Jesus knew the scribes and Pharisees were trying to trap him. They put him in what seemed to be a no-win situation. Let the woman who was caught in adultery go, and he would have been accused of ignoring the law. Let her be stoned, and he would fail to show mercy toward her, contradicting his life's message. Jesus' response teaches three crucial lessons: none of us is free of sin; we are not the ultimate judges of others; Jesus is the mercy of God, in whom we can always trust. In Christ, God does something new. When we give our hearts to Christ, we have the hope of new life, a life in which mercy reigns.

NO ONE IS SINFUL

Sin isn't a word we use very often in today's culture. Yet we must be honest and acknowledge that we sin. Otherwise, we become like people with a disease who are in denial of its implications—we cannot hope to be cured unless we admit that it exists. Sin is a disease of the soul, a dis-ease in our relationship with God. When we sin, we fail to live as we know God desires. The truth is, no one is sinless. We all fail. We may have moments of intense union with God and live as we know we ought. Yet we also have times when we miss the mark. Because we are human and know that we fail, it is easy to adopt a pattern of judgmental behavior. We point to the splinter in our neighbor's eye while failing to remove the plank from our own. Jesus' response to the scribes and Pharisees is clear on this account. Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.

GOD'S MERCY IS FOR EVERYONE

The bad news is that we all sin. The good news is that God's mercy is available, always, at all times. We must be sorry for our failures and, if our sin is grave, take part in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus' encounter with the woman in today's Gospel, as with so many others in the course of his earthly ministry, stands as proof that God is merciful and forgiving. As we continue to journey through the season of Lent, it is good for us to pause and reflect--on our relationship with Christ and on God's infinite mercy.
April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent

MONDAY – APRIL 8th
8AM(E) Lillian Gronczewski req. daughter, Barbara
7PM(E) James Gallagher req. Mr. & Mrs. Walls

TUESDAY – APRIL 9th
8AM(E) For the people of St. John Cantius
7PM(E) Maria Flynn-Brown req. Veronica Gontarek

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 10th
8AM(E) John Devlin req. Walter & Ted Kosinski
6PM(P) Grazyna Sarna req. Jogoda

THURSDAY – APRIL 11th St. Stanislaus
8AM(E) Ann Teska req. family
7PM(E) Walter & Mary Kopacz req. Betty & Bob Koper & Jean McNally

FRIDAY - APRIL 12th Abstinence
8AM(E) Gerald A. Rooney req. Hermina Rooney & Elizabeth Crockett
7PM(P) Intencji Rodziny Frankunas

SATURDAY—APRIL 13th St. Martin I
8AM(P) Anna & Stanislaw, Bogdan, and Henryl Mazurek req. Kazimiera
5PM(E) Mary & Tony Golebiewski req. son, Anthony J. Golebiewski, Jr.

SUNDAY – APRIL 14th
8AM(E) Alfons Niescier req. family
10AM(E) Helen Mocarski req. children, grandchildren & great grandchildren
11:30AM(P) Ojczyzna

LECTORS & NARRATORS APRIL 14  Palm Sunday
5PM Anthony Golembiewski/ Terry Dombkoski
8AM Jason Cook/ Phyllis Rooney
10AM Maria Sucharski/ Barb Plocharski

Please pray for our recently deceased Richard Wojnar Sr. May God grant him eternal peace in His Presence.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns for Jack Chrzanowski from loving wife, Florence & family. (6 year Anniversary)

The Second Collection today is for Parish Repairs 4/7.

Next week’s collection is for St. Vincent de Paul 4/14.

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BANNERS DONATED

Our Lent banners in Church and Chapel were donated by The Polish Language School & An Anonymous Parishioner for the Souls in Purgatory.

If you are interested in donating a banner, please call the rectory office. Thank you.
Letter From Pastor

Next weekend we begin the holiest week of the Church year. The schedule for next Sunday (Palm Sunday) is the following:

Palms will be blessed and distributed before the 5:00 Vigil and 8:00 Sunday Masses. Solemn blessing of palms with procession will take place at the 10:00 Mass (Blessing of Palm and Procession from the Chapel will begin at 9:45) and 11:30 A.M. Mass (Blessing of Palm and Procession from the Chapel will begin at 11:15). All are asked to gather in the Chapel for these two Masses. If the Chapel cannot be used, we will begin the 10:00 and 11:30 Masses in Church.

The Easter Schedule and Envelope have been mailed. Food will be blessed (Swieconka) on Holy Saturday in the homes beginning at 9:00 A.M. and in Church at 8:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. If you would like a priest to come to your home to bless food, please fill out the form that is printed in this Church Bulletin and return it to the Rectory by Good Friday, April 19th. We will print a schedule for Holy Week in next week’s bulletin.

We ask you to bring your Rice Bowls next Sunday and place them in the large bowl in the back of the Church before Mass. Your Rice Bowl Offerings will be brought up to the altar during the Offertory Procession.

Due to the children receiving their First Penance on Wednesday at 7:00 P.M., the evening Mass that day will begin at 6:00 P.M.

May you all have a beautiful week!

OUR DYNAMIC CATHOLIC THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “No matter how weak you may think you are, you are never too weak to be used in great ways by God.”

AND A SECOND THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “In a world of selfishness, we are called to be a gift. In a world of egotism, we are called to serve each other.”

Remember the Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic:

PRAYER
STUDY
GENEROSITY
EVANGELIZATION

If you would like a priest to come to your home to bless your food on Holy Saturday, please fill out the form that is below and return it to the Rectory or place it in the Collection Basket by Good Friday, April 19th.

