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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM (no 7:00 on Sat.)
 Daily Morning Prayer: 8:00 AM (exc. Sunday)
Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday English Masses: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Sunday Polish Mass: 10:00 AM
 Holy Day English: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
 Holy Day Polish: 5:30 PM
 National Holidays: 9:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open from Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM or upon arrangement with any of the priests.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ordinarily on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Alternate times must be arranged with a parish priest. Pre-Baptism instructions are necessary in advance.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

All arrangements must be made with one of the priests of the parish six months in advance.

GODPARENT AND SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Those who wish to be sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Catholic Church. If you attend St. Stanislaus but you are not registered, please contact the parish office so that you can be listed as a parishioner here.

FUNERALS

Arrangements are usually made in coordination with the funeral home of your choice.

INQUIRY CLASSES

(R.C.I.A.): Contact any member of the Pastoral Team.

CHURCH HOURS

The church is open 1/2 hour before and after services. For tours or private prayer please call the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, Marca, 2005

Sat	5:00 PM	+Casimira Mazurowski
Sun	8:30 AM	+Ted Watkins
	10:00 AM	+Carol Hull
		+Teodora, Jozef Kozlowski
	11:30 AM	+Leo A. Orey
Mon	Mar 14	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Raymond Twargowski
	8:30 AM	+Clem, Joe & Clarence Kozlowski
Tue	Mar 15	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Maria Kucia
	8:30 AM	+Joseph Dardzinski
Wed	Mar 16	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Veronica Gnatowski
	8:30 AM	+Catherine Brzozowski
Thu	Mar 17	Lenten Weekday (St. Patrick)
	7:00 AM	+Frank Kuzma
	8:30 AM	+Zbigniew Malkiewicz
Fri	Mar 18	Lenten Weekday (St. Cyril of Jerusalem)
	7:00 AM	+Walter & Apolonia Staskiewicz
	8:30 AM	+Michael & Mary Kozlowski
Sat	Mar 19	Lenten Weekday (St. Joseph)
	8:30 AM	+Joseph & Mary Babiasz

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

March 20, Marca, 2005

Sat	5:00 PM	+Anna F. Antos
Sun	8:30 AM	+Joanne Grzelak
	10:00 AM	+Julius Horvath
	11:30 AM	+Donald Beshinski

MUSIC – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: Kyrie eleison (inserts)
 Offertory: You Are Mine #214
 Communion: Stay with us Lord (inserts)
 Recessional: Crux Fidelis (inserts)



Take the stone a - way! Come out! Come out!

POLSKA MSZA ŒWIĘTA

Procesja: Kyrie eleison
 Ofiarowanie: Zbawienie przysz³o przez Krzy¿ #108
 Na Komuniê: Zostañ z nami Panie
 Zakoñczenie: Zawitaj ukrzy¿owany!



Take the stone a - way! Come out!_____

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun	11:30 AM	Third Scrutiny at Mass.	Thu	4:00 PM	Church Cleanup Crew until 5:15.
	3:00 PM	Gorzkie Zale (Lamentations in Polish)	Fri	5:30 PM	Droga Krzyzowa in church.
	6:00 PM	Vespers		7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross in church.
Mon	9:00 AM	Avilas pray for vocations, in the church after 8:30 Mass.		7:30 PM	Adult Faith Sharing in the rectory.
		R.C.I.A. In the convectory.	Sat	9:00 AM	Church Grounds Cleanup outside church and school.
Tues	7:00 PM	English Choir Rehearsal.		4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation in church until 4:45
	7:00 PM	Pastoral Council in the rectory.		8:00 PM	CityMusic Concert.
Wed	9:00 AM	Bible Study in the rectory.	Sun	12:30 PM	Palm Weaving in the school basement.
	5:30 PM	Gorzkie Zale (Lamentations in Polish)		3:00 PM	Brahms' Requiem (Brecksville-Broadview Hts. High Schools)
	6:00 PM	Próba chóru w kościele		6:00 PM	Vespers
	7:00 PM	English Choir Rehearsal II.			
	8:00 PM	A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.			

Stay With Us Lord! Zostañ z nami Panie! XXI

OK...up to week 21 and still telling Jesus to 'stay with us!' Over that period of time we've explored a considerable amount of text from Pope John Paul II's encyclical **Ecclesia de Eucharistia**. Some of you have thanked me for pursuing this course, each week submitting a portion of that most important document for your digestion. What troubles me is that when I have accidentally included a 'mistake' nobody calls me on it! Well, I'm not sure how frequently that has happened, but I do know that last week there was one. We all try to proof read items submitted to the weekly bulletin but things do escape us. In last week's article I meant to state that when approaching the table of the Lord, a 'blessing' was offered to those people **not** a part of our ecclesial brotherhood. It's nice to know we all caught and understood that one!

