Today’s readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God’s law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God’s commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God’s ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both “hidden” and “revealed.” God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew’s Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God’s law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

THE RULERS OF THIS AGE
Saint Paul speaks of both the “wisdom of this age” and the “rulers of this age.” He refers specifically to the so-called wise people and institutions responsible for unjustly condemning Jesus to death. As we mourn the human sin that killed Jesus two thousand years ago, we also consider contemporary errors and evils that wound the Body of Christ in our own age. We easily recognize the crimes of our leaders. Religious, corporate, and government institutions have inflicted suffering on countless innocent souls. The depth of our modern-day failures threatens us with despair. But Jesus calls us to renewed faithfulness and hope. Jesus tells us to “surpass” our leaders in righteousness. He instructs us to simplify our own lives: “Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ Anything more is from the evil one.” We are right to work against the sins of our leaders, but we must also scrutinize our own lives and make peace with our families, neighbors, and coworkers.
February 16, 2020
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY – FEBRUARY 17th
8AM(E) For the people of St. John Cantius

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 18th
8AM(E) Tom Winkis req. Family

WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 19th
8AM(E) Living & Deceased Wojnar & Czarnik Families req. Donna & Family

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 20th
8AM(E) For Those Enrolled in the Memorial Fund

FRIDAY — FEBRUARY 21st St. Peter Damian
8AM(E) Fran Alice req. Mary & Tony

SATURDAY— FEBRUARY 22th The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
8AM(P) Walter & Cecilia Mazur req. son, Robert Mazur
5PM(E) Wielicki Family req. McNish

SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 23rd
8AM(E) Jane Plocharski req. Walter Drejerski
10AM(E) Jane Plocharski req. Frank & Diane Kaszyk
11:30AM(P) Barbary Kurpawskej i Calej Przybysz Rodziny

LECTORS FEBRUARY 23
5PM Stephen Dombkoski
8AM Jason Cook
10AM PREP

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2020
What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.
— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, February 17th for the holiday Presidents’ Day.

The Second Collection today is for Care of Aging Priests 2/16. Next week’s is for Fuel Offering 2/23.

Our next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on Monday, February 24th, in the Chapel, at 7:00 PM. Parents and Godparents who wish to have their children baptized must attend this class to prepare them for the reception of this sacrament. Expectant parents may also attend this class. Please call the Rectory to enroll so we can make adequate arrangements.

BANNERS DONATED
Our Green Ordinary Time banners in Church & Chapel were donated by John & Kash Augustine, Regina Filipczak & The Polish Parishioners. If you are interested in donating a banner, please call the rectory office. Thank you.
Letter From Pastor

There’s not too much to write about at this time of the year, just reminders of some upcoming events. We will have an Italian Dinner Night in our auditorium on Saturday evening, February 29th, beginning at 4:00. Tickets are available in the back of Chapel on weekends and at the Rectory during office hours. On Sunday, March 8th, we will have a Cash Bingo in our auditorium, beginning at 2:00. On Sunday, March 15th, at 11:30, in the Church, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Church. Bishop Timothy Senior will confirm our children. The 10:00 Mass that Sunday will be celebrated in Polish in the Chapel.

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Ash Wednesday is February 26th. There are boxes placed in the back of the Chapel for you to place the palm you received last year. We will burn it to make ashes for this year.

Our Knights of Columbus Council will be selling raffle tickets at the Masses next weekend in the back of the Chapel. Please support their efforts.

The Rectory Office will be closed this Monday for President’s Day.

Have a wonderful week.

OUR DYNAMIC CATHOLIC THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “The Gospel is an invitation to and a blueprint for complete joy.”

A SECOND DYNAMIC CATHOLIC THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “God delights in conversation with you.”

Remember the Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic:

PRAYER
STUDY
GENEROSITY
EVANGELIZATION
List od Proboszcza

Nadchodzi kilka wydarzeń, o których chciałbym przypomnieć:

Będziemy mieli Italian Dinner Night w naszym audytorium w sobotę, 29 lutego, o godzinie 16:00. Bilety ($15) są na sprzedaż po Mszach Świętych i na Plebani w czasie tygodnia.

W niedzielę, 8 marca, odbędzie się Cash Bingo w naszej sali od 14:00. Bilety ($35) są na sprzedaż po Mszach Świętych i na Plebani w czasie tygodnia.

W niedzielę 15 marca o godz. 11:30 w kościele będzie udzielany sakrament bierzmowania przez Biskupa Timothy Senior. Msza Święta w języku Poskim odbędzie się o 10:00 AM w kaplicy.

Następna lekcja przygotowania się do Chrztu Świętego odbędzie się w poniedziałek, 24 lutego, w kaplicy o 19.00. Rodzice i rodzice chrzestni, którzy chcą ochrzcić swoje dzieci, muszą uczestniczyć w tej lekcji przygotowania się do sakramentu. Proszę zadzwonić na Plebanie, aby się zapisać żebyśmy mogli dokonać odpowiednich ustaleń.

Środa Popielcowa przypada 26 lutego. Przy wejściach do kaplicy są pudelka, do których można umieścić święcone palmy z zeszłego roku. Spalimy te palmy, by zrobić proch do dystrybucji w Środe Popielcową w tym roku.

Biuro Parafialne będzie nieczynne w poniedziałek, 17 lutego z okazji President’s Day.

Życzę wspaniałego tygodnia.

NASZE DYNAMICZNE MYŚLI KATOLICKIE NA TYDZIEŃ:

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-4a, 6; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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PASSING AWAY

There is some urgency in Christ’s call to holiness. Everything in this age is passing away. Jesus’ call is timely and radical, pleading with us to drop other business and make reconciliation a priority. The Lord actually says to “leave your gift at the altar” and return to worship after making peace with the adversaries in our lives. Jesus is deadly serious about the need for reconciliation and righteousness, insisting that nothing—not even our eyes and arms—are worth more than love. All of today’s readings reflect on the deep connection between God’s law and healthy, peaceful love. As Saint Paul says in Romans 13:10, “love is the fulfillment of the law.” Here in the twenty-first century, we modern disciples of Christ can cultivate that mystery deep in our hearts, nurturing the tremendous twin gifts of God’s love and God’s law, offered to us freely to help us sustain a healthy and holy Body of Christ.

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PRAYER PETITION BOOK

is located on the podium in the back of the Chapel and is available for you to write your intentions. The book will be carried up to the sanctuary during the Entrance Procession of the Mass every Sunday.

If the Mass you are attending is being requested by you or a family member, and you wish to participate in the Offertory Procession, please see the ushers before Mass begins.
COLLECTION COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY

Feb 16 Connie Perrault & Maryann Marszalek
Feb 23 Joan Reed, Michelle Skalski & Terri Pacan
Mar 1 Terry Casey & Joe Foster
Mar 8 Connie Perrault & Maryann Marszalek
Mar 15 Joan Reed, Michelle Skalski & Terri Pacan
Mar 22 Terry Casey & Joe Foster
Mar 29 Connie Perrault & Maryann Marszalek

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 ongoing 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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BAD COMPANY

People who live solely for themselves are eventually corrupted by their own company.
—Anonymous

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