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Palm Sunday

Niedziela Palmowa

March 28, 2010

“One year of universal and absolute Christianity would transform every people under heaven.” – M. W. STRYKER

TODAY, MARCH 28, 2010

Events for the Week

Holy Mass - 11:00am – Traditional liturgy in English



TODAY, March 28th – Palm Sunday – *Blessing and distributions of palms*

Jesus planned His entry into Jerusalem not as a national hero but as the servant Messiah who would sacrifice His life to save the world.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11; **Tue.,** Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33.36-38

Wed., Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Easter Triduum Readings:

Holy Thursday - Exodus 12:1-8.11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Good Friday – Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

HOLY MONDAY, March 29th

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: God’s blessing for Janina Plichta & family.

HOLY TUESDAY, March 30th

10:00AM – Central Diocese Clergy Conference in Scranton.

4:00PM – Holy Mass of Christm in St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA.

That Mass, which the bishop concelebrates with his presbyterium and at which the oils are blessed, manifests the communion of the priests with their bishop. To show the unity of the presbyterium, the priests who concelebrate with the bishop should come from different parts of the diocese.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1st – *Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper*

The Mass of the Last Supper begins our three days of enacting the Easter mystery. In this rich celebration, we recall tonight the Passover meal that commemorates the liberation of Israel from Egypt, the institution of the Eucharist, and Jesus washing of the disciples’ feet.

7:30PM – Holy Mass in Frackville

6:00PM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd – *The Lord’s Passion*

According to the Church’s ancient tradition, the sacraments are not celebrated today or tomorrow. The celebration of the Lord’s passion takes place in the afternoon. The celebration consists of three parts: liturgy of the word, veneration of the cross, and Holy Communion. **Fasting:** all those of post-confirmation age are to fast **TODAY** limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals. These regulations are recommended for healthy adults. Children under First Holy Communion age, the infirm, those on restrictive medication and the elderly are exempt from the obligation of fasting.

2:00PM – The Liturgy of the Good Friday with adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion in Shenandoah

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be held until 6:00PM.

7:15PM – Stations of the Cross in Frackville

12:00 (Noon) – The Liturgy in Frackville. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament – until 7:00PM.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3rd

On this day the Church waits at the Lord’s tomb, meditating on his suffering and death. The altar is left bare, and the Holy Mass is not celebrated. Today’s service is arranged in: a) a brief service of light; b) the liturgy of the word; c) blessing of water.

11:00AM – The Liturgy of the Blessing of Fire, Water and Paschal Candle in Shenandoah

- **After the Liturgy – blessing of Easter food (baskets)**

1:00PM– The Liturgy in Frackville

NEXT SUNDAY, April 4th - **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

9:00AM – Easter procession. After Procession – Holy Mass – intention: for All Parishioners.

Today's liturgy

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest!

P. The Lord be with you

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us pray.....

R. Amen.

P. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council, and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on thus, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.

Choir: But one of them, Caiaphas who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all; you do not understand that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people and that the whole nation should not perish”. So from that day on they took counsel how to put Him to death, for as they said: “The Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation”.

P. Let us pray.....

R. Amen.

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R. Amen.

P. With hyssop sprinkle me, o Lord, and I shall be cleansed. Wash me and I shall be whiter than the snow.

May my prayer before You be counted as incense and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

Choir: Children of the Hebrews, bearing branches of olive went out to meet the Lord, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Children of the Hebrews spread their garments on the road and cried out saying: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

P. And when they drew near to Jerusalem, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them: “Go into the village opposite you, where you will find an ass tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, “The Lord has need of them!” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt and put their garments on them and He sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road and the crowds who went before Him and that followed shouted,

Choir: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest!

P. Let us go forth in peace.

R. In the name of Christ, Amen.

Kto się w opiece odda Panu swemu, a całym sercem szczerze ufa Jemu. Śmieje rzecz może mam obrońcę Boga, nie przyjdzie na mnie żadna straszna trwoga.