The weekly publishing of this bulletin is no easy task. Don Pieniak tries his best to get all the facts together and organized in time for publication each week amidst a flurry of phone calls, interruptions, inquiries and aggravations. This week he's home recuperating from his shoulder surgery so we're all trying our best to fill in for him. Please remember him in your prayers. He is an important part of our parish staff and his creative spirit will be missed.

Things that are published in 'minutes' and other publications sometimes have their way of not making it into our weekly publication due to the oversights of individuals or committees. For example, it should be noted that our Holy Saturday evening service (Easter Vigil) will begin at 8PM this year, a time determined by the diocesan offices. Also, please note that following Holy Thursday's reposition of the Blessed Sacrament is the singing of Part I of *Gorzkie Zale* (that part dealing with Christ's agony in the garden, his betrayal by Judas and his interrogation by the Sanhedrin during those earliest hours of his Passion). FYI, a translation of this spiritual and cultural treasure is found in the *Pan z wami* (Polish/English missalette).

We continue to ask Jesus to "stay with us" as we journey toward the communion table, to Calvary and the empty tomb. Our plea is immediately answered as we consume the Eucharist.

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 20, March 2005

Sat	5:00 PM	Lector — Betty Dabrowski
		Euch. Min. — Linda & Carmen Vincenzo, Mike Potter, William Russin
Sun	8:30 AM	Lector — Nancy Mack
		Euch. Min. — Nicole & Mark Kobylinski, Chris Luboski, Adeline Nadolny
	10:00 AM	Lector — Teresa Cyranek
		Euch. Min. — Gertruda Markiewicz, Michael Buczek, W. Sztalkoper, R. Drewnowski
	11:30 AM	Lector — James Seaman
		Euch. Min. — Angela Revay, Emily Galish, Joanne & Ron Grams

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection

5:00 PM.....	\$1,443.25
8:30 AM.....	\$1,183.00
10:00 AM.....	\$1,523.00
11:30 AM.....	\$1,387.25
Mailed in.....	\$1,237.50
Total (460 envelopes)	\$6,774.00
Children's Collection	\$18.50

Thank you for supporting your parish!



The Spirit of God dwelling in us
"If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you"
 Romans 8:11

What is it about so-called "reality shows" that attract so many viewers that ratings soar? Is it that the folks who participate (and are paid for providing "entertainment") are able to participate in something — no matter how bizarre! — that makes us jealous? That, of course, and the instant fame?

It truly amazes me how people, including many Catholic Christians, get caught up in the artificial excitement of drugs, illicit sex, alcohol abuse, gambling, and "climbing the corporate ladder" for the sake of more, and more and more . . .

More what? There once was a license plate I read somewhere that stated, *Whoever gets the most toys wins!* Wins what? You see, it's all temporary and it's all quite shallow. If we have participated in any of these activities, we will have to admit that it's vacuous; it's empty; it's vanity.

You want a *real* reality show? Just try the Christian life! I'm serious. Today's Second Reading (above) teaches us what it means to believe that we belong to God. *"If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you . . ."*

Just think about it. Do we believe this? Do you believe that the Spirit of him who raised Jesus Christ from the dead dwells in you? If we do, then we believe that God can accomplish anything through us! Anything! Even through our sufferings, our trials and our tribulations. Remember, God the Father raised up his Son from the dead in the power of the Holy Spirit.

" . . . he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you." We see a foreshadowing of this mystery in the raising of Lazarus in today's Gospel. And that was *only* a foreshadowing of the resurrection of Jesus (Jesus was raised to die no more — eternal; Lazarus would once again die — temporal).

When we were baptized (and for our elect-catechumens — who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil) we died with Christ (so Romans 6:3) in the hope of resurrection with the Lord. He gives us life that even Lazarus did not have at his raising.

In the Third Scrutiny at this Sunday's 11:30 a.m. Mass the priest prays over the elect-catechumens:

"Father, . . . Rescue these elect from the tyranny of death, for they long for new life through baptism. Free them from the slavery of Satan, the source of sin and death . . ."

"Lord Jesus Christ, you commanded Lazarus to step forth alive from his tomb and by your own resurrection freed all people from death . . . Do not let the power of death hold (these elect) back, for, by their faith, they will share I the triumph of your resurrection. . . ."

