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THE SACRIFICES OF GOD ARE A BROKEN SPIRIT; A BROKEN AND CONTRITE HEART, O GOD, YOU WILL NOT DESPISE.

These words from Psalm 51 were heard during weekday Holy Mass a few days back. They are also prayed at funerals. They remind us of the fact that God will not despise brokenness, but in fact welcomes those who will let their hearts be broken, who will enter into penance and reform - amendment of life so to follow His gospel way, His law, His command.

As we journey through Lent we reflect on our call to brokenness of heart, a call to repentance, and must ask ourselves the question - Will I be broken?

Being broken is not easy. It takes courage. We must face ourselves and those ways in which we fail to keep the two great commandments - love God and love each other. We must also reflect on our hesitancy in following up on the great commission - *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."*

Our willingness to be broken is indeed rewarded by God. He gives us the grace of courage and diligence so we might follow up and follow through. God wants us to arrive at that place where we hand everything over to Him and where we allow Him to rebuild us in His image.

Nowadays, and perhaps for years, people have been told to look for every excuse for remaining as they are. My parents made me this way. School and friends messed me up. I face nothing but disappointment and pain and have become bitter. This is where we must re-face ourselves and admit that with God we can overcome, we can repent, achieve, and live new lives. But we have to give up and give in to God first, become broken.

There is a contemporary Polish hymn: *Tak mnie skrusz, tak mnie złam*. Yes, break me, let me crumble so I burn with You in me, So only You are left! Only You.

May our Lenten journey allow us to offer God our broken, contrite spirits and so be rebuilt into His image.

Our Lenten Journey Toward Holy Week



We began our Lenten journey on February 22nd, Ash Wednesday, and are now two weeks into Lent.

Join in increased

prayer each Friday as we gather to observe the sacred tradition of Stations of the Cross at 3pm. Every Sunday we gather for Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie żale at 3pm. These observances help us better understand the loving devotion Jesus had for us. Walk with Him in these devotions so that we may rejoice with Him at Easter.

Lent is time devoted to repentance, a turning away from the ways, events, and situations that are harmful to us.

Let us live Lent mindfully with prayer (Sunday and daily Holy Mass, Stations, Lamentations, private prayer, bible reading, our Seniorate Lenten retreat on March 25th), sacrifice (fasting -

no meat on Wednesdays and Fridays), penance (recollection of and turning away from sinful behaviors), and charity (Lenten giving).

We ask you to participate in our annual directed giving campaign (see below) as an act of charity and almsgiving to offer up food and other things needful for those in our local community.

Passiontide begins March 26th and Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 2nd.

Please be attentive to our schedule and join us. There is truly no greater experience than a brokenness within which we allow Jesus to fill.

Directed Giving for Lent:



2nd Week
(March 5),
VEGGIE
MANIA:
Canned Corn,
Canned Peas,

Canned Beans, Canned Potatoes,
Canned Sweet Potatoes.

3rd Week (March 12), DINNER IS
SERVED: Canned Beef Stew,
Canned Pork and Beans, Instant
Potatoes/Stuffing Mix, Macaroni and
Cheese, Spaghetti or other Pasta,
Canned Spaghetti Sauce.

4th Week (March 19), SCHOOL

NEEDS: Pencils and Pens, Folders and Notebooks, Crayons, Tape and Elmer's Glue.

Passion Week (March 26), BABY MAKES THREE: Disposable Diapers, Baby Wipes, Liquid Formula, Jars of Baby Food.

Holy Week (April 2), SPECIAL NEEDS DIET: Low Sodium Soups, Canned Fruit in Juice (not in syrup), Canned Tuna in Water, Low Sodium Crackers, Organic Applesauce.

Seniorate Lenten Retreat



Our Seniorate Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 25th right here at our Parish starting at 11am.

The retreat will include a Directed reflection, Penitential Service, Children's Confession, three Lenten Devotions, Lunch, and a very brief Seniorate meeting.

Please let Father Jim know if you are attending (everyone is strongly encouraged to attend) so proper preparations of food and materials may be made.

Our Annual Financial Meeting - March 5th

Our annual financial meeting will be held on Sunday, March 5th in person



and virtually via Zoom. Please attend and help decide on our financial future.

The Basket Social 2023

There is a sign-up sheet for baskets. Free baskets are available if you need them. This year's Basket Social (along with GREATEST BESTEST Polish Food) will be held on Sunday, April 30th at the spacious and beautiful South Schenectady Firehouse, 6 Old Mariaville Road, Schenectady.

Join us for everything Easter



We so look forward to seeing you for Passiontide (the remainder of Lent starting on March 26th) as

we join together in fellowship to pray, sacrifice, fast, increase our charity, and forgive.

April 2nd is Palm Sunday marking the start of Holy Week. See our schedule online or in next month's Newsletter. We reach the high point of the year's joy on Easter Sunday, April 9th with our Solemn Resurrection Holy Mass at 8am and a second Holy Mass at 10am.