Ciebie On z łowczych obieży wyzuje i w zaraźliwym powietrzu ratuje. W cieniu swych skrzydeł zachowa cię wiecznie. Pod Jego pióry uleżysz bezpiecznie.

Stateczność Jego, tarcz i puklerz mocny, za którym stojąc, na żaden strach nocny. Na żadną trwogę ani dbaj na strzały, któremi sieje przygoda w dzień biały.

P. All glory, laud and honor, to You, Redeemer, King! To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
(*Choir repeats*)

P. You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *All glory...*

The company of angels are praising you on high, creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *All glory...*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before You went. Our praise and prayers and anthems before You we present. *All glory...*

To You, before Your Passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To You, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *All glory...*

Their praises You accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great Author of all goodness, o good and gracious King! *All glory...*

The celebrant knocks on the door of the vestibule three times with the shaft of the cross. It is at once opened and the celebrant and acolytes enter the body of the church. When the celebrant reaches the center of the aisle, the procession kneels.

P. Let us adore the Savior, who rode in royal triumphant into Jerusalem.

Choir: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest!

THE LITURGY OF THE MASS

Hymn of Faith...

ENTRANCE

(Psalm 23:9-10)

V. Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters; Who is the King of glory? He is God, the mighty Lord.

R. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You Who are have come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.

V. Lord for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

ENTRANCE HYMN – Holy Cross, Vol. 3 #37

1. Holy Cross, O Tree all beauteous, Tree all peerless and divine No grove on the earth can show us such a flow'r and leaf as thine. Precious nails and precious the wood On which hung our dying Lord.
2. Lofty Tree bend down thy branches To embrace thy sacred burden Relax, oh, relax the tension Of that all too rigid wood. Gently, gently bear the members of thy dying King and God.

I Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The prophet tells of the Lord's servant who will give His life in willing self-sacrifice.

THE GRADUAL

(John 11:47-48)

V. The chief priests and the Pharisees gathered with the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs".

R. "If we let Him go on thus, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation".

II Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

The Son of God humbled Himself by coming down from heaven and dying on a cross, later to be exalted and glorified by the Father.

THE TRACT

(Isaiah 62:10-11)

V. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

R. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

Gospel: Luke 22:14 – 23:56

The evangelist gives a touching account of Jesus' suffering and death.

OFFERTORY HYMN – Wisi na Krzyżu

1. Wisi na krzyżu Pan stwórca nieba, płakać za grzechy człowiecze trzeba. Ach, ach! na krzyżu umiera, Jezus oczy swe zawiera. :
2. Najświętsze członki i wszystko ciało, okrutnie zbite na krzyżu wisiało. Ach, ach! Dla ciebie człowiecze, z boku krew Jezusa ciecze. :

COMMUNION HYMN – Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain...*

RECESSIONAL HYMN – Lord, Forgive - Vol. 1 #12

1. On the Cross, for the sins of man, Our Lord was crucified. On the Cross, 'Mid great pain and suffering He bled and died,

Ref.: Lord, forgive us when we fail thee, Lord forgive when we betray Thee, Lord, forgive!

2. From the Cross, Filled with mercy, Our Lord looked down on us. From the Cross, Torn with sorrow, yet He would forgive us.

Ref.: Lord, forgive us when we fail thee, Lord forgive when we betray Thee, Lord, forgive!

May our lives be modeled on that love which Christ showed us when He gave Himself up on our behalf.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

- Apr. 10th First Holy Communion Catechism Class – 9:00AM
May 23rd First Holy Communion Day
July 25th Blessing of automobiles at our parking (after Mass)
Sep. 10th “Bleenie” Sale
Oct. 3rd “Chinese” Auction

FRACKVILLE

- May 15th Sp. Joseph Payne's funeral Mass (10:30AM)
May 23rd First Holy Communion Day
June 11th “Bleenie” Sale begins (every 2 weeks)
July 25th Blessing of automobiles at our parking (after Mass)
Oct. 2nd Blessing of the animals at the parking (2:00PM)