Let us dare to believe what we hear in the Scriptures, that we have *already* received the gift of the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead in our baptism. Let us choose to live this truth.

It's far more exciting than any entertainment, that's for sure!

SÓL I SWIATŁO

Slyszac Jezusowe słowa: "Wy jesteście światłem świata", myślimy o świętych i w pierwszym odruchu smieszonym wydaje się odniesienie tych słów do samego siebie - ja światłem?

Ale Pan precyzuje: "Niech świeci wasze światło". Życzenie-przykazanie jest bardziej do przyjęcia. Jezus dodaje: "aby ludzie, widząc was, zapragnęli oddać chwałę Bogu". Nie chodzi tu o moją małą chwałę, ale o chwałę Boga.

Mowa o tym, że mamy być solą i światłem, pojawia się zaraz po Błogosławieństwach. Jeśli jesteśmy naprawdę ubodzy w ducha, ciści, lękacy sprawiedliwości, czysti, miłosierni, odważni wobec przemocy, wtedy jesteśmy solą i światłem Boga.

Pewna osoba chora na raka wyznała kapłanowi: "Lubie księdza słuchac, budzi ksiądz we mnie myśli o Bogu. Ale kiedy siostra pielęgnuje mnie, wtedy czuję, że Bóg mnie kocha".

Mozna Boga głosić na dwa sposoby: słowem i przykładem. W dzisiejszej Ewangelii Jezus mówi o tym drugim sposobie: "aby widzieli wasze życie". Oczywiście, myślimy od razu o miłości braterskiej, i prawda jest, że delikatna i heroiczna miłość osoby wierzącej pociąga innych do Boga.

Kobieta w średnim wieku, dotknięta poważnym paralizem mieszkała razem z matką i ta matka właśnie umarła. Chora nie może znaleźć kogoś, kto przychodziłby do niej o stałych godzinach, żeby pomóc jej wstać. Jednak pełna ufności pisze do swojego duszpasterza: "Mimo wszystko ufam. Żyje z dnia na dzień, widzę ciemność, kiedy myślę o jutrze, ale radzę sobie z tym, czyniąc akt ufności. Mówię Panu: Ty Panie widzisz, w jakiej jestem sytuacji". Jeden z teologów takie i podobne sytuacje określa mianem "doswiadczenie ufności". To, co po ludzku wydaje się niemożliwe lub nie do zniesienia, z Bogiem staje się możliwe: "Z Toba, Panie, będę mógł". Kiedy człowiek wierzący doswiadcza tego w sytuacji trudnej, rozpaczliwej, wtedy staje się nadzieja namacalna - jest światłem.

Mozna dawać także inne świadectwa heroizmu i miłości. Jestem światłem i solą również wtedy, gdy mówię prawdę bez względu na to, ile mnie to będzie kosztować; kiedy dzieje się z innymi radosnym pokojem, który otrzymałem podczas modlitwy. Jestem światłem i solą, kiedy podczas Mszy świętej walczę z rozproszeniami i bezmyślnym odmawianiem modlitw, starając się "być obecnym" w swoich myślach, słowach, gestach. Kapłan, który mówi: "Uznajmy, że jesteśmy grzeszni", tak jakby mówił: "Dzisiaj rano jest zimno", nie jest już światłem. Mama, która na pytanie osmioletniego syna: "A jak Matka Boża miała dziecko?", odpowiada: "Jedź i nie denerwuj mnie", nie jest już światłem.

Chrystus mówi: "Wy jesteście solą ziemi". Sól jest elementem naszego codziennego życia, ale Biblia nadała jej znaczenie duchowe, obdarzyła „smakiem” życia i mądrości, miłości i oczyszczenia, strachu i wybawienia, ciepła i świadectwa. Mało przyjemne jest zakończenie: Gdy utraci smak na nic się już nie przyda, chyba na wyrzucenie i podeptanie przez ludzi. Chrzescijanstwo rozmyte, zwyczajowe. Pozostaje wtedy wiara szczątkowa: paciorek, tradycja, zwyczaj, wspomnienie, religijne gesty ze względu na żonę, rodziców, otoczenie. Zanika życie z wiary. Taki człowiek przestaje być solą! Dlatego trzeba czuwać, dokładać wysiłku, by się nie dać rozmyć, by nie zwietrzec, by nasycac się Jezusem i Nim się dzielic.

ks. Jerzy



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 AT 7:00 PM

IN THE MIDDLE OF HOLY WEEK, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE THE MERCY OF GOD GIVEN TO US IN THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION. FOUR VISITING PRIESTS WILL JOIN OUR OWN THREE PRIESTS TO HEAR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS AFTER A BRIEF PRAYER SERVICE TOGETHER. PLEASE PLAN TO END LENT WELL!

