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Saturday eve Mass - 5.30 pm
8.15 am; 10.00 am (Polish); 11.30 am

Weekday Masses

Monday	7.30 am
Wednesday	11.30 am
Thursday	
Friday	

Tuesday & Saturday 11.30 am

During Winter - chapel of the Divine Mercy - Monday to Saturday

Confession

(Sacrament of penance and reconciliations)

Saturday: 11.00 - 11.30a.m. & 5.00 - 5.30p.m.
Weekday: 15 minutes before Liturgy

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sunday, following the 10.00 a.m. Mass

Sacrament of Anointing

If you are entering the hospital or facing a surgery, we encourage anointing. In case of emergency call the Rectory.

Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Czestochowa

Every Saturday after 11:30a.m. Mass. Followed by an afternoon adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration ends at 4p.m.

Perpetual Novena in honor of St. Anthony

Tuesday after 11.30 a.m. Mass

Parish Office

Monday - Friday 9.00 - 12.00 noon
1.00 - 3.30 p.m.

Saturday 9.00 - 11.20 p.m.
Sunday/Holiday CLOSED

Welcome

We extend to our visitors a very special welcome. We trust that the liturgy will be a blessing to you and you will visit us again. If you think you may be interested in joining Corpus Christi Parish, please fill in the form below and bring or mail to the parish office or place in the collection basket. We will make arrangements for your registration. New phone number and address change information are also appreciated.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ e-mail _____

New Parishioner New Phone New Address Moving; please keep me on the mailing list (make a tick)

MASS SCHEDULE

February 22 – March 1, 2009

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2009 – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:30 p.m. +Edmund Kregliński req. son, Mark and Boys
 8:15 a.m. Parishioners
 10:00 a.m. +Czesław Aleksiejuk and +Bernard Moran req. Halina Moran
 11:30 a.m. W intencji ojca Mateusza

Monday, February 23, 2009 – Polycarp, bishop and martyr – Obl.

- 7:30 a.m. Dantis
 11:30 a.m. +Mieczysław and Marge Bitel req. Irene Piwowarski

Tuesday, February 24, 2009 – Weekday

- 11:30 a.m. +Lottia Jaracz req. Alice Jaracz
 Perpetual Novena in honor of St. Anthony

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 – Ash Wednesday – Fast and Abstinence

- 11:30 a.m. +Teresa Klink req. Stasia Strycharz, friend
 6:30 p.m. +Joseph Wozniak req. Wife and Son

Thursday, February 26, 2009 – Lenten Weekday

- 7:30 a.m. Dantis
 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 11:30 a.m. +Aleksandra Kolasinska req. daughter, Olenka

Friday, February 27, 2009 – Lenten Weekday – Abstinence

- 7:30 a.m. +Athena Noelle Kennedy req. George and Veronica Kirk
 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 11:30 a.m. Dantis

Saturday, February 28, 2009 – Lenten Weekday

- 11:30 a.m. Intention of Christine Chmura req. Friend
 Perpetual Novena to our Lady of Czestochowa after
 11:30 a.m. Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration until
 4:30 p.m.
 5:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. +Mary Owczarzak req. Barbara Fronckowiak

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8:15 a.m. +Joseph Wozniak req. Wife and Son
 9:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Novena
 10:00 a.m. Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Gorzkie Zale
 11:30 a.m. +Cecelia Przybyl req. Eugene Stachowski

THE SANCTUARY LAMP ...

...will be lit this week for +Joseph Wozniak as requested by Wife and Son.

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for a particular intention, we invite you to call the rectory. The candles will burn all week in memory of a loved one or for a special request.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

Sunday, February 15, 2009

Attendance	217
Sunday Collection	\$2,168.00

**FOR CORPUS CHRISTI TO SURVIVE
PLEASE REMEMBER IT IN YOUR WILL**

“What return shall I make to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?”

CHURCH NOTICES ONLINE

If you would like to receive church notices online, please send your e-mail address to anzelmd@yahoo.com. Thank you!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive your financial statement for 2008, please bring or send your request to the rectory, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We are grateful for all your goodness, and will be happy to send your statement.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK,
DECEASED, AND BEREAVED**

We would like to include in our weekly bulletin the names of parishioners who are sick, along with those who have died and their families in sorrow. If someone in your family is seriously ill, please inform us by calling the rectory at 896-1050.

Fervent prayers are offered at this time for the health of Esther Kiedel, Lillian Lonczak, and Eugenia Mavromatis.

We pray also for the blessed repose of the soul of +Mary Raczk who died February 11, and we extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

Please note: Names will be kept on the prayer list for one month and then removed, unless we receive a request for renewal. Thank you for supporting those in need with your faithful prayers.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

February 25, 2009 is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Season of Lent.

