

MASS INTENTIONS

DAILY MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

February 21

11:30 AM † Jakub Janik / Edward Sajdera
by *Janik Family*

February 28

11:30 AM † Kazimierz Dabrowski
by *Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Lippincott*

READINGS FOR 6TH SUNDAY IN OT

First Reading:	Leviticus 13: 1 – 2, 44 - 46
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 32
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 11:1
Gospel:	Mark 1: 40 – 45

LENTEN LAMENTATIONS (GORZKIE ZALE)

Will be read/ sung after Sunday Mass during Lent

Gorzkie żale (Polish pronunciation: ['gɔʂkie 'zɛlɛ] 'Lenten (or Bitter) Lamentations') is a Catholic devotion, containing many hymns. One part is held on each Sunday in Lent, and the entire ceremony is held on Good Friday. The tradition dates to the 1700's in the Warsaw's Holy Cross Church and from there it spread to entire Poland. There are five parts: "Pobudka" (Wake-up call), "Żal duszę ściska" (Sadness grips the soul), "Lament duszy" (Cry of the soul), "Smutna rozmowa" (Sad discussion); and the last part, "Któryś za nas cierpiał rany" (You who suffered wounds for us).

Gorzkie zale przybywajcie,
Serce nasze przenikajcie. (2x)

Rozplyncie sie me zrenice,
Toczcie smutnych lez krynice. (2x)

Slonce, gwiazdy omdlewaja.
Zaloba sie pokrywaja. (2x)

Placza rzewnie Aniolowie,
A ktoz zalosc ich wypowie. (2x)

Opoki sie twarde kraja,
Z grobow unmarli powstaja. (2x)

Coz jest pytam, co sie dzieje?
Wszystko stworzenie truchleje. (2x)

Na bol meki Chrystusowej,
Zal przejmujecie bez wymowy. (2x)

Uderz Jezu bez odwloki,
W twarde serc naszych opoki. (2x)

Jezu moj, we krwi ran Swoich,
Obmyj dusze z grzechow moich. (2x)

Upal serca mego chlodze,
Gdy w przepasc Meki Twej wchodze. (2x)

PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Repent and Believe in the Gospel

In the Old Testament 40 days was often seen as a significant period of testing and preparation for entering into a covenant relationship with God. In the days of Noah, God judged the earth and destroyed its inhabitants in a great flood because of their idolatry and total rejection of God. Noah and his family were spared because they obeyed God and took refuge in the ark for 40 days. When the flood subsided God made a covenant with Noah and promised that he would not destroy the human race again. Jesus came to fulfill that promise.

When God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt he brought them into the wilderness of Sinai. Moses went to the mountain of the Lord at Sinai and remained there in prayer and fasting for 40 days (Exodus 24:18). At the conclusion of this 40 day encounter God made a covenant with Moses and the people. After the prophet Elijah had confronted the sin of idolatry (the worship of false gods) in the land of Israel and destroyed the 400 priests of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-40), he fled into the wilderness and journeyed for 40 days to the mountain of God at Sinai (1 Kings 19:8). There God spoke with Elijah and commissioned him to pass on the work of restoring the worship of the one true God in the land. After Jesus was anointed by the Spirit in the waters of the Jordan River, he journeyed to the wilderness of Judea for 40 days to prepare himself for the mission which the Father sent him to accomplish - to offer up his life as the perfect atoning sacrifice for our sins. Through the shedding of his blood on the cross he won for us a new and everlasting covenant which fulfilled and surpassed all the previous covenants which God had made with his people.

Fr. Pendzick



PIEROGIE SALE MARCH 1ST

Reminder: Help is needed on Monday, March 1 – starting at 8 am. CLEAN UP HELP IS NEEDED AFTER 2 pm until we are finished!! Should out to the November CLEAN UP CREW. You did a fantastic job!!!!



Pierogie Pinchers of SS. Peter + Paul

Winter Grab n' Go

St. Mary's, 122 Union St., Catasauqua will be offering a Winter Grab n' Go for Lent. Orders are due Sun, Feb 21st; pick up on Fri, Mar 12th 4 - 6 pm. Pizza Kits (enough for 3 pizzas). Plain \$13, Pepperoni \$14 or Sausage \$14. Homemade Pierogies \$9/doz. Homemade soups 15 oz. containers: \$4.50 Cream of Tomato or Broccoli. \$5 Loaded Potato, New England or Manhattan Clam. \$5.50 Lobster Bisque, Cream of Chicken or Roarin Crab. Payment due to the address above by February 21st. Call 610-264-0332. Thank you for your support.

Easter Flower Sale

To benefit our Youth Ministry Programs. All plants are priced at \$4 per pot. Pre-ordered plants can be picked up Friday, March 26, after 11 am at St. Elizabeth parish office or on Palm Sunday, March 28, in St Elizabeth parish hall after from 8:30 – 11:30. The size of these plants makes them a perfect gift for shut-ins, office staff and neighbors. **Deadline for ordering is Monday, March 15th.**

Call Mary Spieker for orders 610-266-0695 ext 208

