

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

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Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil at 4 p.m.; Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses: Vigil at 4 p.m.; 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 7:30 a.m.

Confessions are heard on Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.

Parish Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1 to 3 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

✠ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ♦ March 24, 2024 ✠

Niech będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus! Na wieki wieków. Amen.

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

What Andy Warhol is to Pittsburgh, Rudolph Belarski is to Dupont. Rudolph Belarski was born on May 27, 1900 in Dupont, Pennsylvania. Like many of the immigrant people who founded our parish, his parents were born in Galicia, an Austrian-controlled province in what is today Poland. His surname was originally spelled “Bielarski,” and there are many entries for his family name in our sacramental and cemetery records from the earliest days of our parish’s founding in 1902. Rudolph attended school until he was twelve years of age, when he was legally permitted to quit school. He presumably attended our parish school. After completing sixth grade he became a laborer in the nearby Pittston coal mine. Although he worked in the mines for a period of ten years, Rudolph dreamed of becoming an artist. He began his artistic career as an adolescent by creating a simple illustration on a whitewashed wall of a coal breaker. His mine bosses were so impressed that they asked him to paint safety signs for the mine. Provided with such recognition and encouragement, he completed mail-order art courses from the International Correspondence School, Inc. of Scranton.

After ten years of working in the anthracite coal mines, he moved to New York City in 1922 to study at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. Upon graduating, the young man with the now simplified name of “Belarski” embarked on a vocation as a professional illustrator and commercial artist. The faculty of the Pratt Institute was so impressed by his artistic abilities that they invited him to return as a teacher in 1929, several years after he graduated. That same year he entered the pulp fiction industry as an illustrator through Dell Publications, providing interiors and covers for War Aces, Warbirds, War Novels, and War Stories. He would leave the Pratt Institute in 1933 to work for Fiction House, Thrilling Publications, and Munsey. Rudolph Belarski painted covers for Aces, All-American Fiction, Argosy, Captain Future, Detective Fiction Weekly, Mystery Book, Popular Detective, Red Star Adventures, Thrilling Detective, Wings, and other popular titles of the 1930s through the 1950s. Since he was too old to serve in the Second World War, Belarski volunteered to entertain hospitalized servicemen in New York and London by drawing portrait sketches for them. After the war, he moved to New Rochelle, New York and became one of the top paperback cover artists at Popular Library as well as a leading illustrator for adventure magazines. He often enjoyed creating his art in outdoor settings at cabins in Maine and Canada. In 1956 he began teaching at the world’s foremost correspondence art school, the Famous Artists School of Westport, Connecticut. He retired in 1972, after helping young students hone their art skills through correspondence school, like he had done in Dupont many years before. Rudolph Belarski died of colitis complications at eighty-three years of age on Christmas Eve, 1983.

This native son of our borough, our parish and our school is remembered for being a famous illustrator for pulp fiction books and an art educator. In 2003 John P. Gunnison published a book about him entitled “Belarski.” As soon as I read about him, I thought there should be some way to honor him in his hometown. I knew that the road between our church and parking lot did not have a name – I’ve referred to it simply as the “alley behind the garage” when explaining the location of our potato pancake production. With the kind assistance of Patty McDonald, Dupont Borough secretary, and the approval of our borough council members and Mayor Elaine Lello, my petition to name the road in honor of our very own Rudolph Belarski was granted. You can now see the green signs recently erected by our borough road crew for “Belarski Alley” – a path that he and his family likely trod on their way to Mass and school, the fount of his faith and creativity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way to make our Lenten Food Sale a success! The total gross amount raised for the replacement of the parish office air conditioning was \$8,455.00, expenses totaled \$2,381.98, and the net profit was \$6,073.02.

A solemn blessing and procession of palms will be held prior to the 10:30 am Mass at our church on Palm Sunday, March 24. The faithful are asked to report to the school on Sunday, March 24, by 10:30 am. The palms will be blessed there, and all will process into the church for Mass. The choir will lead us in song as we process through the rectory driveway, up the ramp and into the church.