ABSTINENCE: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

FASTING: All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

EASTER DUTY: After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter Season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between February 10 (First Sunday in Lent) and May 18 (Trinity Sunday).

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please note the change in Mass times on Ash Wednesday: there will be one Mass in the morning at 11:30 a.m., and one in the evening at 6:30 p.m. Both Masses will be celebrated in the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during Lent, at 6:00 p.m. in Polish and 6:30 p.m. in English.

COFFEE SUNDAY – MARCH 1

Next Sunday, March 1 is coffee Sunday. Please join us after Mass in the Kolbe Center for a cup and a chat.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Corpus Christi is happy to announce that a St. Patrick's Day dinner, featuring corned beef and cabbage, will be served on March 8 in the upstairs hall on Sears. You are welcome to eat in or take out. Pre-sale tickets are available after Mass in the vestibule, or during the week at the rectory for \$9 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. Chef John and the lovely Vicki will be serving dinner from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. So, wear your green, bring a hearty appetite, and we'll see you there.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

St. Martin de Porres showed us the way to boundless charity over 400 years ago. We call on his example to help guide us to a successful Appeal 2009. Please, give selflessly. Find out more at www.ccwny.org or call 856-4494.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

While our silicone-bracelet endeavor is the first of Corpus Christi's extra Lenten opportunities for spiritual growth, all parishioners are invited to continue their journey by coming to two simple Soup Suppers on Wednesday, March 25th and Wednesday, April 1st. Both beginning at 6 p.m., the first will feature several inspiring speakers on the theme "Becoming an even-better welcoming community." The second will focus on "Celebrating a fuller, more sacred Holy Week," presented by the dynamic Fr. Bob Martin, parochial vicar at St. Andrew's Church, Kenmore who recently celebrated 25 years of priesthood. While there is no charge, reservations are required at least a day before the dinners. Please call the rectory.

ATTENTION CORPUS CHRISTI PARISHIONERS!

This year at Corpus Christi we're proposing a different type of Lent. While we're still basing our observance on prayer, fasting and almsgiving, there's going to be a special common focus. At the beginning of Lent, all who come to Mass will be invited to take one of the silicone bracelets that have been so popular and widespread the past few years. As they usually include messages, ours is Gospel-oriented for Lent. Colored light purple in the "spirit of the season" its words are "SPIRIT" and "acomplaintfreeworld.org."

Complaining doesn't fit in with the message of Jesus and our Christian call. Most often we complain about our families and friends; our priests and churches; our businesses and jobs – and then 1,000 other little things. But just as Christ didn't complain on the cross and told us to love one another, we should imitate and respond to Him. So those who participate will wear these trying to be non-complaining individuals and a non-complaining community of faith. Each time we slip up, we'll transfer the bracelet to another wrist. At the end of the day, we'll recall how much we complained. Remembering the sacrificial love and suffering of our God, hopefully we'll be non-complainers like Him when we celebrate His Resurrection in 40 days.

"This was not just about stopping complaining; it's about turning the complaints into gratitude for the blessings that I have. I see the good instead of only seeing things to complain about." – A past bracelet wearer.

NEXT WEEK:**FIGHT FOCA POSTCARD SIGNING DAY!**

Next week parishes in the Diocese of Buffalo will join Catholics from across the country in sending messages to the US Congress and New York State legislators opposing two legislative threats to unborn children that would fund and promote abortions on federal and state levels. The **Fight FOCA** postcard campaign asks you to sign a postcard that will be mailed to Capitol Hill opposing the "Freedom of Choice Act," and you will be asked to oppose the RHAPP bill in New York State by signing up to the Catholic Advocacy Network on-line at www.nyscatholic.org. Thank you for participating in the protection of innocent human life at this important time. See www.nchla.org for information.

THEME TRAY WALK

Sponsored by St. Josaphat's Mothers' Club at the Parish Center on Sunday March 1. Doors open at 11 a.m., drawing at 2 p.m. Admission card of 25 numbers \$5; extra card of 25 numbers \$5.

Chicken soup, duck soup, BBQ hamburgers, roast beef sandwiches. All are welcome. 20 Peoria Ave., Cheektowaga, NY 14206.

WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS!

Our warmest welcome is extended to Mr. Peter Jablonski and Mr. Timothy Poblocki, who have recently joined our parish family. We pray that you will find much peace and joy in your new spiritual home. May you be blessed with many caring friends here, and come ever close to God. Welcome!

I SAY TO YOU, RISE!

Today's readings are a great source of hope and promise as we prepare for our journey of Lent beginning on Wednesday. We are reminded that the Lord who is "doing something new" in us, forgives and forgets.

