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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Septuagesima Sunday Niedziela Siedemdziesiątnica

February 1, 2015

Rite: 10am: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

Psalm: Ps 32:1-2,5,11

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Intention: For our parish, all parishioners, and vocations

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: Marilyn Hietala

- Worship begins at 9:50am with Matins and blessing of candles and throats
- Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite), Exposition & Benediction, Blessing of Candles and Throats
- Breakfast and Annual Parish Meeting

Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiątnicy

February 8, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22,24-25

Psalm: Ps 41:2-5,13-14

Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Intention: For all parishioners

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

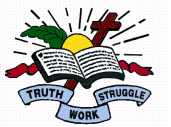
Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Coffee Hour, Parish Committee Meeting, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

For you are right to say, that one shouldn't hesitate and, now that the spiritual estate is being prepared by God, one should have strong fruits of wisdom, according to the words of the Apostle who says: "We are God's field." For in order to keep the disease from spreading and to reveal it to everyone, we ought "to heal" through the songs of the gospel and see "if there is someone, who lacks God's mercy, whether there is an upward growing root causing damage and whether many are becoming defiled", the Apostle says, writing to the Jews. – St. Methodius of Olympus

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Father Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944. You may also call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518- 437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **February 1: Septuagesima Sunday, Holy Mass at 10am.**
Blessing of candles and throats, SouperBowl Sunday, Annual Parish Meeting and Breakfast
- **February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation**
- **February 3: Commemoration of St. Blaise**
- **February 8: Sexagesima Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**
- **February 15: Quinquagesima Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Free Lunch.**
- **February 18: Ash Wednesday, Great Lent Begins. Holy Mass with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 7pm**
- **February 20: Stations of the Cross, at 7pm**

Home Blessings

Father Jim is available to visit your home for Epiphany home blessings through February 17th. Just call Father Jim to set up a time.

Picking at scabs.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head. The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

We don't often hear of quarantines anymore.

Quarantines are used to separate and restrict the movement of people; it is enforced isolation. Quarantines were used quite a

bit in the past in connection to disease and illness, especially communicable disease.

Quarantines were used during the plague, to prevent the spread of leprosy, yellow fever, cholera, diphtheria, infectious tuberculosis, and smallpox. More recently for Ebola and influenza.

The text we read from Leviticus serves two purposes.

The Law was meant to protect the people of Israel against the disease of leprosy at its most practical level. People who were sick had specific rules to follow so others wouldn't get sick.

The text symbolically points out that the things that are unclean and sinful, including sinful people, should be kept apart from God's people. God's people were set apart as pure and holy and as such needed to avoid the infection of sin.

This symbolic meaning is quite depressing, not because it's fun to hang out with those who would lead us down the wrong road, but

because they were left alone. They could sit there and pick at their scabs-sins, sin again, contemplate their sin, but never get clean. They would dwell apart forever – apart from the community, apart from God. Their fate was painful and hopeless. With that sort of hopelessness there was not reason to repent, to turn away from sin, and no possibility of being welcomed back.

This is our hope, the abundance that we have been given. *A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."*

Jesus came to call us to repentance. He tells us to stop picking at our scabs in isolation, quarantined away, and reaches out to heal us. He makes us clean and new. As we enter the season of Pre-Lent we are given the opportunity to reflect on the scabs we have been picking, and to begin the walk back to Jesus who will heal and free us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Hebrews 6:4-6

MONDAY: Acts 3:19

TUESDAY: 2 Peter 3:9

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 3:2

THURSDAY: Acts 17:30

FRIDAY: 1 John 1:8

SATURDAY: Revelation 3:19

Pray

Lord, awaken my heart, mind, and soul to a spirit of repentance during this season.

Thank you Emily & Karen!

Our thanks to Emily Ruchalski and Karen Cimmino for their donation of a new Holy Water bucket and sprinkler. They will be blessed today for use in our parish. God bless you for your generosity and kindness.

SouperBowl Sunday

Today marks SouperBowl Sunday, an annual day of charity observed nationally. The charity we do on this day through monetary and food donations helps those in our local community through SICM. Thank you for your generosity over the past 13 years.

Annual Meeting Today

We hold our annual parish meeting and election of officers and directors today along with having a wonderful breakfast. Please commit to staying for this event. Only through your involvement and indication of interest will we remain strong. The Lord and His family, the Holy Church, need your input, interest, and work.

Pre-Lent

Pre-Lent is the short transitional season between the recently completed Christmas/Epiphany Season and the more somber message of Great Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday. Lenten themes will gradually be introduced in the church's liturgy and appearance during this three-week season.

Solemnity of the Presentation

February 2nd marks the 40th day after Christmas. According to Jewish law, Jesus would have been presented in the Temple on this day. As Luke tells the story, upon their arrival, Simeon declares the child Jesus to be *a light unto the nations*. To symbolically represent this prophecy, the Church blesses candles for her own use and for the faithful in their homes. These blessed candles should be taken home and may be lit at any religiously significant times in the home. They may also be lit during storms or other times of trouble for Jesus' light overcomes darkness. May the light of these candles always remind us that Jesus is our light and that of the world.

Music Scholarships

Please visit www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com to download a copy of the National United Choir's Music Scholarship application. Write to Cathy Bilinski at nucscholarship@gmail.com if you have any questions. The application deadline is May 15th.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is today. Please be sure to continue to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake every month. There is no cost or charge for this meal. This service opens our home to all in need of a little company, a warm meal, and the love of Christ. Our free lunch on Sunday program is on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Stanley Radzysinski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, Deb Couns, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Edward Glover, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Alyssa DePaula, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Jeremy Fish, Helen Pasiak, Pat Bruno, Bishop Bernard, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Fr. Sr. Thaddeus Dymkowski, Fr. Sr. Fryderyk Banas.

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of Dormition of the B.V.M. Parish, Lublin, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Andrzej Gontarek.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is held after worship each Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week!

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS - Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

Of note...

Please think inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus for Christmas