

## MASS INTENTIONS

DAILY MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

March 28

11:30 AM †Tadeusz Gjondla  
*by Agata & Zdzislaw Dwornicki*

April 4

11:30 AM † Stanley Kruk  
*by Justyna Kruk & Family*

## READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY

First Reading:	Isaiah 50: 4 – 7
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 22
Second Reading:	Philippians 22: 6 – 11
Gospel:	Mark 14: 1 – 15:47

## LENT & EASTER SERVICES

ALL SERVICES ARE IN ENGLISH UNLESS SPECIFIED

### Holy Week Schedule 2021\*

\* Note: some services will be held at St Elizabeth

#### Holy Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Elizabeth\*

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm  
*(Adoration until 10:00 pm) updated*

#### Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 5:30 pm

#### Holy Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets at 12:00 noon

#### Easter Sunday Mass April 4<sup>th</sup>

11:30 am Sunday

#### Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm all Fridays in Lent led by parishioners

*A volunteer may open and close the church*

*All Masses and services are subject to change,  
please read the bulletin and website for updates.*

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## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Happy Easter!



## PARISH INFORMATION

*Administrator:* Rev. John Pendzick  
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.

#### Questions / Concerns

If you have questions or concerns about SS. Peter & Paul services, sacraments, procedures, Mass, liturgy, candles, intentions etc. please call the parish office for answers.

Volunteers should not be tasked with relaying messages. It delays response time and may require follow up questions on our part. Calling directly is more efficient.

610.266.1548

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Why Do We Have to Carry our Crosses?

A dying father called his three sons in order to give each one of them their inheritance. To the elder son he said: **“My son, I will give you our house as your inheritance.”** So the elder son was so happy. The father said to the second son: **“My son, I will give you our land as your inheritance from me.”** So the second son also was so happy. The father said to the younger son: **“My son, because I love you so much and you are my favorite, I find pleasure in you and so I will give you my cross as your inheritance.”** The younger son was so sad because he neither received the house nor the land. He was angry with his father. In the evening, he threw the cross and it hit the wall of their house and so the cross was broken. To his surprise, inside the cross there were diamonds, gold and other precious stones. He said to himself: **“My father is right, he really loves me.”**

Friends like the younger son in the story we get disappointed when we have to carry or when we have to face some crosses in our lives. In those situations we fail to realize that there is joy behind every cross and we raise many questions such as why this pain and suffering in my life? Why do I need to carry this cross? What have we done to deserve these crosses or difficulties or pains in our lives? Jesus is reminding us that crosses, trials and difficulties are all part of our Christian lives. We cannot be the children of God if we are not ready to carry our crosses and face the challenges of life. St. Teresa of Avila once complained to the Lord why she always had the cross, trials and difficulties in her life. You know what Jesus answered? Jesus answered her: **“That is how I treat my friends.”**

Sometimes we misunderstand Jesus offers the false promise of **“all crown, all glory, all joy and no cross.”** We also hear people say **“Only believe and it will all go well with you.”** How many of you agree with that? It didn't all go well for Jesus; he still had to endure the cross. It didn't all go well with Mary; a sword of sorrow still pierced her soul. It didn't all go well with the countless men and women saints who have gone before us. **Why then should it all go well with you and me?**

Therefore, friends, what I would like to say is that the **Cross is the part of our Christian life.** There is no Resurrection and Glory without the Cross. As Christians we have no choice other than accepting our daily crosses and move forward in life. **But remember that we are not alone in carrying our daily crosses; our God is always with us.** Like the younger son in the above story **we need to believe that Our Father is always right and He really loves us.** When the time comes He will definitely help us to move to the other side of the Cross. Until then let us be faithful to God and keep moving forward. God Bless!!

Fr. Joji



## PARISH NEWS

Due to growing concerns over people in the local area ‘hanging around’ the church grounds we had a locksmith come out to inspect the door locks. His recommendation was to make the buildings more secure by changing the locks. Therefore if you had a key that worked prior to March 15<sup>th</sup> it may no longer be of use. Keys may be disposed of or turned in by placing them in the collection basket. For security purposes a spare key will be available at St. Elizabeth for volunteers to use as needed.

## OUR COMMUNITY

### Spring Flower Certificates

St Elizabeth is offering certificates from Garden City for plants. Vegetables, bedding flowers, hanging baskets or perennials. Cost is \$15 each, good all year. Call Joanny 610 – 349 - 7791.

### Easter Candy Fundraiser

St. Elizabeth Youth Ministry Easter candy pick-up will be after the Mass on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at **St. Elizabeth parish hall.**

## RETRouvaille

### REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of April 16 - 18 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. For more information, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### HOLY FAMILY HELPING HANDS KID'S CLOTHING CLOSET

GRAND OPENING  
SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD  
10AM—NOON  
IN THE WORTMANN CENTER  
(421 W. CENTER ST., NAZARETH)



Clothing Closet will be open every 1st Saturday of the month from 10AM-Noon. No prices are set! Families can choose what they need and make any donation they can afford to give. Come select great kids clothes sizes infant to teen.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Infant to teen sized clothing may be brought to the Wortmann Center on the 1st Sat. of each month when the clothing closet is open or on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:30PM or call/text Kathi for porch pick up if needed. (484) 542-9637. Monetary donations are accepted.

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY BABY CLOTHES & GEAR SALE

Saturday, May 1st from 10AM-Noon. No prices are set! Families can choose what they need and make any donation they can afford to give. Come select great kids clothes and baby gear.



DONATIONS NEEDED: Gently used baby clothes, blankets, packs of diapers & wipes, highchairs, strollers, baby toys. Monetary donations are accepted. \*Cannot accept cribs or car seats.

#### How to donate:

- At our Grand Opening on April 3rd or on April 13th from 6:00-7:30PM.
- Call/text Kathi for porch pick up if needed. (484) 542-9637



St. Elizabeth welcomes all the parishioners of SS. Peter & Paul to come celebrate our faith as a newly joined community.