Walk with Jesus in the days and weeks of Lent so as to rejoice with Him in the eternal celebration of His resurrection.

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle Winners!!!

Congratulations to all who have won in our Outrageous Valentine's Raffle. Thank you to those who re-donated their winnings as a special blessing. We set a record this year in terms of raffle participants and money raised for youth participation in parish, diocesan, and National Church events.

The winners are: Patty Badovinac (2x), Fr. Jim, Joe Kaczynski, Kathy Conklin, Renee Konicki, Victoria Konicki, Bob Binkowski (2x), Krystyna Pastuszek, Linda DePaula, Stan Podkulski, Jim Jacobs (2x including grand prize winner), Bill Kosek, Denise Broza (2x), Shirley Maliszewski (2x), Cyndye Williams, Eileen Kupiec, Adeline Bush,

Michelle Zawistowski, Carol Kupiec (2x), Blake Horton, Kelley Supinski, and Danielle Funicello.

**Thank you, Merci, Dziękuję,
Āčiū, Gracias, Mahalo, Grazie!**

To all who attended our annual meeting. To all who ran for office and were elected. You honor the sacrifice of our ancestors who built this democratic model of Church and keep their hope alive by your participation.

Thank you for your Souper Bowl Sunday generosity. \$191 (the largest yearly amount ever) was collected and donated locally.

Thank you to our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia and Mike Emanuele for his musical stylings.

To every parishioner, visitor, and member -- you are a blessing and a treasure. Thank you!!!

HARMONIA CHOIR



Our parish has a very rich and nationally recognized choral history. If

you would like to join the Harmonia Choir, please do. See Fr. Jim or Liz Battaglia with any questions.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

9 Marianna Zemken

13 Christopher Maliszewski

14 Paul Zebrowski Sr., Deborah

Kusek
16 Steven James
18 Justyne Rios
19 Justin Smith, Stanley Podkulski,
Danielle DeMidio
21 Susie Spooner, Gary Podbielski,
Matthew Zembrzusi
23 Erin Pross
24 Amber Houser
26 Elizabeth Battaglia, Nylyse Rios,
Sarah Limmer
27 Skyler Dee
28 Frances Pawlowski
30 Susan Malinowski

Wishing you all many years!

Get Your Blessed Polish Easter Basket



The blessing of Polish Easter food baskets, the Święconka, is a beloved tradition that takes place on Holy Saturday when families bring a sampling of Easter foods to be blessed in church. This year you can order a pre-prepared blessed basket for pickup or delivery.

Our Easter food baskets will be blessed by Fr. Jim and have over twenty (20) imported and locally

made items to eat and enjoy on Easter morning! Baskets are \$50 each (same price/no inflation!) and include: Kielbasa, Decorated Hard Boiled Eggs, Homemade Babka, Beet Horseradish, Culinary Salt, Homemade Butter Lamb, Tapered Candle, Babka Cytrynowa (Lemon Bundt Cake), Dried Boxwood, Polish Candies, Chocolate, Homemade Soup, Fruits, Juice, Informational Booklet

You may pick up your pre-ordered basket on Saturday, April 8th between 11am to 3pm at church.

In the alternative, you can have your basket delivered to your home using contactless delivery. There is a \$10 delivery fee for addresses in Albany, Schenectady, and Troy.

Important:

- Pre-orders ONLY.
- No substitutions.
- Must pick-up on date/time specified.

If you have cardboard egg cartons you can bring to church, they would really help!

Planning For:

Holy Mass each Sunday at 10am and Noon unless otherwise noted. Daily Holy Mass is held Monday through Friday at Noon unless otherwise noted. Following Tuesday Holy Mass we celebrate the Chaplet to the Infant of Prague / Koronka do Praskiego Dzieczątka Jezus.

- Mar. 1: Commemoration of St. David of Wales. Holy Mass at

Noon.

- Mar. 2: Holy Mass at Noon.
- Mar. 3: Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- Mar. 5: 2nd Sunday in Lent. Annual Budget Meeting follows Holy Mass at 10am **ONLY**. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie żale at 3pm.
- Mar. 6 - 10: Daily Holy Mass at Noon.
- Mar. 10: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- Mar. 11: Women's Empowerment Meeting at 10am.
- Mar. 12: Solemnity, Institution of the PNCC. Daylight Savings Time Begins. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie żale at 3pm.
- Mar. 13 - 17: Daily Holy Mass at Noon.
- Mar. 17: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- Mar. 18: Pizza and Game Night starting at 5pm.
- Mar. 19: 4th Sunday in Lent. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie żale at 3pm.
- Mar 20: Solemnity - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (translated). Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.
- Mar. 21 - 23: Daily Holy Mass at Noon.
- Mar. 24: Feast - St. Gabriel the Archangel. Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.

