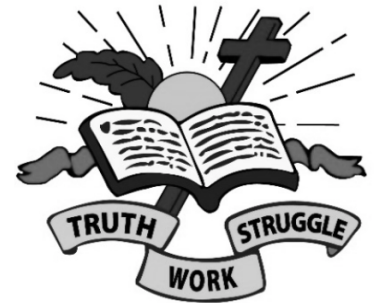
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4 Sunday of Lent

FAITH SHARING

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as “*Laetare* (Rejoice) Sunday,” expressing the Church’s joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord.

BIBLE READINGS

Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

By describing the anointing of David as the second king of Israel, the first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God’s help.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Ephesians 5:8-14

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility as children of light *to live as children of the light, producing every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.*”

John 9:1-41

Presenting the miracle of Jesus’ giving of sight to a man born blind, today’s Gospel teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of our mind by Faith, and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Isaiah 43:8-9a; Jeremiah 5:21-22a)

V. Lead out the people who are blind though they have eyes; who are deaf though they have ears. Let all the nations gather together, let the peoples assemble!

R. Pay attention to this, foolish and senseless people who have eyes and see not, who have ears and hear not. Should you not fear Me, says the Lord, should you not tremble before Me?

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 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent — So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a Sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY

I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation.

I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of our country. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

#1 Hymn of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

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Communion Hymn

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Recessional Hymn

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, March 22

4th Sunday of Lent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, March 29

5th Sunday of Lent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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.

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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...

HOLY MASS AT OUR SAVIOUR PNCC LAWRENCEVILLE ONLINE STREAMING SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 12:00 NOON

Because it's not safe to gather together to worship, we can stream all our Sunday Masses online. Just please read carefully the following instructions.

All you have to do is:

1. To download to your computer (Windows or Mac) or to your smartphone (Apple or Android) the app called **Zoom**, or just to open the webpage zoom.us and click on Join a Meeting. Then follow the instruction on the screen.
2. You can set up your account but it's not necessary. All Parish Committee Members are obliged to set the account because we will be using this for all our meetings.
3. For each Sunday Mass streaming you will receive an email with an invitation and credentials. (If you are on our mailing list) Also you can click the link on our parish website.
4. Click the link and join the meeting. If password is required, please type the password. **You can find password in the email with invitation.** Password is to prevent intruders and jokers who can attend this streaming and make some inappropriate comments.
5. **IMPORTANT! Make sure to mute your microphone and disconnect your video** to let the streaming go smooth. If you leave your microphone on, we all will hear you and this will for sure interfere the liturgy. In this case you will be banned and disconnected. In the future we can change this rule, so you all can participate by answering and interacting, like you normally do in the church.
6. Just in case you are disconnected click one more time the link in this email or type the Meeting ID and password.

You can share the link with others. We are limited to 100 attendees. Please share with me the emails of others who want to receive an invitation for each Sunday Mass streaming.

Younger Parishioners and those who are tech savvy please remotely help our elders to set their computers or smartphones in order to watch my streamings.

All, please make sure that people will know about this new form of liturgy in our parish. If our older parishioners cannot make their devices ready, they can asked their children or grandchildren to help them.

Sunday's broadcast will be for the first time. Please treat it as a test. I cannot guarantee the smooth streaming because the Internet and Zoom app are overloaded recently. If something goes wrong, please be patient. We all have to learn now some new forms of communication and some new forms of worshipping too.

If this app won't work for us we will find something else. My point is, I am with you, and we will go through this difficult time together. You are good people and you deserved to have a Holy Mass on Sunday offered for you and your Families and you have to be assured that your priest in your church prays for you. After the Mass is over, we can unmute our microphones and talk to each other. Please feel free to make your comments via [email](mailto:).