God's mercy is nothing new. It didn't just begin in the 1930's when it was revealed in a special way to St. Faustina. It has been experienced from the very beginning in the Garden of Eden, continued during Isaiah's life in the eighth century B.C., and the first century when Jesus returned to Capernaum. It has sustained and embraced us even through today.

The Father's love wipes out our offenses and forgets our sins. Many times, even though we have been forgiven in the sacrament of penance, we forget that we're not supposed to remember our past, and not to dwell on it. The Lord whom we have sinned against does heal our souls if we ask. God puts his seal upon us; he anoints us, and sends the Spirit into our hearts.

Before Jesus, the mercy and healing of God were unknown in such a personal way: "We have never seen anything like this." During Lent, be open to God fulfilling his role in your life; believe that the Son of Man has the authority to forgive sins. Hear the words "Child, your sins are forgiven." Christ can and does heal us.

**KTÓŻ MOŻE ODPUSZCZAĆ
GRZECHY, JEŚLI NIE BÓG SAM JEDEN?**

Jezus na kartach Ewangelii nieustannie przypomina, że misją Kościoła nie jest doraźny sukces, bycie popularnym, lecz niesienie zbawienia i prawdziwego wyzwolenia. Nie jest misją Kościoła karmienie człowieka złudzeniami i bliżej nieokreślonymi namiastkami szczęścia. Jezus staje przed nami jako Odkupiciel człowieka. Czytany dziś opis uzdrowienia człowieka sparaliżowanego jest tego wyraźnym znakiem.

Uzdrowienie ciała poprzedziło inne uzdrowienie - darowanie grzechów. „Synu, odpuszczają ci się twoje grzechy”. Jezus wyraźnie wypełnił obietnicę Boga wypowiedzianą niegdyś przez proroka Izajasza: „Ja właśnie przekreśliłem twe przestępstwa i nie wspominam twych grzechów”. Zapewne uczestnicy tego wydarzenia znali słowa Proroka, skoro tak bardzo się oburzyli: „Któż może odpuszczać grzechy, jeśli nie Bóg sam jeden?”. Nie trzeba się im dziwić. Poczuli się zawiedzeni w swoich nadziejach. Czekali na cudowne uzdrowienie, wszak szeroko była znana działalność cudotwórcza Jezusa. Jednak Nauczyciel z Nazaretu, skąd - jak uważano - nie może pochodzić nic dobrego, najpierw odpuszcza grzechy.

Zanim jednak ich potępimy, przeanalizujmy własne postawy wobec sakramentu pokuty i przebaczenia. Patrzymy nieraz na ludzi przy konfesjonale, sami także kłękamy u jego kratek. Czy nie rodzi się w nas, gdzieś na dnie duszy, ta sama myśl: „Któż może odpuszczać grzechy, jeśli nie Bóg sam jeden?”. Wszak w sakramencie pokuty powierzamy je w jakimś sensie człowiekowi takiemu jak my, choć obciążonemu postannictwem, które nie ma odpowiednika w świecie. I powtarza się scena ewangeliczna: „Żebyście wiedzieli, że Syn Człowieczy ma na ziemi władzę odpuszczania grzechów... wstań... i idź do domu”.

Czy dla nas to zawsze takie oczywiste, czy łatwo w to uwierzyć? Czy ci, którzy stoją obok w kościele, którzy patrzą z boku, nigdy nie żywią podobnych podejrzeń jak uczeni w Piśmie z dzisiejszej Ewangelii?

Chrystus nie chce łatwych rozwiązań. Mógł uzdrowić i szepnąć do ucha: „Synu odpuszczają ci się twoje grzechy”. A jednak... Najpierw słowa przebaczenia. Trudne dla chorego i dla tych, którzy go przynieśli z niemalym wysiłkiem przed Jezusa. Bo cóż jest łatwiej powiedzieć: odpuszczają ci się grzechy, czy wstań i chodź?

Odpowiedzią Boga na grzech człowieka jest bezgraniczna miłość wyrażona w Krzyżu. Ogromny szacunek Jezusa wobec człowieka ujawnia się chyba najbardziej i najpełniej w geście przebaczenia. Zauważmy, że Syn Boży nigdy nie potępia człowieka, który uznaje swój grzech. Widzi w człowieku nie tylko zło, ale zawsze także i dobro. Bo nie ma ludzi tylko złych i tylko dobrych. W każdym z nas jest trochę dobra i trochę zła. Jeżeli widzimy w sobie zło, Bóg nawiązuje do tej odrobiny choćby dobra i na niej buduje swoje wielkie nadzieje co do nas. Przebacza nam z wiarą, że i my - rozpoczynając od tej odrobiny dobra - będziemy coraz lepsi.



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