FILL YOUR EASTER BASKETS WITH MANNA CARDS . . .

Start thinking about the **MANNA cards** you need for all your Easter baskets this year. The little folks in your life would really enjoy a Toys R Us card; consider a Lowe's card for Dad; how about a Bath and Body card for your favorite aunt? Your neighbors may enjoy a Tops or Giant Eagle card in their baskets. When you pick out your Easter bonnet, remember that your cards from Kohl's and J. C. Penney's can be used to pay off your account balance. Plan now; order today. Cards will be delivered through Palm Sunday weekend. **There will be no cards delivered on Easter Sunday.**

LENTEN TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: "Searching the Scriptures in the Mass"

with Fr. Kim Studwell, ofm

Fr. Kim will be out of town early this week, so there will be **no Bible Study** this Tuesday, March 15.

SCRUTINIES AT 11:30 MASS FOR RCIA CANDIDATES

The scrutinies are rituals that are normally celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. The scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance, with prayers, readings and other ceremonies designed to help the catechumen really look at his/her soul, in order to ask God to heal those qualities which are weak or sinful, and to strengthen those that are positive and good. The Third Scrutiny Reading is Jn. 11:1-45, the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

GOT BROOM?

ANNUAL PARISH GROUNDS CLEANUP

Every year on the Saturday before Palm Sunday, a group of volunteers led by John Sklodowski gets together and cleans up all the mess that winter has left behind on our beautiful church grounds. This has been a particularly hard winter, and lots of "stuff" gets revealed once the snow melts. Before the springtime flowers can poke through the ground, lots of mess has to be moved aside. You probably spend some time getting your own home in shape for Easter. Please give a hand and help make *your parish* look its best, too! Saturday, March 19, at 9:00 AM is when folks of all ages will gather. There will be lunch for everyone who comes. Kids have a blast working outside, being with friends, and seeing first hand what it means to be responsible for their own parish. Remember, if we don't do it ourselves, it just won't get done. Bring a good broom, some work gloves, and lots of energy!

LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Gorzkie Zale (Polish Lamentation Service) — Every Wednesday 5:30PM and Sunday 3:00PM (except Palm Sunday.)

Solemn Vesper Service— Every Sunday 6:00PM

Stations of the Cross — Friday, in Polish at 5:30PM, in English at 7:00PM.

Adult Faith Discussion Group — Friday evenings after Stations, in the rectory.

Morning Bible Study — Tuesday mornings after 8:30 AM Mass in the rectory.

March 19 Saturday—City Music Ensemble Concert in church 8:00 PM.

March 20, Sunday — Palm weaving demonstration in the school basement; Brecksville - Broadview Heights High School Concert 3:00 PM.

March 21, Monday — RCIA Communal Penance Service, 7:00PM.

March 23, Wednesday — Parish Communal Penance Service, 7:00PM

March 24, Holy Thursday — Morning Prayer at 8:30AM; Liturgy of Our Lord's Last Supper at 7:00 PM, followed by Procession to the Repository. Gorzkie Zale (c..9PM), Dads' Club Holy Hour (c.9:20PM) then Adoration until Midnight.

March 25, Good Friday — Morning Prayer at 8:30AM; Stations of the Cross at Noon; Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 2:00PM; Outdoor candlelight Stations of the Cross in Polish at 7:30PM.

March 26, Holy Saturday — Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM; Blessing of Food Baskets at 10:00AM, 11:00AM, Noon, 1:00PM, and 2:00PM; Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00PM.

March 27, Easter Sunday — Resurrection Mass with Procession at 6:30 AM in Polish; Mass in English at 8:30AM and 11:30AM; Mass in Polish at 10:00AM.

April 3, Sunday — Easter Octave Mass for the Parish Homebound at 2:00PM.

WHAT IS www.wkyc.com/video/player.aspx?aid=10797&sid=31308&bw=

Unless you use the Internet, this looks like some kind of ancient hieroglyphic. But to those who have access to the Internet, you will recognize this as a link to something. Check it out and you will be treated to a wonderful and hope-filled glimpse into the future of our neighborhood! This is a recording of a Channel 3 newscast filmed last weekend at the groundbreaking for the *Cloisters*, the exciting new housing development taking place on 65th Street a block south of the rectory. This is a joint effort of the **Pulaski Franciscan Community Development Corporation** (PFCDC), our parish outreach into revitalizing the neighborhood, and Heartland Developers, a major builder noted for exceptional quality and attention to details. This project will bring 22 new, market rate, owner occupied housing units into the community.

