

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**March 21, 2021**

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH KSKJ LODGE #169 MEMBERS AND FAMILIES who are here for the annual Corporate Communion Mass and breakfast which follows in the parish hall. Especially in this Year of St. Joseph, may he be an inspiration for all of us to work diligently, pray fervently, trust whole heartedly, support family unconditionally, and to live in holiness and peace.

ANNUNCIATION OF MARY, MARCH 25TH. With Mary's simple and trusting "Yes" to the angel Gabriel when asked to be the mother of God, The Divine Word became flesh and dwelt within her through the power of the Holy Spirit. Nine months later, December 25th, the fullness of the Incarnation brings joy to the world as Jesus, our Savior is born. May we travel these last weeks of Lent in the spirit of Mary, always trusting, always believing that through His death on the cross, Jesus has redeemed the world.

FIRST RECONCILIATION. This Thursday, March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation, the youngsters of our parish who are preparing for First Holy Communion, will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7:00 p.m. Remember them and their parents in your prayers, that they may always value and appreciate this great sacrament of healing, mercy, and forgiveness which Jesus gave to his Church on that first Easter Sunday evening when he said to his apostles, "If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound." (Jn 20:23)

PALM (PASSION SUNDAY). Next Sunday is Palm Sunday (where did time fly!) and the beginning of Holy Week. Palms, pussy willows and butare will be blessed at all the Masses. Weather permitting, we will gather in the Lausche Atrium before the 10:00 a.m. Mass and process into church. Those who are comfortable to wear Slovenian national dress (narodna noša) are welcome to do so, especially the children of our Saturday Slovenian School.

BUTARE. The traditional Slovenian bundle of greens to be blessed on Palm Sunday reflect the customs of different regions of Slovenia. Since palm branches were not readily available, people used evergreens and pussy willows bundled together and decorated with ribbons, fruit, paper flowers and other sign of life. Continuing this tradition, our Slovenian School students and families will make butare on Saturday, March 27th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If anyone has pussy willow branches or greens, such as cypress and yews, please bring them to the atrium before Saturday.

FISH FRY, featuring breaded ocean perch, baked cod, shrimp, crab cakes, macaroni & cheese, combo dinners, including homemade apple strudel will be served on Friday, March 26th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Homemade Lenten soup is also available. Carry-out dinners and socially distanced dining is available.

KROFE SALE. Krofe for your Easter holiday celebrations will be available on Saturday, March 27th. Orders are necessary by calling Tillie Spehar at 440-585-2299.

BIBLE STUDY. Our second Zoom presentation on the Crucifixion narratives will be on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact Marie Kushner at 440-257-7799 or email at mjckushner@att.net.

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,353

Church Needs: \$50 from Marlene Sondegard; \$50 in memory of Rudy Ujcich from Maria Ujcich; \$40 in memory of son, Sandi from Slavica Cindric; \$20 in memory of Sandi Cindric from Matt & Nežka Golobič; \$50 in memory of Milka Skale from Sophie Kosem; \$200 in memory of Dušan Maršič from daughter, Vera Maršič; \$50 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from Mike & Christine Dolinar; \$100 in memory of Dorothy Hodnichak from Ronald & Vera Campa

The following in memory of Ann Kosir: \$1,000 from Kosir Family, \$20 from Edward Veider, \$20 from Maria Novak, \$20 from Ursula Stepec, \$20 from Victor Stepec, \$25 from Chris & Judy Grozdanik, \$50 from Milena Gobetz, \$50 from Mira Kosem, \$30 from Patricia Tomsick, \$30 from Slovenska Pristava Pensioners Club.

High School Scholarship Fund: \$100 anonymous**Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!**

