

MASS INTENTIONS

DAILY MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

January 31

11:30 AM †Stanislaw Juchniewicz
by Barbara Juchniewicz

February 7

11:30 AM † Henry Weslowski
by Alfreda Weslowski

READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY IN OT

First Reading:	Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 20
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 95
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 7: 32 – 35
Gospel:	Mark 1: 21 – 28

ASH WEDNESDAY

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

The priest will say the prayer for the blessing of the ashes. He will then address all those present and says the words over the ashes. The priest will then clean his hands put on a face mask and distribute ashes by sprinkling them on the head of the parishioners without saying anything.

Prot. N. 17/21 From the Congregation for Divine Worship & Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021.

The Distribution of Ashes via sprinkling is a common, traditional practice in many countries, but is not well known in the United States.

These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between the minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient. Please note that no water or oil is added to the Ashes utilizing this method.

Therefore ashes in the sign of a cross will not be marked on the parishioner forehead but rather sprinkled on the top of the head. Please bow your head forward as shown in the photo.



BLESSING OF THROATS SAINT BLAISE

Being mindful of social distancing requirements, a priest this year will give the blessing of the throat by extending hands over all gathered while saying the prayer.

These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between the minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient.

Therefore individual blessings of the throat will be waived due to Co-vid protocol.

Blessing of the throat will be given out at the Mass on Sunday, January 31st.



PARISH INFORMATION

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Rev. Joji Adagata

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

St. Elizabeth P.R.E.P.

Registering children for religious education?

Contact Mrs. Spieker at 610.266.0695 ext 208

Sacraments *Registration is required for parish membership and sacraments*

Church Administrator Rev Pendzick 610.266.1548

Baptisms:

The sacrament of baptism is celebrated after Sunday Mass.

Marriages:

The sacrament of marriage is celebrated by contacting the church Administrator.

Anointing of the Sick:

The sacrament of anointing may be performed for those in need by calling the church Administrator.

Confession/Reconciliation

The sacrament of reconciliation will take place 15 minutes prior to Mass on Sunday or by appointment. Call the church Administrator.

Lost & Found Items

Anyone who misplaces or leaves an item at church after Mass may come a few minutes early the next week to check for their lost item.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for
Christine Bolesky
requested by *Wanda Lesko*.

For Sacraments, Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Candle or Altar Flowers, please call 610.266.1548

ASSISTANT PASTOR'S CORNER

When problems are beyond your control

It was a hot summer day in Hyderabad, South India; one of those days when the humidity is so high that we sweat like crazy. I decided to make fresh cool lemonade for myself and as I began, a friend of mine called and in the process of speaking to him I realized that I made a big blunder. I ended up adding about five times the amount of lemon to the water than was actually needed. It tasted so sour that one sip poured into the mouth of an unconscious man would probably bring him back to consciousness.

Somehow or other I had to correct this, as much as I wanted to remove some lemon juice out of the water to make taste perfect again it was impossible. Some things in life can never be undone. There was no way to remove the extra lemon from the water but there was still a way to fix the problem. The way to correct the situation was to add four more glasses of water and dilute it. Now, instead of one, I had five glasses of fresh lemonade ready to be served out to four more people.

I think life is exactly the same. **Sometimes we cannot undo some things that may have gone wrong in our life. Wrong decisions, wrong choices, wrong investments, wrong words that we may have spoken that can never be undone;** not that we shouldn't try. We should definitely give our very best effort but after having done what we can, we need to move on.

When we cannot reverse things, to still keep trying is like attempting to remove lemon from water and I think that would be such a sheer waste of time. Instead, we should try to work on adding so many right things in our life that the wrong things seem smaller. **When problems seem to be beyond our control rather than simply trying to remove them, let us add positivity in our lives and change the experience.**

Fr. Joji



PIEROGIE SALE MARCH 1ST

We will be making Pierogie again. Cost is \$7 per dozen. Orders will be due February 15th. To order call Wanda at 610-336-9518.

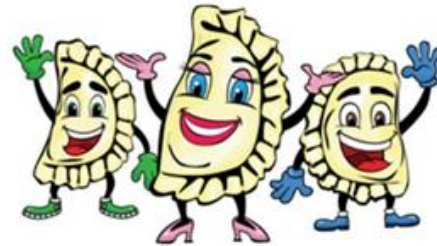
Help is needed on Sunday, February 28th starting at 7 am and Monday, March 1st starting at 8 am in St. John's Social hall.

Cash donations are always greatly appreciated!

A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

We are only making 500 dozen so order early.

Pick up will be March 1st from 3 – 6 pm at St. John's.



Pierogie Pinchers of SS. Peter + Paul

2020 TAX STATEMENTS

Parishioners wishing a tax statement should call the parish office with their contact information. Tax statements were postal mailed to those requesting one. Any donations dated after Dec 31st will be considered a 2021 donation. If you do not request a statement none will be provided.



Donated to the SS. Peter & Paul Memorial Fund
by *Kathleen Kuzma & David Turner*
\$100 in memory of George Grazer