The Second Sunday of Easter, April 7, is also known as the Solemnity of Divine Mercy. Jesus Christ has promised to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on Divine Mercy Sunday as recorded in the diary of St. Maria Faustina. The spiritual conditions for this indulgence are as follows: attend Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, sincerely repent of all our sins and place our complete trust in Jesus, go to confession preferably before that Sunday, receive Holy Communion on that Sunday, venerate the Divine Mercy image, and be merciful to others through our actions, words and prayers on their behalf. *We will celebrate a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m. in our church.* At this time special prayers will be said and the chaplet will be prayed in common. Confessions will also be heard. Plan to attend so as to receive many graces. “Jesus, I trust in you!”

An Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Confirmation class will take place on March 24, at 9:30am, in the Picnic Grove Area for grades kindergarten to third, and on the side of the church for grades 4-7. All the children will gather in the school at 9:15am. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will take place in the classrooms. The Easter Bunny will be there and there will be special prizes.

“Operation Rice Bowl” cardboard boxes may be returned before the end of Lent by placing them in the collection basket.

The parish office will be closed on Holy Thursday and on Good Friday. It will open again on Monday, April 1, at 8:30am.

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Thursday (March 28) Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper

10:00 pm Eucharistic Reposition & Night Prayer

Friday (March 29) Good Friday

3:00 pm Liturgy

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday (March 30) Holy Saturday

11:30 am Blessing of Easter food baskets

1:00 pm Blessing of Easter food baskets

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday (March 31) Easter Sunday Masses:

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am

Thank you to the CCM and all those who donated goodies for our reception following last Sunday's *Gorzkie zale* devotions. Tony and our choir did a great job singing the Polish hymns!

Congratulations to the HNS 300 Club Week 4 winners: 1st prize: \$100, Tina Petcaugh, 2nd prize: \$50, Amy Renfer, 3rd prize: \$25, Mildred Mlodzienski, 4th prize: \$25, Andrew LaFratte.

CCD News: classes will be canceled on March 31 for Easter. April 7 – First Holy Communion Parent Meeting in the School.

Choir practice will be held on Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m.

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in our church on Thursday, Mar. 28 at 7 pm. *All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are requested to vest in their albs and participate in the Eucharistic procession. All adult and youth altar servers are also encouraged to vest and participate. Our First Holy Communion children will also participate.* Holy Communion will be administered under both kinds. 12 HNS men will have their feet washed. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the church for a period of silent adoration until 10 pm when Night Prayer will be celebrated. Holy Name Society and the Confraternity of Christian Mothers members will assist with adoration and pray the rosary.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in common on Good Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m. in our church.

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Church in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines.

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fasting prescribes that only one full meal be taken. Two smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength, but these taken should not equal another full meal. Fasting obliges from the 18th to the 59th birthday. Abstinence forbids the eating of meat. Abstinence obliges from the 14th birthday on.

The blessing of Easter food will be held on Holy Saturday, March 30, at 11:30am and 1 pm in the church hall. The faithful are invited to bring the cooked food that they will eat on Easter Sunday in baskets for blessing. . **Our Holy Name Society will distribute the pre-ordered *kolaczki* in the hall that day, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Homemade pizzelles by Mike Silla will be sold by our Holy Name Society on Saturday, Mar. 30, 11am - 1:30pm in the church hall during the blessing of Easter baskets. Pizzelles will be available in anise flavor, vanilla with sprinkles and chocolate. They will be sold in containers of 8 pieces for \$5 while supplies last.

The deanery penance service will be on March 25, 6:30pm, at St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston. There will not be the "Light is on for You" 5:30pm Confessions that day in our church.

The *Rezurekcja* (Resurrection) procession will take place during the 7:30 a.m. Easter Mass according to the Polish custom by the Holy Name Society members. The Easter Sequence will be proclaimed and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises will take the place of the Creed at all the Easter Sunday Masses.

