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Baptism
Every other Sunday.

Reconciliation
After all daily Masses and Saturday,
4pm to 4:45pm, or by appointment.

Marriage
Arrangements should be made one year in
advance. Contact Rectory for appointment.

Anointing of the Sick
Contact Rectory for appointment for
home bound or infirmed.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays and Saturday: 8am
Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Polish), 10:30am,
12 Noon



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Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9am to 4pm Weekends: Emergency calls only

Sunday, February 11, 2018

WORSHIP



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 10 – St. Scholastica

5pm +Stephanie & Michael J. Remo by the Family
+Rosa Alessi by Joan & Sean O'Connell
+Anthony Portera by Peter Cassotis

Sunday, February 11 - World Marriage Day

7:30am For Our Parishioners
9am For All Families, Married Couples &
Engaged Persons
Living & +Deceased Members of the Polish Club
10:30am +Angela & Frank Marino by daughter Eleanor Platz
+ Barbara Ann Stein by sister Jean Kay & Family
+Patrocinio Natividad by Eric & Aleli Salazar
12pm +Ron MacLellan by Paul & Elaine

Monday, February 12

8:00am +Anton Leahy by the Leahy Family

Tuesday, February 13

8am +Elizabeth Nita by Joan Ostrowski

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

8am +William & Julia Miele by daughter Carol
12pm +George Leahy by the Leahy Family
6pm +Stella Oliver by Mary Krupinski
7:30pm (Polish) +Helena Golec by Anna Debska

Thursday, February 15

8am +Sylvia & Bernard Kuzmik by the Family

Friday, February 16

8am +Emma Keckeisen by daughter Frances Backus

Saturday, February 17

8am +Yolanda Kotos by I.H.M. Parish
5pm +Sylvia Kuzmik by Ken & Carol Marie Reichmann
+Angela Sonzogni by Loredana DeBruno & Family
+John J. Fasce by the Cassotis Family

Sunday, February 18 – First Sunday of Lent

7:30am +Etta Keiser by Maris Connington
9am +Aniela & Jan Cieslar by the Family
+Andrzej Cieslar by the Family
10:30am +Robert Lamontagne by Don Stricker & Family
+Patricia O'Leary by the O'Leary Family
+Patrocinio Natividad by Fe & Monette Cabig
12pm +Yolanda Kotos by the Family



MEMORIAL CANDLES

Sacred Heart (Alcove)

In memory of Cynthia, my beloved wife,
from husband Ed Plicinski

Blessed Mother (Alcove)

Blessings on the Gerling Family

DEVOTIONS

Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena

Every Monday following the 8am Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Friday following the 8am Mass

Seven Sundays Devotion to St. Joseph

Sundays, Feb. 4th to Mar. 19th. See weekly Bulletin.

Rosary

Every Saturday following the 8am Mass



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Sylvik Kuzmik, Gisela Sokol, Yolanda Kotos,
Florence Imperato, Gregory Morris, Sr.,
Nicholas S. Mihok, Jozef Iwanczak, Adela Tuczowski,
Sam Iorio, Stasia Krawczyk, Helen Zembriski,
Carmela Jean Pignone, Winston Govia,
Joseph Schnackenberg, Jan Pasciak, Zofia M. Malta,
Santa Lisi, Keith Krupinski, Tomasz Dluzniewski,
AnnMarie Sochulak, Claire B. McElwain,
Deacon William D. Tobin, Sr.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK will no longer be listed
in the Bulletin (for privacy issues) but placed on the
altar each week for remembrance and prayers in every
Mass. Please continue to call the Parish Office to
include those who are ill on this list. They will remain
on the list until the Parish Office is advised otherwise.



"I do will it. Be made clean."

In today's Gospel of Mark, Jesus, by touching the leper, takes on the leper's ritual uncleanness. Consequently, he must remain an outcast, living in "deserted places." But this does not stop the people from "coming to him from everywhere." In Jesus, they recognize someone who freely and fearlessly touches everything that is human. They cannot stay away from someone who draws this close to them.

Can we?

This Wednesday, February 14th, we celebrate not only Valentine's Day, but Ash Wednesday! While Valentine's Day is a day important for us to show everyone we love and care about how important they are to us, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain Redemption! The Ashes, made from palms blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday and marked in the sign of the cross on our foreheads, are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. Let us begin these 40 days till Easter here at our Masses and Ash Distribution on Ash Wednesday and our Parish Missions immediately following. I assure you, our dynamic Retreat leaders, will help prepare us for this time of self-examination and draw us closer to our Risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

Our Parish Missions are as follows: Polish: Ash Wednesday, February 14th through Saturday, evening, February 17th at 7:30pm with Fr. Michał Olszewski; English: Saturday, February 17th at the 5pm Mass, all Sunday Masses and Monday through Wednesday, February 19th to February 21st at 7pm with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal from Newburgh, NY. See detailed information within this Bulletin.

