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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PASSION SUNDAY!

**Congratulations
Johnathon Ryan Diaz!**

A Sabbath Thought

As we continue our Lenten journey, we now acknowledge our sinfulness and recognize our need for conversion. As a people of faith, we gather in worship to share the Word that calms our fears and the Bread that makes us whole.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 43:16-21

The prophet reminds us that our story is one of hope. God's relationship with us involves us in a journey through redemption.

Responsorial Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14

Like runners in the midst of a race, disciples are in movement toward a goal: formation in the image of Christ.

JOHN 8:1-11

The Saviour who doodles in the dirt disarms the critics and, at the same time, rescues the criticized.

ENTRANCE RITE (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

V. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

R. And all this is from God, Who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

TRACT (Psalm 103:8,13-14)

V. Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

R. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful. For He knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust.

THE GOSPEL (John 8:1-11)

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – April 6th

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passion Sunday

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

**First Holy Communion of
Johnathon Ryan Diaz**

During the 8:00 AM Mass

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

WEDNESDAY – April 9th

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 PM

“Free” Lenten Meal Before

@ 6:00 PM

Spaghetti & Salad!

SUNDAY – April 13th

Palm Sunday

**Blessing and distribution of
palms to the faithful,**

Procession

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

WEDNESDAY – April 16th

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

“Free” Lenten Meal Before

@ 6:00 PM

Tuna Salad Sandwich & Salad!

THURSDAY – April 17th

Holy (Maundy) Thursday

7:00 PM

FRIDAY – April 18th

Good Friday

Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

3:00PM

Tenebre

7:00 PM

SATURDAY – April 19th

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Foods

12:00 Noon & 6:45 PM

Blessing of New Fire, Holy

Water and Pascal Candle

7:00 PM

INTENTIONS:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Eric Meck, Damon, Gwen and Lukas Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Greg Potash, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, John Halecky III, Jer and Tim Checket, Leina Jean Meier, Cassidy Durante, Dre Curto, Brenda Hoffa, Teri Hettinger, Joe Gimont, Dan Chujko, Chester and Cherrie Kitchman, John DeHart and Bob Price. For the repose of the soul of Carston Callesen. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, April 6th; YMS of R Egg Sandwich sale after each Mass. Don't miss out on these famous sandwiches.

Thursday, April 24th; The Book Club will resume by meeting in the library at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome. Please join us!

Sunday, April 27th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, April 27th; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 AM Mass.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

NEW PICNIC TABLE DRIVE

The drive continues. Donations, if made in cash, should be placed in a separate envelope marked “YMS of R Table Drive” and checks should be made payable to: “St. Stephens YMS of R” and noted for Table Drive.

PIEROGI MAKING

The Picnic Committee has established tentative dates for pierogi-making. They continue as follows: April 11 & 12 (Potato); April 25 & 26 (Cheese); May 9 & 10 (Cheese), May 30-31 (Cheese); Sauerkraut- to be determined. Please sign up!

24th NATIONAL MISSION & EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

The 24th National Mission and Evangelism Workshop will be held on Friday, May 30th through Sunday, June 1, 2025 at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Denver, Colorado. Please see the Pamphlets on the table in the vestibule for more information.

EXETER FOOD PANTRY

The Exeter Food Pantry is asking for donations of canned hams and boxes of scalloped potatoes to help feed needy families during the Easter Season. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for details.

KNIGHT'S CLOSET

We are seeking donations of bottled water, Gatorade and granola bars for the needy students of the Reading School District during Easter Season. . Please leave donated items on the table in the Fellowship Hall by April 13th. Thank you.