Dr. Larry Chapp will give a talk on "The Universal Call to Holiness in Our Times" on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. in our church hall. Light refreshments will follow. It is open to the public. Dr. Chapp received his doctorate in theology from Fordham University in 1994, with a specialization in the theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar. He spent 20 years teaching theology at DeSales University near Allentown before retiring early in order to found the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Farm in Harveys Lake. Author of many articles and books, he is also the founder and chief author for the blog, Gaudiumetspes22.com.

Parish Flea Market – save the date! On June 1/2 we plan to hold a flea market in the church hall. If you can help at this year's flea market, please contact Gene and Sharon Bartosiewicz (457-6945) or Bob Bartosiewicz (457-8403).

We will conduct a one-day picnic this year on Saturday, August 3, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in our Picnic Grove. Charyl Nagy and Joe Petro are serving as Picnic Chairmen this year. Our next picnic meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, at 6 p.m. in the church hall.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in our church hall on Thursday, May 9, 12-5pm. Call 1-800-733-2767 to register.

Requiescat in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Elizabeth Soy who was recently buried from our church.

Easter Duty: All Catholics have the serious obligation to make a worthy Confession and receive the Holy Eucharist during Paschal Time which runs from the beginning of holy Lent through Pentecost.

Monday (Mar. 25) Monday of Holy Week

7:30 am Regina Zygunt
by Robert and Elaine Tible

Tuesday (Mar. 26) Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 am Michael Nesgoda
by Dorothy Kishel

Wednesday (Mar. 27) Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30 am Gloria Kolankiewicz
by Robert and Loraine Hergan

Thursday (Mar. 28) Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm George Vojta
by Gene, Sharon and Robert Bartosiewicz
10:00 pm Night Prayer

Friday (Mar. 29) Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday (Mar. 30) Holy Saturday Vigil in the Holy Night

8:00 pm Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

Sunday (Mar. 31) Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

7:30 am Julia Satkowski
by Shirley Karuzie
9:30 am Eleanore Bryk
by Walter Bryk and children
11:00 am Henry and Mary Czarnecki
by Maryann Czarnecki

"His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands"
Last Sunday: \$5,917.00
Building Fund: \$469.00
Easter Flowers: \$1,747.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: George Vojta, by family.*

*The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in
 memory of Emmanuel Ziobro, by his children.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 28, 7pm, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, church
- Mar. 29, 3pm, Good Friday Liturgy, church
- Mar. 29, 7pm, Stations of the Cross, church
- Mar. 30, 11:30 am & 1 pm, blessing of Easter food, hall
- Mar. 30, 8 pm, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, church
- Mar. 31, 7:30, 9:30, & 11 am, Easter Sunday Masses

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

March 23-24: Palm Sunday
4pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: J. Klenner, A. Devlin, Acolyte: C. Purdy
8:30am: EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: J. Roche, H. Vogue, Acolyte: A., E., & M. Collins
10:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: G. Beccaloni, T. Satkowski, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons, A. & J. Rupprecht, E. & J. Toalongo
March 28: Holy Thursday
7pm: EM: B. Jones, B. Purdy, C. Wesley, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons, A. & J. Rupprecht, E. & J. Toalongo
March 29: Good Friday
3pm: <i>no EM needed</i> , Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, M. Ferretti, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons, C. Purdy, A. & J. Rupprecht
March 29, Stations of the Cross: M. Collins, A. & J. Rupprecht
March 30: Easter Food Blessing (church hall)
11:30am: Acolyte: T. Papiercavich 1pm: A. & J. Rupprecht
March 30: Easter Vigil
8pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: A. Devlin, C. Purdy, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins, E. & J. Lyons, E. & J. Toalongo
March 31: Easter Sunday
7:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: E. Suchecki, T. Tittton
9:30am: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: C. Purdy
11:00am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: G. M. Ferretti, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht

All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on Tues., Mar. 26 at 4 p.m. At this Mass priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for our diocesan priests.