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

- Apr. 24th Plymouth Seniorate Council meeting (Wilkes-Barre, PA) 1:00PM
June 3rd Corpus Christi Service (Hazleton, PA) 7:00PM
Oct. 11th Pastor's meeting (Wilkes-Barre, PA) 1:00PM

CENTRAL DIOCESE

- March 30th Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism
Apr. 17th Diocesan Council meeting, Scranton, PA (11:00AM)
June 29th – July 2nd Diocesan Acolyte Retreat

GENERAL CHURCH

Apr.30-May 2nd Mission & Evangelism Workshop (All Saints Cathedral, Chicago IL)
 May 21-22nd 65th Annual YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament (Scranton, PA)
 July 26-30th Youth Convo (Monmouth University, NJ)
 Sep. 4th Annual YMSofR Track & Field Meet (Scranton, PA)
 Oct. 4-8th 23rd General Synod (Canada)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners and Friends for their donations, time and hard work this week to better our parish and Church. The Sunday greeter, the people working on fundraisers, the decorators, repair and maintenance people.

THANK YOU very much **Mr. Jacob Komara to Joe Karvois** for their help at the altar last Sunday (March 21).

PLEASE CALL FR. ROBERT - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; ..if your phone number or address change; ..if you have a prayer concern.

GOOD FRIDAY ADORATION of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place after the liturgy until 6:00PM. Please sign your name on the list (available in the back of the church).

LITURGICAL ROLES – Anyone interested in becoming a lector should see Father Robert after Mass or call him at the rectory. There will be preparation sessions held for those who are interested. Thank you.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: March 18 – Joseph and Theresa Patrusky.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Curcio – James Panco – Catherine Marasco - Connie Sincavage. *Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)* - Margaret Kruszynski - Edward Ryszka Jr.



Sacrament of Anointing

HOSPITAL VISIT. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification. Please remember that with privacy laws, the Parish is often not informed when someone enters. Please call the rectory so Fr. Robert can come for prayer.

“Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord...” (James 5:14). If you, or a member of your family are sick and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home, please notify the rectory.



WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship!

SHOPPING at “REDNER” REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners and Friends that if you go shopping at *Redner’s* please use your “Redner’s card” for purchase. When you will do it the Parish can get a credit – Thank you!

EASTER BASKET TRADITION. Indeed, one of the most symbolic and beautiful Easter customs of our ancestors is the tradition of preparing and blessing of Easter Basket.

We know that early Christians as well as our pious ancestors greeted each other on Easter morning with, “**Christ has risen**” and reply, “**Truly He is risen, He rose and gave us life everlasting!**”

Each Easter Basket should contain the following foods:

Bread – a round or cylindrical bread, made of flour, eggs, yeast and milk topped with a cross or a fish, symbolic of Jesus, Who is the Living Bread, the Bread of Life.

The Lamb, often made of butter or in the form of cake, is the ancient Passover food and represents the Lamb of God.

Eggs are a sign of hope and resurrection. Jesus came forth from the tomb as the chick breaks the shell at birth.

Vinegar is a symbol of the gall offered to Jesus in His thirst.

Horseradish represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness of Christ’s suffering and Passion.

Meat: ham, sausage, or bacon. The meat products symbolize the sacrificial animals of the Old Testament, foreshadowing the true sacrifice of our Savior. Ham symbolizes the freedom of the New Law which came into effect through Jesus’ resurrection, in distinction to the Law which forbade certain meats. Sausage is our ethnic tradition and its links remind us of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus arose.

Salt symbolizes the Truth of the message of Jesus.

Blessed Candle, often the same candle used at a baptism or Communion. It symbolizes the “Light of the World, our Lord, Jesus Christ”.

THE CHINESE AUCTION will be held on **October 3, 2010** in the parish hall. We are asking all parishioners to help with the fundraiser by donating new items for this event.

We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone’s help is needed especially on the day of the auction.

If you need help with delivering your items to the church, please contact Father Robert and arrangements will be made for pick-up. THANK YOU.