



WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 2, 2014

Solemnity of the Presentation Święto Ofiarowania Pańskiego

February 2, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm: Ps 24:7-10

R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Epistle: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Intention: For all for whom memory crosses were offered, for our parish

Celebrant: 9:30am, Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion, Blessing of Candles/Throats, Exposition/Benediction at 9:30am
- Breakfast/Annual Congregational Meeting

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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February 9, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm: Ps 112:4-9

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 9:30am, Rev. Mr. James Konicki

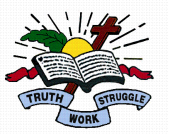
Lector: Deacon Jim

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour/SOCL Classes
- Community Meeting for Mont Pleasant M.S. at 2:30pm

Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ. The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the true light in her arms and brought him to those who lay in darkness. We too should carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the true light as we hasten to meet him.. – St. Sophronius

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **February 2nd: Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord, Blessing of Candles and Throats, Annual Congregational Meeting**
- **February 9th: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time at (9:30am). Community Meeting at 2:30pm.**
- **February 16th: Septuagesima Sunday, 61st Anniversary of the death of śp. Prime Bishop Francis Hodur, Parish Committee Meeting, Free Lunch.**
- **February 17th: Presidents' Day**
- **February 23rd: Sexagesima Sunday**
- **February 24th: Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle**
- **March 2nd: Quinquagesima Sunday**
- **March 4th: Commemoration – St. Casimir, King and Confessor**
- **March 5th: Ash Wednesday**
- **March 9: 1st Sunday of Lent/Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC**

Let's use those candles

"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel."

Candles are blessed in the Holy Church on February 2nd, the Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord. These blessed candles remind us of Simeon's prayer in which he glories in the Lord's promise. Jesus came to be the light of the world and Simeon recognized this immediately.

Today we bless these candles, those to be used in church over the coming year, and those for each of us to take home.

We keep these blessed candles (Gromnica) in our homes and

light them during storms or other danger. We light them when the clergy come to bring Holy Communion to the sick or when the sick are anointed. We light them when someone is dying to light their way to eternity and to recall the fact that they are on their way to the Jesus who will be their eternal light.

A painting by Piotr Stachiewicz shows snow-covered homes in dim light. The people inside their homes are afraid of the hungry wolves on rampage outside their poor village. Mary, the Mother of God, watches over the people on those cold nights with her candle. She wards off the ravenous pack of wolves and protects the people from all harm.

There is much we might fear. It is not only the cold, and it is rarely a pack of wolves, but the wolves of the world, the greed, the anger, the prejudice, the culture of death, and other immorality surrounds our homes. It attacks our children.

The funny thing is that we likely have a lifetime supply of these candles we get in church in our homes. We pick them up; solemnly take them home, and put them in a drawer - just in case.

Since the wolves of the world surround us, since these represent true danger to our eternal souls, let us resolve to use these blessed candles this year. Let us use the blessed candle we receive today, and use up those blessed candles that reside in the drawers in our homes. Put them in a candleholder. Let us gather those we live with and light our blessed candle each day. Let us reflect on the protection the Lord offers, the prayers our Blessed mother offers for us, and pray in the words of Simeon: *mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation.* Let us pray that Jesus, the light of the world, would continue to dwell with us, watch over us, and protect us.

"I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations"

Isaiah 42:6

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Isaiah 41:9-10
MONDAY: Isaiah 43:1
TUESDAY: Jeremiah 23:6
WEDNESDAY: Daniel 9:7
THURSDAY: Acts 13:47
FRIDAY: Acts 26:23
SATURDAY: John 8:12

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may be faithful and dwell in righteousness; without fear. Be my light each day.

Epiphany Home Visits

Deacon Jim is available to visit with any parishioner who is hospitalized, homebound, or unable to get to church. He will bring Holy Communion – Jesus' extraordinary gift of love. Epiphany home blessings started January 7th and continue through March 4th. See or call Deacon Jim to set up a time to have your home blessed.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our annual budget meeting will take place on Sunday, March 6th. We will gather at this time to once again to hear our annual financial report, the report of our auditors, and exercise our democratic rights in voting for a new budget. Our Holy Church is unique because its funds are not controlled by the clergy, but by the people. We have a right to accountability for all we sacrifice for our Church.

STAR for Seniors

Renewal applications for Enhanced Senior School Tax Relief (STAR) exemptions for 2014 are due by March 1, 2014 in New York State. Seniors must renew their exemption.

Annual Meeting Today

Thank you and God bless you for turning out for our annual congregational meeting today. We will hear reports from the past year, elect a new Parish Committee, and look forward to the events ahead of us. By your presence you honor the sacrifice of so many who endured insult, beatings, persecution, and discrimination because they worked together to form a Church that keeps the Apostolic Tradition while being democratic in its governance. Let us remember them today as we exercise our right to a voice and a vote in our Church – they left that right to each of us.

Community Action Afternoon

On Sunday, February 9th at 2:30pm we will be hosting a community afternoon to discuss the issues facing Mont Pleasant Middle School. Educational experts will present on the power of community involvement in supporting our students. Extend invitations to community members.

Souper Bowl Sunday – Today

Our collection of dry and canned goods will conclude today and will resume during Lent. We have also placed our annual soup pot out for donations toward Souper Bowl Sunday. All of these efforts help people right here in our neighborhood.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch will be held February 16th. 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. Starting this month our free lunch on Sunday program moves to the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Of note . . .

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, 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, Jean Nowak, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Laverne Dowdell, Curtis Sczepkowski, Richard, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Jim Lucia.

- 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 who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Chicago, IL and its congregation and pastor, Rev. Zbigniew (Adam) Wsul.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour has returned. Join us after worship every Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every 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 Deacon Jim.