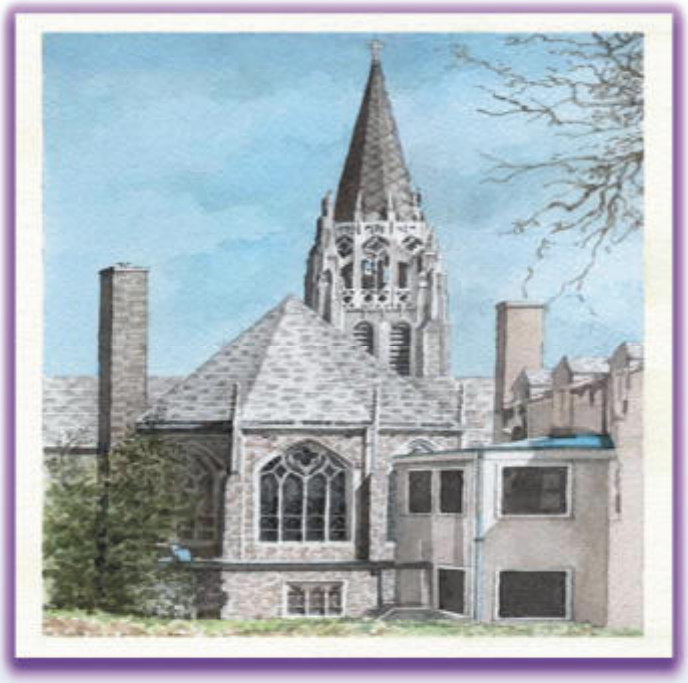

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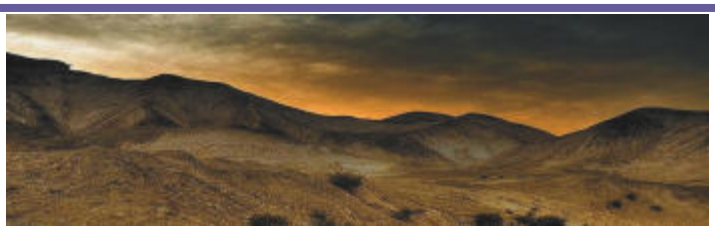


Nasza pomoc od Pana

Święty Marek w jednym zdaniu swojej Ewangelii zawarł czterdzieści trudnych dni zmagań Jezusa na pustyni. Czterdzieści długich dni i nocy samotności, prób i walki. W pokusie najgorszą rzeczą jest uznanie, że jesteśmy sami. Tak nie jest! Właśnie wtedy Bóg wyciąga do nas swoją rękę, walcząc razem z nami. Jest szczególnie blisko, choć nasze przeczucie może temu przeczyć. On jednak nigdy nie zostawia swoich dzieci w niebezpieczeństwie. Chrystus, który sam walczył na pustyni, wie przecież doskonale, że tylko z Nim możemy skutecznie pokonać pokusy i zło.

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us! God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love. The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

Wednesdays-Środy
6:00pm Gorzkie żale-po polsku
6:30pm Mass in Polish-Msza Św. po polsku

Fridays- W Piątki
7:00am Mass in Polish-Msze Sw. po polsku
11:00am Stations of the Cross-English-Droga Krzyżowa po angielsku.

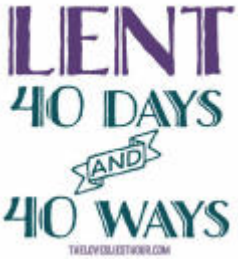
11:30am Mass in English-Msza po angielsku
6:00pm Stations of the Cross in Polish-Droga Krzyowa po polsku.
6:30pm Mass in Polish-Msza Św. po polsku

All in the Upper Church

Lenten Lamentations Five Sundays of Lent

2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, & 3/28 at 2:00PM in the Upper Church.

Holy Hour with Lenten Lamentations with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Deacon Michael Rubitz in English. Silent Adoration, short homily on the Passion of Christ through the eyes of the Blessed Mother and closing with Benediction.