Immediately following our Parish Missions, we will facilitate stimulating small Faith-Sharing groups with *"Live Lent – Don't just observe Lent. Live it!"* – a series of discussions of going deeper into the Sunday Gospel readings during Lent and exploring old testament insights. Please sign-up by Sunday, Feb. 18th, so that we can order the right amount of materials for 5 weeks of evening Faith-Sharing groups held in Rectory offices and share your thoughts and beliefs for a more fulfilling Lenten experience!

Today, Sunday, February 11th, we celebrate World Marriage Day. Let us congratulate and continue to pray for all married couples – the union of man and woman that Christ raised to the dignity of a Sacrament! All married couples will receive a special Blessing at all Masses and those married 25+ years will receive a red rose in honor of their commitment to God and each other!

As we go through each day of our Lenten Journey please see all the activities offered in our Parish and outlined in the weekly Bulletin.

God Bless You! Have a wonderful and Blessed week.

Fr. Jacek

FAITH FORMATION

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11



World Marriage Day

This special day celebrates the gift and blessing of marriage and affirms and supports all married couples. More than ever, our families, parishes and communities need witnesses and support for the complementary union of man and woman that Christ raised to the dignity of a sacrament. All married couples will receive a special Blessing at all Masses.



SEVEN SORROWS AND JOYS OF ST. JOSEPH

Second Sunday - February 11

Faithful guardian of Jesus, what a failure you thought you were when you could only provide a stable for the birth of the Holy Child. And then what a wonder it was when shepherds came to tell of angel choirs, and wise men came to adore the King of Kings.

Through your example and prayers, help us St. Joseph and all we love to become like sinless manglers where the Savior of the world may be received with absolute love and respect.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)

O blessed St. Joseph, tenderhearted father, faithful guardian of Jesus, chaste spouse of the Mother of God, I pray and beseech you to offer to God the Father my praise to Him through his divine Son, who died on the cross and rose again to give us sinners new life. Through the holy name of Jesus, pray with us that we may obtain from the eternal Father, the favor we ask . . . (Pause) . . . We have been unfaithful to the unfailing love of God the Father; beg of Jesus mercy for us. Amid the splendors of God's loving presence, do not forget the sorrows of those who suffer, those who pray, those who weep. By your prayers and those of your most holy spouse, our Blessed Lady, may the love of Jesus answer our call of confident hope. Amen.

(Courtesy of Oblates of St. Joseph)

BEGINNING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20



Kick-off your Lenten Journey by studying the Acts of the Apostles, Tuesdays at 8:30am in the Rectory meeting rooms.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SOME OF OUR LONGEST MARRIED COUPLES!



70 Years

Michael & Mary Kordiak
September 12, 1948



62 Years

Larry & Betty Mihok
February 4, 1956



62 Years

**James Donald & Camille
Magner**
June 10, 1956



56 Years

John & Pat Spiech
January 28, 1962



53 Years

Robert & Jean Kay
September 5, 1965

FAITH FORMATION



Lenten
preparation



ASH WEDNESDAY
February 14

Mass Schedule with Distribution of Ashes:
8am, 12noon, 6pm, 7:30pm (Polish)
Liturgy of the Word/Distribution of Ashes:
3pm, 4pm, 5pm

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2018 LENTEN REGULATIONS



1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the Fast on Good Friday is continued to the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 27, 2018.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

PARISH LENTEN MISSION (Polish) February 14-17

**Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 14th
thru Saturday, Feb. 17th,
each evening at 7:30pm,
retreat and evangelizer,
Fr. Michał Olszewski, SCJ, joins us
for this special Polish retreat!**



Appointed Missionary of Charity by Pope Francis, Fr. Michał is the sixth Missionary of Charity in the Archdiocese of Cracow. Fr. Michał is the director of the Profeto Media Group and the creator of the evangelistic Internet Radio Profeto.pl, located in Stadniki, where the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus also runs its parish and seminary. The monk was previously in diocese of Kielce. Today, he primarily serves as a retreat and evangelizer; runs a popular blog with liturgical comments for each day: slowopana.com. Fr. Michał has also authored many books: *Live in the Holy Spirit; God gives charisms; Be like Job. God's experience in a crisis; To be a disciple of the Lord. Proclaim, heal, free; Accept His call. An invitation to live with Jesus.*

PARISH LENTEN MISSION (English) February 17-21

**Beginning Saturday, Feb. 17th
at the 5pm Mass and all Sunday
Masses, and Monday, Feb. 19th
thru Wednesday, Feb. 21st,
each evening at 7pm,
Fr. Giuseppe Maria Siniscalchi, CFR
joins us for this special retreat!**



Mission Theme:

“Enter into the Immaculate Heart of Mary: Her joy can be your joy...Her peace can be your peace.”