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES. Please use the special envelopes by all the entrances of the church for your donation for Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY. Council met on Tuesday, March 9th. First on the agenda was fish fries. Since the governor's relaxation on opening banquet halls, among other things, council decided to have four fish fries, beginning Friday, March 19th. Bob Frederico has been contacting volunteers, who thus far, have been responding positively in helping, and checking supplies and prices. Masks and social distancing are required. Summer Picnic is set for Slovenska Pristava on Sunday, August 15th. Veseli Godci will be asked to play. In past years, we have seen a decline in the number of picnic dinners, so a smaller number of dinners, possibly only 250, will be offered. Council members decided to do some brainstorming in the coming months to enhance our picnic appeal. The new parish sign has been installed in front of the rectory. On March 19th, H&K Finishing will inspect the church floors to give its recommendations. It was suggested to update the computers in the rectory. Nevio Prosen will be consulted; Karen Nemeč will also contact her brother. Council members are asked to help with decorating for Easter after the Good Friday evening Service. Attendance has been pretty good for Slovenian Stations of the Cross on Sundays, but English Stations is pretty minimal. We are planning to have our regular Easter Triduum Services. First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday, March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation, by those preparing for First Holy Communion, which will be on Sunday, May 2nd at the 12 noon Mass. Food Pantry, Hot Meals and Produce to the People have continued to minister to those in need throughout the pandemic and produce distribution resumes this month. Response has been good to the Zoom presentation of the Passion narratives from the Gospels. We had received a grant from the diocese in the amount of \$1,500, which at this time is being used for the purchase of study Bibles. Fr. Kumse stated that diocesan approval has been received to purchase the house/property at 701 E. 155th Street. Father also mentioned that help is going to be needed this spring with outdoor landscaping work and clean-up. He also mentioned that we have hired a part-time worker to help with maintenance and cleaning, especially in the parish hall and church.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13.

Today's Psalm Response:
Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Masses for the Week of March 22-28, 2021

Monday:	(3/22) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
Tuesday:	(3/23) ST. TURIBIUS of MOGROVEJO (Bishop)
7:45 a.m.	Martin Merela (M & M Stane Bobic)
Wednesday:	(3/24) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Anna & Boltežar Hozjan (Matt Hozjan Family)
Thursday:	(3/25) THE ANNUNCIATION of the LORD
7:45 a.m.	Mary Aucin (Frances Kajfez)
Friday:	(3/26) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Louis Novak (Family)
7:00 p.m.	Anthony & Josephine Strle (Daughter Helen)
Saturday:	(3/27) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Alojzij & Frances Kosem (Sophie Kosem)
5:00 p.m.	Carmen Frederico (Bob & Sue Frederico)
Sunday:	(3/28) PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Max Jerin (Zalar Family)
12:00 noon	Julian Bremec (Ani Erdani)

**Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers
(Weekend of March 27/28th)**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Judi Ferra/Jeanne Matuch/Cindy Smith
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Louise Daley/Tim Daley
	10:00 a.m.	Sylvia Pišorn/Urška Pišorn/Marie Kushner
	12:00 noon	Joanna Pope

Please Pray for Our Sick: Rev. William Jerse, Brenda Prebevsek, Veronika Udovič, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Tom McNulty, Robert Menart, Milena Ferkul.

DOBRODOŠLI KSKJ DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA #169, ki so danes tukaj za njihovo vsakoletno skupno obhajilo, mašo in zajtrk ki sledi v župnijski dvorani. Posebno v tem Letu Sv. Jožefa, naj bo on navdih za vse nas, da marljivo delamo, goreče molimo, zaupamo z vsem srcem, vzdržujemo družine brezpogojno in živimo v svetosti in miru.

VEČERJE Z RIBAMI, Servirali bodo ocvrte in pečene ribe, shrimp, crab cakes, combo večerje, testenine s sirom in domač jabolčni štrudel in tudi domača postna juha v petek 26. marca od 3:00 do 7:00 zvečer. Dvorana bo odprta za večerjo, lahko jo tudi vzamete domov.

KROFI, za vaše velikonočno praznovanje lahko dobite v soboto 27. marca. Pred-naročila so nujna, zato kličite Tillie Spehar, na 440-585-2299.

KUVERTE ZA VELIKONOČNO CVETJE. Prosimo, vzemite posebne kuverte, ki so pri vseh vhodih v cerkev za vaš dar velikonočnega cvetja v spomin vaših pokojnih.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
ČISTO SRCE, O BOG, MI USTVARI**

DANES JE PETA POSTNA NEDELJA—TIHA NEDELJA CVETNA NEDELJA. Naslednja nedelja je Cvetna nedelja (kam je letel čas!) in začetek Velikega tedna. Palme, mačice in butare bodo blagoslavljeni pri vseh masah. Če vreme dopušča, se bomo zbrali v Lauschetovem atriju pred 10:00 mašo in šli v procesiji v cerkev. Tisti, ki ste udobni oblečiti narodno nošo ste dobrodošli, posebno otroci naše Slovenske šole.

