

## March 29, 2020

#### FAITH SHARING

Death with hope in resurrection, challenging us to be alive and not spiritually dead by mortal sin, is the central theme today.

The readings assure us that our Faith in Jesus, who is "the Resurrection and the Life," promises our participation in his resurrection and new life.

#### BIBLE READINGS Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Reporting his vision in the first reading, Ezekiel bears witness to the reanimation of the dead Israel in preparation for her return to the Promised Land. He assures them that God's life-giving Breath will restore His people, give them new life and resettle them in their land.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

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

#### Ephesians 5:8-14

In the second reading, St. Paul considers the Resurrection of Jesus the basis for our hope of sharing in Jesus' Resurrection.

#### John 9:1-41

For John, in today's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus is the final and greatest sign of Jesus, the Deliverer, a symbolic narrative of his Final Victory over death at the cost of his human life and a sign anticipating his Resurrection. Describing this great miracle, the Church assures us that we, too, will be raised into eternal life after our battle with sin and death in this world.

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# **5** Sunday of Lent

#### ENTRANCE HYMN (Daniel 12:2-3)

V. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

**R.** But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

#### Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

JN 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Jesus said to her, Your brother will rise."

Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man

have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days."

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn #1 Hymn of Faith Hymn to the Holy Spirit #144 Come, Thou Creator Offertory Hymn #

> Communion Hymn #

**Recessional Hymn** 

WORSHIP SERVICES Sunday, March 29 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass (online streaming only) \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass (online streaming only) For † Lori Liput-McMahon \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### EASTER FLOWERS

People ask the question: Why churches ask for Easter flower donations if they are going to be closed for public on Easter?

Simple answer: we decorate church for God, not for people. Of course, because of the difficult financial situation we will reduce our orders, however not cancel at all.

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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.

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 1.

1. Download to your computer (Windows or Mac) or to your smartphone (Apple or Android) **Zoom app**, or just to open the webpage <u>zoom.us</u> 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 not on our mailing list please send email to <u>pastor@oursaviorpncc.org</u>

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. If you are banned by the host, you cannot join the same meeting again.

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 accidentally disconnected click one more time the link in the 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 streaming. All, please make sure that people will know about this new form of liturgy in our parish.

After the Mass is over, we can unmute our microphones and talk to each other. Please feel free to make your comments via <u>email</u>.

#### 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. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

#### 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.