



## Our Saviour Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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March 8, 2020

## 2 Sunday of Lent The Institution of the PNCC

### FAITH SHARING

The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to work with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent, and to radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord which we have received to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

### BIBLE READINGS

#### GN 12:1-4A

The first reading describes the transformation of a pagan patriarch into a believer in the one God. His name will be transformed from Abram to Abraham and his small family into a great nation. All Abram has to do is to obey the Lord God's command, and he does so.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

#### TM 1:8B-10

We are transformed when we recognize the hand of a loving, providing and disciplining God behind all our hardships, pain and suffering and try our best to grow in holiness by cooperating with the grace of God given to us through Jesus and his Gospel.

#### MT 17:1-9

On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of who Jesus really is.

### ENTRANCE HYMN

(Psalm 23: 1-3, 5)

V. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name.

**R. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

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

MT 17:1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

### THE LETTER FROM BP. BERNARD NOWICKI

#### HEALTH PRECAUTIONS AT CHURCH

At this time, the 'better-safe-than-sorry' approach to our common life in our Parish is the approach to take for the immediate future. Therefore, at the passing of the Peace during Mass, we will eliminate handshaking, kissing and hugging as signs of God's peace being with you. Instead, a wave, a peace sign 'V', a smile can be substituted for the other gestures to ensure the health safety of all and to remove from some the stigma of their not desiring to participate in the Peace at this time while others would.

Greeting the clergy with a handshake at the doors after Mass will no longer take place. A smile and the brief greetings offered as usual will be sufficient.

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.

As always, parishioners who are ill on a Sunday morning or 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.

The CDC explains the following: Coronavirus symptoms include a fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms could appear two to 14 days after exposure. The virus spreads through droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. People can also become infected by touching something with the virus on it then touching their mouth, nose or possibly eyes.

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

#94 People, My People

### Communion Hymn

#114 Forty Days and Forty Nights

### Recessional Hymn

#110 Cross of Compassion

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday, March 8

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### 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### 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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## 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.

## 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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## MARCH 8 – INSTITUTION OF THE PNCC - BRAEKFAST

The Anniversary Breakfast will be served on March 8, at 10:00 AM in our church hall. Please come with your relatives and friends to celebrate.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flower envelopes are in the hall. Thank you for donations.

## CEMETERY DECORATIONS

Please remove all Christmas decorations from our parish cemetery.

## 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.