

Our Saviour Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

2300 Princeton Pike; Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, ThM, STL

Rectory: 609-883-7860

Pastor: 215-535-4978

Email: pastor@oursaviorpncc.org

Website: www.oursaviorpncc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/oursaviorpncc



March 7, 2021

3 Sunday of Lent

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings from Holy Scripture teach us that Lent is the ideal time to clean out the Temple of our own hearts and to offer to God proper Divine worship by obeying the Ten Commandments.

EX 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

Today's first reading teaches us that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our religious and spiritual life. Instead of restricting our freedom, the Commandments really help us to love and respect our God and our neighbors.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1 COR 1:22-25

The second reading reminds us that we must appreciate the Divine "foolishness" of the crucified Christ and obey His commandment of love as our expression of Divine worship.

JN 2:13-25

Today's Gospel gives us the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple of its merchants and moneychangers, followed by a prediction of his death and Resurrection. Since no weapons were allowed inside the Temple, Jesus had to construct his own weapon, a whip of cords to drive out the merchants and moneychangers from the Court of the Gentiles.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Deuteronomy 6:4-5,13)

V. Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

R. The Lord your God shall you fear; Him shall you serve, and by His name shall you swear.

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 2:13-25

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

The Gospel of the Lord.

STATIONS

Please remember about Stations of the Cross during Lent. Each Friday at 7:00 PM Stations will be broadcasted from St. Valentine's Church. Pray with us.



Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

#1 Hymn of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

087 Be Merciful To Me

Communion Hymn

224 Amazing Grace

Recessional Hymn

114 Forty Days and Forty Nights

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, March 7

3 Sunday of Lent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, March 14

4 Sunday of Lent

Institution of the PNCC

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, March 21

Passion Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

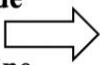
PASTOR'S ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER

2330 Margaret St.
Philadelphia, PA 19137
215-535-4978

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.

Scan this code
to watch
the Mass online



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, 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, Sally Bisch, Stan Sub, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Joseph Seliga, Fr. Donald Wunderlich, Walter Papp.

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.

LENTEN LAMENTATIONS – GORZKIE ŻALE

One of the signs of Lent in the Polish community are the Gorzkie Żale, called in English Lenten Lamentations or Bitter Lamentations, sung at church on Sundays during that somber season. They're a series of melancholic hymns about Jesus Christ's passion and death, meant to be a form of grieving for His suffering.

The Gorzkie Żale are divided into three parts. Part one recalls Christ's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, arrest and unjust trial. Part two recalls Christ's suffering from his unjust trial to His being crowned with thorns. Part three recalls Christ's crucifixion and death. Each part has its particular set of spoken intentions and hymns.

Gorzkie Żale are a particularly Polish Catholic tradition. The words and ideas behind them derived from traditional Polish religious songs sung for centuries in villages. Officially, the lamentations were first written down and sung on March 13, 1707 in Holy Cross Church in Warsaw. Afterward, they spread to other churches around Poland and eventually wherever Poles emigrated.

I encourage all of you to attend this devotion during Lent to hear these lamentations. Even if you cannot understand Polish, the haunting melodies will certainly move you. When done correctly, the Gorzkie Żale truly make it feel as if Christ is suffering right in front of you, and you with Him. Lenten Lamentations will be held at St Valentine's church in the first, second and third Sunday of Lent at 3:00 PM. You can attend in person or online on YouTube or Facebook. The English subtitles will be displayed as well, so you can actually sing in English the whole thing.



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date requested _____

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Mass stipend \$ _____

Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137