Why did Jesus spend 40 days in the desert beginning his ministry? The number 40 has a special meaning in Scripture and is symbolic of preparation before a major life change. Moses spent 40 days fasting and praying on Mount Zion when he received the Ten Commandments (Exodus 34:28). An Israelite patrol spent 40 days spying on the land of Canaan before reporting back to Moses and Aaron (Numbers 13:25). And the entire Israelite people spent 40 years wandering in the desert before gaining access to the Promised Land(Numbers 14:34). Jesus likewise spent 40 days before leaving his old life as the son of the carpenter to bring new life to the entire world. To keep it simple this Lent, try the 1-1-1 Plan-one add-in, one give up. 1. Concentrate or focus on one sin or fault that is getting in the way of your relationship with God and with others. 2. Add one positive activity that will deepen your prayer and spiritual life(especially if you think you are too busy to put anything more into an impossibly busy schedule!). 3. Deny yourself something youreally like or are attracted to.

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O co zapyta nas Bóg?
Bóg bardzo nas kocha i chce być blisko każdego z nas. Szczególnie utożsamia się z ubogimi, potrzebującymi, cierpiącymi. To, co czynimy dla nich, czynimy dla Niego. Na sądzie ostatecznym Bóg nie zapyta o sukcesy, osiągnięcia, tytuły naukowe. Nie zapyta także o porażki, upadki i grzechy. Zapyta, czy i na ile potrafiliśmy kochać. Do nieba wejdą ci, którzy tu, na ziemi, nauczyli się kochać. A jeszcze wcześniej będą to ci, którzy nauczyli się przyjmować miłość od samego jej Dawcy. Bo dopiero wtedy możemy przekazywać Bożą miłość dalej, nie oczekując na wdzięczność.

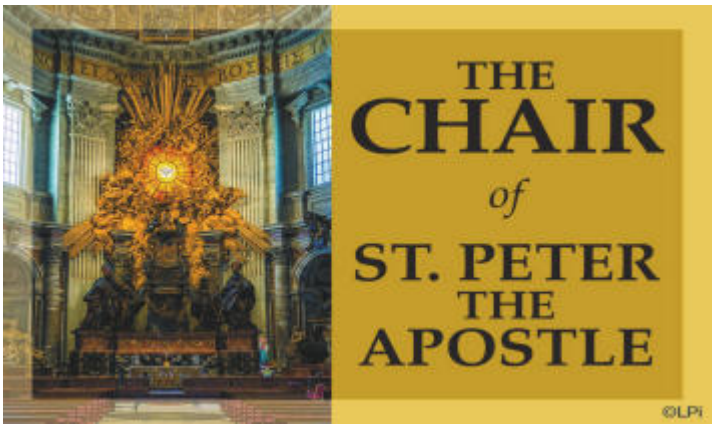
Jezu, przepraszam Cię za brak miłości, uważności i za wszelką obojętność okazywaną Tobie obecnemu w drugim człowieku

WEEKLY OBSERVANCES

Observances for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday:	1st Sunday of Lent
Monday:	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Tuesday:	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday:	Pray for the sick
Thursday:	Pray for the unborn
Friday:	Stations of the Cross & Fish Day
Saturday:	Pray for your own intentions

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent



Feast Day of Saint Peter the Aposptle February 22nd

Did you ever celebrate a chair? Probably not, but we are not totally unfamiliar with the idea of a chair as a stand-in for its occupants, as well as for their role. I think of the bishop's chair in a cathedral, for example (which is sometimes called a throne). It's usually a permanent fixture in the cathedral sanctuary and only the local bishop occupies it. While the Eucharist and other services are celebrated in the church every day, the chair remains empty unless the local bishop is present to preside over the liturgy, then he occupies the chair. The chair speaks as much when it is empty as when it is occupied, because, either way, it reminds us of the office of the local bishop which remains a reality within the diocese even as the individual bishops come and go. The chair, then, is a reminder of the office regardless of who the present bishop might be, or whether or not he is physically present. Today we celebrate the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter. Again, we are not celebrating a piece of furniture, but the role and office of Peter within the Church. And that office, presently held by Pope Francis, has been around for over 2,000 years and is both a source of authority and unity as well as a cause of significant tension among the followers of Jesus. So why celebrate it? We celebrate the feast for several reasons. First, it is a day when we recognize who and what the chair stands for. The chair of Peter is not the chair of a local bishop, for the chair of the Bishop of Rome is in his cathedral of John Lateran. So, while the present occupant of the Chair of Peter is Pope Francis, we are not focusing on his role as the local bishop of the diocese of Rome. Rather, we're celebrating his role as shepherd or bishop of the universal Church, a role that is intricately one with, but not identical to, his position as bishop of Rome. So the chair of Peter is, first, a stand-in for the pope as bishop of the world-wide Church.