Fr. Giuseppe is a graduate of Clark University and Boston Law School. After practicing law for nine years in Miami and Mass., he joined the Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in 2002; he professed final vows in 2007. In 2011, he graduated from St. Joseph Seminary in NY *summa cum laude* and was awarded a M. Div., M.A. and S.T.L. He was ordained to the priesthood at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. He lived and worked with the poor at the Most Blessed Sacrament Friary in Newark from 2011-16. At that time, he moved to Newburgh, NY, to begin Saint Mary of the Assumption Friary where he is the local superior and continues to work with the poor and give retreats.

PARISH & COMMUNITY



**LENTEN ACTIVITIES
AT OUR PARISH
SOMETHING FOR
EVERYONE!**

† PARISH LENTEN RETREATS

**Polish: Wed., thru Sat., Feb. 14th – Feb. 17th,
7:30pm**

Speaker: Fr. Michal Olszewski, SCJ

**English: Sat., Feb. 17th, 5pm Mass and all Sunday
Masses, and Mon., Feb. 19th thru Wed., Feb. 21st,
7pm**

Speaker: Fr. Giuseppe Maria Siniscalchi, CFR

† LENT FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

Mondays – Feb. 26th, Mar. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, 7pm
“Don’t just observe Lent – LIVE LENT!”

Five weeks of small group Faith-Sharing.

† BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 20th, 8:30am

Acts of the Apostles

Rectory Meeting Rooms

† HEALING MASS

Monday, March 19 – 12 noon

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

A reception celebrating the Solemnity of St. Joseph
will follow in the Parish Center.

† LENT PARDON & PEACE

Thursday, March 22nd – 7pm

Reconciliation Prayer Service followed by confessions.

† STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays – English; Fridays – Polish, 7:30pm

† EUCHARIST ADORATION

Fridays, 12 noon – 7:30pm

† DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Every Friday following 8am Mas



**DON'T MISS THESE STIMULATING
FAITH-SHARING DISCUSSIONS!**

MONDAY EVENINGS, 7PM
FEB. 26, MAR. 5, 12, 19, 26

Go deeper into the Sunday Gospel readings during Lent and explore old testament insights as you reflect and pray every day. Sign-up by Sunday, Feb. 18th so that we can order materials for the 5 weeks of evening Faith-Sharing groups held in Rectory offices and share your thoughts and beliefs for a more fulfilling Lenten experience! Forms are available in Church Lobby or Parish office.

LENTEN SACRIFICIAL ALMSGIVING
OPERATION RICE BOWL

CRS RICE BOWL HELPS US ENCOUNTER LENT



Our Parish is again participating in **Operation Rice Bowl**, the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official overseas relief and development agency of the Catholic community in the United States.

We are called to love our neighbor. But, like the scholar in the scripture passage, we may find ourselves wondering, “Who is my neighbor?” This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program, will help us answer that question.

We are invited to reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor—as companions on life’s journeys—can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting and alms can support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes for safety or better opportunities.

† **Through prayer**, we encounter Christ, present in the faces of every member of our human family, so often still walking that long road to Calvary.

† **Through fasting**, we encounter our own obstacles, those things about ourselves that prevent us from loving God and neighbor.

† **Through almsgiving**, we encounter our brothers and sisters around the world, asking what we can give up so that others might have life to the fullest.

Rice bowl materials can be found in Church lobby. For more information on how the donations are used please see www.crsricebowl.org.

Raise Up. Sacrifice. Offer.



PARISH & COMMUNITY

LENTEN ALMS GIVING... "SHOE" DONATIONS FOR JAMAICA



Your unwanted new or gently used shoes, sandals, rain boots, flip-flops, sport shoes and sneakers (no heavy shoes or winter boots)

are needed to help men, women and children of Sacred Heart Church and Seaford Town, Jamaica. Your donations will be much appreciated and will go a long way in helping less fortunate people. Bins are set-up in the Church lobby and Parish Hall for drop-off on weekends or during the week. If you have any questions please see Joshua, leader of our Altar Servers' team.



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 7:30pm



Meetings are held monthly on a continuous basis for support and sharing - 7:30pm-9pm, fourth Tuesday of every month. Next meeting Tues., Feb. 27th, Parish Center. For

info, call Nancy Baker 201-529-4411 or email bakerhcrabby@aol.com.

ONE BODY...ONE MISSION
Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal?

PARISH CALENDAR & STEWARDSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

The collection on Ash Wednesday will be for the **Priests Retirement Fund** of our Archdiocese. Please be as generous as your means permit to help defray the rising costs for our retired priests who have served us through their ministries most of their life.

FEBRUARY

2/14 Ash Wednesday
2/14-17 Parish Lenten Mission – Polish
2/17-21 Parish Lenten Mission – English
2/19 – Presidents' Day – Parish Office closed.
No Religious Ed. classes
2/20 – Bible Study – Acts of the Apostles

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