



Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiąticy

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 śp. Harold Bauer off. by the Dominy family

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

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)

Quinquagesima Sunday Niedziela Pięćdziesiąticy

February 15, 2015

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

First reading: Hosea 2:16-17,21-22

Psalm: Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

Intention: For all parishioners

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

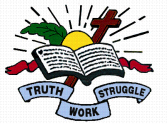
Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Coffee Hour, SOCL, Free Lunch on Sunday
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

"...should we fall, we should not despair and so estrange ourselves from the Lord's love. For if He so chooses, He can deal mercifully with our weakness. Only we should not cut ourselves off from Him or feel oppressed when constrained by His commandments, nor should we lose heart when we fall short of our goal...let us always be ready to make a new start. If you fall, rise up. If you fall again, rise up again. Only do not abandon your Physician, lest you be condemned as worse than a suicide because of your despair. Wait on Him, and He will be merciful, either reforming you, or sending you trials, or through some other provision of which you are ignorant." – St. Peter of Damascus

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 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**
- **Feb. 22: First Sunday of Lent, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**
- **Feb. 24: Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle**
- **Feb. 27: Stations of the Cross, 7pm**
- **Feb. 27 - Mar. 1: National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, San Antonio, TX**
- **Mar. 1: Second Sunday of Lent, Annual Budget Meeting. HOLY MASS at 10am**

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.

Thankfully, God is forgetful.

"Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel! But you have burdened me with your sins, you have wearied me with your iniquities. I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

In today's reading from Isaiah we hear God complaining a bit. After all of the history between Him and His people, they still forgot to call upon Him in their need. In fact they had forgotten all He had done. In forgetting, they turned away from Him and decided to rely on themselves. They basically said – I can figure it out for myself, I can save myself. Every time God blessed them with good things, they returned evil things:

God gave them the Temple - they gave Him idol worship.
God gave them truth - they lived

and proclaimed a lie. God gave them His commands - they lived like they were suggestions. God gave them wealth - they used it to abuse the poor. God gave them Himself - they gave Him nothing except rejection.

We can see ourselves doing similar things can't we? We sometimes forget all the good God has done for us.

Like the children of Israel we might hear God complaining a bit about us. At the same time we may be filled with regret for having hurt Him, thinking that we really do not deserve to receive anything from God. Not true!

As God still loved Israel, God still loves us. As God desired to help Israel, He earnestly wants to help us change. Listen to God's words: *"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."*

God desires to do amazing and wonderful things for us. Things we ourselves could never imagine doing. Our God is not a god of condemnation; He is the God of salvation.

God continues to hold out the hand of hope – even today. If we have forgotten Him, we can come back. If we have fallen into bad habits, addiction, anger, any failing whatsoever, we can come back.

The greatest hope of all is that once we come back God has pledged to forget it all. God will not look back. *I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.*

To blot out means that our past wrongs have been wiped out, destroyed, and are forgotten. God will not meet us with a book filled with our sins, because there is no such book. By His power and abundant mercy He gives us new life, rebirth, and a clean slate. Let us approach the coming season of repentance knowing that in our return to Him we are made new once again.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God

Ephesians 2:8

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 3:23
MONDAY: Matthew 6:14-15
TUESDAY: 1 John 2:4
WEDNESDAY: 1 John 1:9
THURSDAY: 2 Peter 3:9
FRIDAY: Titus 3:5
SATURDAY: James 5:16

Pray

Lord, I know I fall short of Your grace. Grant me a spirit of repentance and blot out all my offenses.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. We were able to raise \$125 for SICM. Thank you to all who remained last week and participated so diligently in our Annual Meeting. Thank you to Bob and Stephanie for providing a great breakfast. Congratulations to all who were elected to offices at the annual meeting.

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.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Holy Mass with the blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at 7pm on the 18th. Please join us. Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday in Lent at 7pm. Also please recall that Wednesday and Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Please make the effort to abstain from meats on those days as an act of sacrifice. We also request your generosity through gifts of food offered in our directed giving program. Your sacrifice helps those in our local community.

Basket Social

It is time to get ready for our annual basket social to be held April 12th. We really need your help to make this year's Social a success. Can you donate a basket, or two, or three? They don't have to be huge - anything will do. Through your love and charity we are able to touch the lives of others and maintain a vibrant faith community.

The Holy Name and the Jesus Prayer

Father Jim has a few Jesus Prayer bead sets. The Jesus Prayer is an ancient prayer that helps us in recalling all that Jesus has done for us. As the tax collector was saved by his humble prayer "Lord have mercy on me, a sinner" we pray while breathing in 'Lord Jesus Christ, son of God,' and breathing out 'have mercy on me a sinner.'

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 next week. 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.

Of note . . .

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 Sczepakowski, 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, Joan de Paz, Sue Rummel.

- 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 Holy Family Parish, Łódź, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Jacek Zdrojewski and Rev. Antoni Strzelczyk.

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.

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