GODPODOVO OZNANENJE 25. MARCA. Z Marijinim preprostim in zaupanim "da" angelu Gabrijeleu ko je bila vprašana biti mati Boga, božja Beseda postane meso in biva v njej po moči Sv. Duha. Devet mesecev pozneje, 25. decembra popolnost učlovečenja prinese veselje v svet ko je rojen Jezus naš Odrešenik. Naj potujemo te zadnje dneve Posta v duhu Marije, vedno v zaupanju, vedno v verovanju, da po njegovi smrti na križu je Jezus odrešil svet.

PRVA SPOVED. V četrtek 25. marca, na praznik Gospodovega oznanenja bodo otroci naše župnije ki se pripravljajo na prvo sv. obhajilo prejeli zakrament spovedi ob 7:00 zvečer. Spomnite se njih in njihovih staršev v vaši molitvi, da bi vedno vrednotili in cenili ta veliki zakrament ozdravljenja, usmiljenja in odpuščanja, katerega je Jezus dal njegovi Cerkev na tisto prvo Velikonočno nedeljo, ko je rekel njegovim apostolom, "Katerim grehe odpustite, so jim odpuščeni; katerim jih zadržite so jim zadržani. (Jn 20:23)

ŠTUDIJSKI SV. PISMA. Naša druga predstavitev na pripoved križanja bo v torek 23. marca, ob 7:00 zvečer. Za več informacij prosimo kličite Marie Kushner na 440-257-7799 ali e-mail mjkusner@att.net.

BUTARE. Tradicionalne Slovenske butare zelenja za blagoslov na Cvetno nedeljo izrazajo na različne pokrajine Slovenije. Ker niso dobili palmovih vej, so ljudje vzeli zelenje in mačice jih povezali skupaj in okrasili s trakovi, sadjem, papirnati rožami in drugimi znaki življenja. To tradicijo nadaljujejo starši in učenci naše Slovenske šole, ki bodo delali butare v soboto 27. marca od 9:30 zjutraj do 12:00 opoldan. Če imate mačice in zelenje kot cipreso, tiso, prosimo prinesite v atrij pred soboto.

POROČILO PASTORALNEGA SVETA. Svet se je sestel v torek 9. Marca. Prvo na sporedu je bilo o večerjeh z ribami. Ker je Guverner sporočil na odprtje dvoran za bankete med drugimi stvarmi, se je svet odločil imeti štirikrat večerje z ribami z začetkom 19. marca. Bob Frederico je navezal stike z prostovoljci, kateri so odgovorili pozitivno za pomoč in pregledal nabavo in ceno. Maske in družabna razdalja je zahtevano. Poletni piknik je določen na Slovenski Pristavi v nedeljo 15. avgusta. Veseli Godci bodo vprašani da igrajo. Zadnjih letih je število kosil na pikniku padlo, zato bo manj kosil, verjetno samo 250 pripravljenih. Člani sveta so se odločili da bodo v teh mesecih skupaj iskali ideje da povečajo privlačnost piknika. Novi napis župnije je postavljen pred župniščem. 19. marca bodo H&K Finishing pregledali cerkvena tla in dali nasvet. Predlagano je bilo da obnovimo računalnike v župnišču. Nevio Prosen bo svetovalec in Karen Nemeč bo tudi vprašala njenega brata. Člani sveta so naprošeni da pomagajo okrasiti cerkev za Veliko Noč po obredu na Veliki petek. Udeležba je dobra za križev pot v slovenščini ob nedeljah, toda križev pot v angleščini je zelo malo. Mi bomo imeli redne Velikonočne Tridnevne obrede. Prva spoved bo v četrtek 25. marca za tiste ki se pripravljajo na prvo sv. obhajilo, ki bo v nedeljo 2. maja pri sv. Maši ob 12. opoldan. Shrambe Hrane, Tople večerje, pridelek za ljudi so delovali za uboge skozi pandemijo in pridelek za ljudi znova nadaljuje ta mesec. Odziv je dober za Zoom predstavitev Sv. Pisma na pripoved Križanja. Prijeli smo dar od škofije \$1,500, ki ga bomo porabili za nakup Sv. Pismov. g. Kumše je poročil da je škofija odobrila nakup hiše na 701 E. 155 ulici. g. Kumše je tudi omenil, da bo potrebna pomoč spomladi zunaj za čiščenje in nasade. On je tudi omenil da imamo delavca nepolne zaposlitve za čiščenje, posebno dvorane in cerkve. Naslednji sestanek je v torek 13. aprila.