NAME__________________________________________________________

ADDRESS______________________________________________________________________________

PHONE NUMBER___________________________________________________________
List od Proboszcza

W następny weekend rozpoczniemy najświętszy tydzień roku kościelnego. Rozkład na następną niedzielę (Niedziela Palmowa) następuje:

Palmy zostaną pobłogosławione i rozdane przy wejściu kościoła przed Mszą Świętą o 5:00 w Sobotę i przed Mszą Świętą o godzinie 8:00 w Niedziele. Uroczyste błogosławieństwo palm z procesją odbędzie się przed Mszą Świętą o godzinie 10:00 i 11:30. (Błogosławieństwo Palm i Procesja z Kaplicy rozpocznie się o 9:45 i 11:15.) Prosimy wszystkich o zebranie się w Kaplicy. **Jeżeli Kaplica nie będzie dostępna, rozpoczniemy Msze w kościele.**

Listy z rozkładem wielkanocnym i z kopertą zostały wysłane pocztą.

Święconka odbędzie się w Kościele o 8:30 i 14:30 w Wielką Sobotę. Jeśli chcielibiste aby ksiądz przyszedł do waszego domu żeby pobłogosławić świąteczne pokarmy (w Wielką Sobotę po godzinie 9:00 rano), prosimy o wypełnienie formularza wydrukowany w tym Biuletynie i o oddanie formularza na plebanie przed Wielkim Piątkiem.

Prosimy o przyniesienie **Rice Bowls** w najbliższą niedzielę i o umieszczenie ich w dużej misce w przedsionku kościoła przed Mszą Świętą. Podczas procesji z ofiarami zostaną przyniesione do ołtarza.

Życzę pięknego tygodnia!

**NASZE DYNAMICZNE KATOLICKIE MYŚLI TYGODNIA:**

*Bez względu na to, jakim słabym się wydajesz że jesteś, nigdy nie jesteś za słaby, aby być wykorzystywanym przez Boga na wszelkie sposoby.*

*W świecie egoizmu jesteśmy powołani, aby być darem. W świecie egoizmu jesteśmy wezwani, by służyć sobie nawzajem.*

Pamiętaj Cztery oznaki Dynamicznego Katolika:

MODLITWA – NAUKA – HOJNOŚĆ – EWANGELIZACJA
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**PBA**

The Polish Beneficial Association is sponsoring a fundraiser/collection of items on the Wish List for the Gift of Life Family House.

The Gift of Life Family House gives the family of transplant patients undergoing medical care a place to stay while in the Philadelphia area at a minimal rate. The collection point for these items is the Polish Beneficial Association located at 2595 Orthodox St. Philadelphia, PA 19137. They can be dropped off during regular business hours.

If you have any questions please call Marianne Stone at 215-200-6790.

**PERISHABLE GOODS:**
- Milk, butter, eggs
- Fresh fruit
- Individual coffee creamers

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:**
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Fabric softener & dryer sheets

**KITCHEN ITEMS:**
- Liquid dish soap
- Dishwashing detergent & tablets
- Large zip lock storage bags
- Sponges
- Aluminum Foil

**GIFT CARDS ARE WELCOMED TOO.**

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**St. John Cantius Parish Indoor Spring Flea Market**

Sell your items or pick up some treasures!

Saturday, April 27, 2019
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM Rain or Shine

Tables available for $25

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**PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY BY 12 NOON ON APRIL 19TH TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE.**

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The Rosary Society Prayer hour will take place this Wed., April 10. The Rosary will be prayed at 12:30 p.m. in the BIG Church (both side doors will be open, front doors will be locked) followed by our meeting. We ask all members to attend and invite their friends and all parishioners who wish to spend an extra hour during Lent with honoring Jesus’ mother & Our Lady.

**POLISH BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION CASINO TRIP**

Monday, April 22
11:30 AM
Cost: $30 Return:$25

Resorts Casino

Bus leaves from Almond & Orthodox Street
Call Marianne Stone for Reservations at 215-200-6790
Collection Count for March 31, 2019

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Total $2,896 $1,936 $4,832

Mailed Env. 16 $82 $420 $512
Easter Flowers $1,551 $554 $2,105
Church in Europe 11 $53 $5 $53
Parish Repairs 23 $165 $5,335 $5,500
Votives $205 Coin $51.50 $256.50

Grand Total $4,962 $8,245 $13,258.50
Coin 51.50

Total Deposit $13,258.50

Career Opportunity:
The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing our insurance program in the Greater Philadelphia area. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, Joseph Graceske, General Agent, at 215-362-2469 or Joseph.Graceske@Kofc.org

COLLECTION COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY
Apr. 7 Connie Perrault & Maryann Marszałek
Apr. 14 Joan Reed & Michelle Skalski & Terri Pacan
Apr. 21 Terry Casey & Joe Foster
Apr. 28 Connie Perrault & Maryann Marszałek

LOTTERY TICKETS

Lottery tickets will be sold in the back of the Chapel or Church. Calendars are now available for distribution. The cost of each calendar for the month is $5.00. The winning number is based on the evening drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery. Daily prizes of $50.00 a day and Sundays are $100.00. Plus each month a bonus day! Sellers are needed. Tickets will be sold before and after each Mass. This will be an on going fundraiser. We ask for your help and support to make this an ongoing success. Thank you for your support of our Parish.

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