- Mar. 25: Solemnity - Annunciation of the B.V.M. Seniorate Lenten Retreat begins at 11am.
- Mar. 26: Passion Sunday. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie żale at 3pm.
- Mar. 27 - 31: Daily Holy Mass at Noon.

Sława Ukrajini!
Слава Україні!
Chwała Ukrainie!
Glory to The Ukraine!



It has been one year since the evil and unprovoked invasion of The Ukraine by the Russian State.

This continues to be a serious time, one in which the slightest mistake, on top of the vast folly undertaken by Russia's corrupt and evil dictatorship, can plunge the world into war.

Vast human rights abuses by Russian troops and the use of weapons such as cluster bombs on civilians continues.

We remain with the Ukrainian people by our prayer for Ukrainian victory and a return to peace.

Lord Jesus, light of the world, and

true God, We beg Your mercy for the delivery of The Ukraine from evil Russian aggression. Bring disaster upon the aggressors and bring healing to this land so that it may develop as a nation that values truth, justice, and freedom, rooted in the goodness of God. We ask all of this in Your most Holy Name.

Święty Boże, Święty mocny, Święty a Nieśmiertelny, Zmiłuj się nad nami!

Od powietrza, głodu, ognia i wojny, Wybaw nas Panie!

Od nagłej i niespodzianej śmierci, Zachowaj nas Panie!

My grzeszni Ciebie Boga prosimy, Wysłuchaj nas Panie!

Advance Schedule for Holy Week 2023

- April 2: Palm Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am with Blessing and Distribution of Palms. Holy Mass at noon. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.
- April 3: Holy Monday. Holy Mass at Noon.
- April 4: No Daily Holy Mass. Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA.
- April 5: Spy Wednesday. Holy Mass at Noon. Private Confessions until 2pm.
- April 6: Maundy Thursday, Reception of Oils, Holy Mass, Procession, Reposition and

Stripping of the Altars at 7pm.

- April 7: Good Friday, Church opens for private prayer at noon. Reflection of the Seven Last words at 1pm. Bitter Lamentations at 2pm. Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 3pm.
- April 8: Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises at 10am. Blessed Basket pick-ups 11am until 2pm.
- April 9: Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter Proclamation and Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am. Second Holy Mass at 10am.

Great 2023 Events - Plan to BE THERE

Please join in on these great Spring and Summer 2023 events.

May 19 - 20: National Adoration Society Convention, Plantsville, CT.

June 2 - 4: 76th YMS of R Bowling Tournament at Valley Lanes in Carbondale, PA. More details, contact Art Golembeski Jr., President YMS of R Bowlers at arthurgolembeski@gmail.com.

June 14 - 17: Men's Retreat, Waymart, PA.

July 1 - 8: Kurs, Waymart, PA.

August 9 - 11: National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop, Dupont, PA.

This Fall: Annual Golf Tournament. YMAS of R Convention - dates and

locations TBD.

Scholarships and Stipends

PNU Stipends: Now is the time to start submitting the stipend application for the Education and Youth Commission of the PNU. The deadline for submission is April 15, 2023 (please note all applications must be postmarked by this date).

Applications can be found on the PNU website at https://www.pnu.org/index_27.htm.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Ann Stankowski, chairperson Education & Youth Commission, via email at eyc@pnu.org or at 570-341-0986.

John & Dorothy Markiewicz

Family Scholarship: The family of John & Dorothy Markiewicz have decided to provide a living legacy of their parents. This legacy will come in the form of a \$1,000 annual scholarship to youth members of the PNU who are pursuing higher education, particularly in health care. See Fr. Jim for an application.

National United Choirs Music

Scholarship: Applications for the NUC Music Scholarship are currently available on the website, www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com. The deadline for applying is May 1st. If there are any questions please see Fr. Jim or contact the scholarship administrator at nucscholarship@gmail.com.

CarePortal

We continue to supply much needed items that help families stay together, strong, and safe. Please take and fill out a CarePortal sheet and bring it in. The items you identify that you would like to donate will be picked up when they are needed (you do not need to move or transport anything).

To date we have met 15 requests for help, have served 46 children, and have made an economic impact of \$21,893.

We could also use more volunteers to help. See Paul Zawistowski.

Women's Empowerment Meetings







These meetings are held every 2nd Saturday of the month and go from 10am till about noon. This group serves women who have faced various ordeals in their lives. If you know someone who just needs to talk, ask them to attend a meeting. Better yet, take them.

This coming May, three women will be graduating from the program which we made happen just by opening our doors.



March

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 1	2	 3	4
			Commemoration, St. David of Wales. Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm	Commemoration of St. Casimir
5	6	7	 8	9	 10	11
2nd Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil. Annual Financial and Budget Meeting. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie żale at 3pm.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.	Women's Empowerment Meeting.
Day Light Savings 12	13	14	 15	16	 17	18
Solemnity of the Institution. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie żale at 3pm.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Commemoration – St. Patrick of Ireland. Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.	
19	20	21	 22	23	 24	25
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