Add these to the other units going up, and by the end of the year, 65th street will have 39 new housing units from Broadway to Lansing. Although some residents might wonder if anyone would actually want to buy one of these homes, at prices ranging from \$139,000—\$200,000 and up, it might also surprise people to learn that four of the units have already been bought, before they were even built! A few of the townhomes near Morgana Park have been bought by our own parishioners, and the new house across from the rectory is also occupied by new owners. People have already moved from Parma and Garfield Heights back into Slavic Village.

This is just part of the work of the PFCDC. The PFCDC receives *no funds from the parish*. Instead, it relies entirely on generous donations and loans from benefactors, as well as support from the City of Cleveland, **Councilman Ed Rybka**, and Slavic Village Development. The PFCDC has also bought and demolished three nearby houses that were sources of problems for the neighbors, houses that had been owned by suburban landlord investors. The PFCDC is also working closely with Cleveland Central Catholic High School in assembling land for its expansion, set to begin this summer. Four orders of religious sisters are living in houses owned by the PFCDC, all within blocks of the church.

On the day of the groundbreaking, 150 guests joined with **Mayor Jane Campbell** and **Bishop Roger Gries** in celebrating this achievement at a fund-raising reception. Many people commented that Slavic Village and Saint Stanislaus are the best kept secrets in the city. But then again, we all knew that already, didn't we? Congratulations to **Marilyn Mosinski**, the Executive Director of the PFCDC, for a job well done, and thanks to the many silent benefactors whose vision and courage made all of it possible. The next time someone complains about the neighborhood, remember to point to all the signs of hope around us!

**PALM WEAVING DEMONSTRATION**

Ever wonder how some people are able to take a few simple palm fronds and turn them into beautiful and intricate weavings? On Palm Sunday, March 20, Sister Zoe St. James, of the Sisters of Charity in Bedford, will be here to demonstrate palm weaving following the 11:30 AM Mass. Bring your blessed palm branches to the All-Purpose Room in the school basement and leave with a floral tribute to Christ, our King.

SPECIAL LENTEN PROGRAMS OF NEIGHBORING PARISHES**Immaculate Heart of Mary, 6700 Lansing Ave.**

Parish Lenten Retreat beginning March 13, call 341-2734 for more information.

Holy Name Church, 8328 Broadway Ave.

Speaker Series: March 14 — Dr. John Judge, J.C.D., on “The Shroud of Turin.” Fish Fry every Friday during Lent. Call 271-4242 for more information.

FRANCISCAN DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

The Franciscans of the Assumption BVM Province will be hosting a “Discernment Weekend” at St. Stanislaus Parish on March 24-27 for men ages 18-40. This weekend is free, but reservations must be made. The Live-In focuses on St. Francis of Assisi and the Order of Friars Minor (OFM), and it gives participants and opportunity to speak with a vocation director about the life style and ministry of the Franciscans. We are a community of Roman and Byzantine Friars. For more information, please contact Fr. Linus at the following toll free number: 1-877-636-3742, or e-mail: linusofm@aol.com.

HOW DO THEY DO THAT?

Watch the church decorations starting next weekend. Palm Sunday will have a bold look, with red colors and palms dominating. Holy Thursday will be completely different, with an emphasis on wheat, wine, and symbols of service. The “Garden of Olives” will be prepared for personal prayer in the west transept. Good Friday will find the sanctuary stripped bare, a reminder of the absence of Jesus. For the Easter Vigil, the glory of the Resurrection will be celebrated, and the church will be filled with the aroma of many dozens of blooming lilies, hyacinths, tulips, and daffodils.

Imagine how much effort it takes to completely change the look of the church, and to do it four times in one week? Yet that is exactly what our volunteers do, under the leadership of David Krakowski, our Director of Liturgy and Music. Where else in the city can you find this?

We all have a part to play in making this happen. If you can volunteer to help on one of the decorating days, contact David at the rectory office. And remember your parish when you make your Easter Flower donation and when you prepare your Easter gift. Over the past few years, both the flower donations and the Easter collection have fallen a bit. Your parish community depends on everyone going the “extra mile” to assure that we can continue to do what we do so well.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

The following parishioners are serving our country and ask for your prayers. **Paul Trickett** is with the National Guard serving in Baghdad, and **Kevin Preseren** is serving with the Navy. Please pray for all our military so that they may also return safely. Contact the rectory to include a loved one on this prayer list.