Bóg zechciał budować swój Kościół nie na człowieku doskonałym i nienagannym, lecz na takim, który doświadczył własnej grzeszności, słabości i niewystarczalności. Przede wszystkim jednak doświadczył miłości Chrystusa. Od doświadczenia zaparcia się i przebaczenia Piotr już nie buduje, jak dotychczas, na samym sobie swojej miłości do Zbawiciela, lecz buduje na Chrystusie i Jego miłości ku sobie. Dlatego bramy piekła nie zwyciężą posługi pasterskiej Pierwszego Apostoła i jego następców. Na czym opiera się moja relacja z Jezusem? Czy przede wszystkim na tym, co jestem w stanie uczynić dla Niego, czy raczej przyjmuję to, co On wciąż czyni dla mnie?

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday/ Sobota February/Luty 20, 2021

4:30PME	† Edward Femc by daughter Joan

Sunday/ Niedziela February/Luty 21, 2021

7:15AME	† Janina Wneta by Janina Owczenko
8:30AMP	† Jan i Zofia Zieba od corki z rodzina
10:00AME	† Dariusz Pszczola by wife & son
11:30AMP	† Wladyslaw Olender od rodziny

Monday/Poniedziałek February/Luty 22, 2021

7:00AMP	† Maria i Feliks Maselek od corki
11:30AME	†Thaddeus John Dzierzbinski by Pietrasz family

Tuesday/Wtorek February/Luty 23, 2021

7:00AMP	† Za rodzine Samsel od rodziny Kurpiewski
11:30AME	† Krystyna Jakiel by Barbara Marynowski

Wednesday/Środa February/Luty 24, 2021

7:00AMP	† Piotr Gawlek od rodziny
11:30AME	† Anna i Franciszek Jarosz by family
6:00PMP	Gorzkie Zale
6:30PMP	†Krzysztof Kuczynski (10YRA) od rodziny

Thursday/Czwartek February/Luty 25, 2021

7:00AMP	† Teresa Gosciniak od rodziny
11:30AME	† John H. Fox by family

Friday/ Piątek February/Luty 26, 2021

7:00AMP	† Krystyna Jakiel od Janina Owczynko
11:00AME	Stations of the cross/Droga Krzyżowa
11:30AME	† Jan & Wladyslawa Zalesny by daughter Sophie
6:00PMP	Droga Krzyżowa/Stations of the cross
6:30PMP	†Mark Knec od pracownikow Satellite Aerospace

Saturday/ Sobota February/Luty 27, 2021

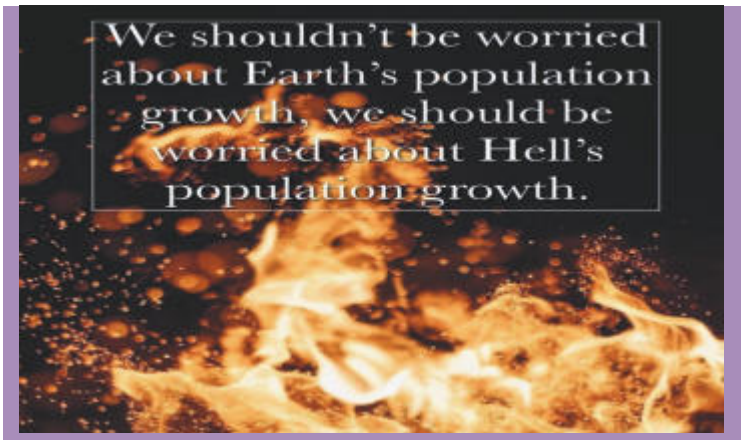
8:00AMP	† Czeslaw i Janina Choinski od Chester i Wendy

Vigil Mass

4:30PME	Blessings & health for our priests, all of our parishioners & their families during these hard times.

Sunday/ Niedziela February/Luty 28, 2021

7:15AME	† Health & Blessings for Wladyslaw & Zofia Kozlowski by children
8:30AMP	Rosary Society Lenten Mass
10:00AME	† Kazimierz Haptas by family
11:30AMP	† Jozef Zuber od rodziny Zuber
2:00PME	Lenten Lamentations - English Upper Church



It's funny how the pro-abortion lobby blame all the world's ills on unborn babies and kill them for it. This is and will always be a sin problem. The blame should be on selfishness of wanting to put pleasure above the life of a child and the belief that there's no consequences to poor choices if you just believe there isn't. Someone always pays in sin and in the case of abortion, it costs a human life, the soul of the woman and those involved in it. Let's step up our prayers and work to put a stop to this

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

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