

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 04/03 (Sunday) Bitter Lamentations at 9.40am. Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Mass. Coffee hour after the Mass in the church hall as usual.
- 04/08 (Friday) Stations of the Cross at 5pm.
- 04/09 (Saturday) Polish Food Sale 9am-12pm.
- 04/10 (PALM SUNDAY) Bitter Lamentations at 9.40am. Holy Mass with blessing and distribution of Palms at 10am. *No Mass Intention so far.*
- Our Parish appointed Mr. Timothy Wrobel as a "Candidate for Cemetery Sexton" for a probation period of 6 months. Thank you Tim for your willingness to help the church volunteering at St. John's Cemetery!
 - We would like to remind you about the possibility to offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention! Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam. **Have a blessed week!**

CHURCH NEWS

- "Church Kitchen renovation fund" reached \$10,856 as of today. Big THANK YOU to all our benefactors and friends!
- Three new items have been added recently to our Polish Food Sales: Cauliflower Veggie Soup, Hot Goulash Soup and Easter White Kielbasa. Worth a try!
- We have received around 1,000 vinyl records as a donation to the church. Mr. Cherubini from "Paul's Boutique Records" in Vernon will help us to price and sell them. All the profit will go to the "Church kitchen renovation fund".
- Upcoming birthdays: FREDERICK GASIOR (04/03), CHARLES HENSLEY (04/16). Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column”, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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April 3, 2022

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PARISH BULLETIN

V SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + EUGENIA PALUSZYNSKA (req. by Maria, Joe & Robert Bednarz)

INTROIT

C: So whoever is in Christ is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

R: And all this is from God, Who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

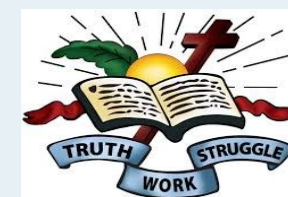
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD,
who opens a way in the sea
and a path in the mighty waters,
who leads out chariots and horsemen,
a powerful army,
till they lie prostrate together, never to rise,
snuffed out and quenched like a wick.
Remember not the events of the past,
the things of long ago consider not;
see, I am doing something new!

IS 43:16-21

Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
In the desert I make a way,
in the wasteland, rivers.
Wild beasts honor me,
jackals and ostriches,
for I put water in the desert
and rivers in the wasteland
for my chosen people to drink,
the people whom I formed for myself,
that they might announce my praise.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JN 8:1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him.

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 126

„The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.“

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters:
I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being

PHIL 3:8-14

conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

GOD is constantly offering us the gift of new life. It is ours for the taking, but it does demand that we respond to the gift by living differently than we did with our old lives. I recall reading about, and talking with, individuals who had a "near-death" experience. They were clinically dead, but were revived. Of the common experiences they share, one is the sense that they still had something to do with their lives here on earth. They returned with new enthusiasm for life. Their former lives of living somewhat selfishly were changed to being dedicated to assisting others and doing what was best for all whose paths they crossed. They no longer acted with fear, but were motivated by a renewed sense of what "life" is all about.

In the Gospel, the righteous religious leaders bring to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They hope to trap Jesus, to exalt their own righteous ways, and to punish an evil doer. Jesus turns the cards on them by giving permission to those who are without sin to be the first to throw stones at the sinful woman. As the accusers start reflecting on their own lives, they realize that they are not free from sin. Beginning with the eldest, and most likely the "wisest," they drop their stones and walk away in silence.