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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 17, 2013

## 1st Sunday of Lent I Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 17, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalm: 91:1-2,10-15

**R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

Epistle: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Intention: For the health and healing of Bp. Bilinski, Fr. Sr. Kraus, Fr. Sheha, and all on our prayer list

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes
- Parish Committee Meeting

## 2nd Sunday of Lent II Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 24, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Psalm: 27:1,7-9,13-14

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Epistle: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Intention: For all parishioners and benefactors.

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour – please join us.
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes
- Soup on Sunday, 11:30am – 1:30pm

**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 17: First Sunday of Lent, Parish Committee Meeting
- February 18: President's Day
- February 22: Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm
- February 24: Second Sunday of Lent
- February 25: Feast – St. Matthias
- March 1: Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm
- March 3: Third Sunday of Lent, Annual Budget Meeting, Bible TV Series begins
- March 8: Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm
- March 10: Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC

## Lenten Directed Giving

What should I bring next week? It is **FEELING FRUITY** week: Canned Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Pineapple or Applesauce, 100% Juice in Cans.

## Choices, choices... Decisions, decisions...

*"If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."*

*"I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me."*

*"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here"*

Lent is a time for choices. What will we do to discipline our lives, to follow Jesus more closely, to reach for perfection in the Christian way of life? More than those choices, we face the choice of how hard we will work at what we choose. How will our choices affect our decisions?

Jesus was drawn into the desert to undergo the discipline of fasting and prayer and in doing so to draw closer to His Father. He chose to follow His Father's

will and decided to do all the things His Father required.

The desert or wilderness was the place in which the Prophets such as Elijah, Elisha, Moses, and John the Baptist, as well as Jesus, the Son of God, lived for at least a time, if not most of their lives. The rugged, arid conditions of the wilderness became their molding ground. Alone, they wandered through deserts, forests and mountains, awaiting God's command. In the rugged desolate country they were set apart for God's special work. In the wilderness God fashioned their character, making them obedient vessels, who then went forth to carry out God's will.

For most of us the wilderness (dense forests, deserts and mountains) are only for the adventurous in spirit. It can be vicious to all forms of life - human, animal and plant. Only the most hardy can survive. No soft disguises of civilization can survive here. Wilderness life

hones the nature of those who venture there. In the wilderness our true substance is exposed, and we are purified to do God's will. It is not a place for the foolhardy, or the faint-hearted.

At the end of Jesus' desert time He was tempted, put to the test in a very severe way. He is offered everything the world might think would fill a person after forty days of fasting and loneliness - food, power, and security. Having been purified and made one with His Father through the desert experience He was able to make the right decisions in the face of these very strong temptations.

Our Lent is a time in the wilderness, to withdraw a bit and draw closer to God. Our Lenten choices and practices, and our choice of how hard we work at them, prepare us to make right decisions when faced with temptation. They mold us, set us apart, and make us obedient servants who decide for God's way.

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

**Romans 8:35**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Acts 7:29-30  
MONDAY: Genesis 39:20-23  
TUESDAY: 1 Samuel 23:13-17  
WEDNESDAY: Judges 11:3-6  
THURSDAY: Galatians 1:15-18  
FRIDAY: Exodus 3:1-10  
SATURDAY: Revelation 1:1-11

## Pray

Lord Jesus, send me out in the desert. Purify me and show me Your way that I may better decide for You.

## Lent, here and now

Our Lenten journey has begun. We spent time in worthy preparation, and are now on the journey with Jesus. During this time we walk with Him through our **purification in prayer, penance, fasting, sacrifice, and works of charity.**

The Holy Church is offering many opportunities to assist us on this journey. We thank all who joined us this Ash Wednesday. Please come to church every Sunday. Participate in Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:30pm. Practice charity by giving food and volunteering. In less than 40 days we will recall what our Lord has done for us on the cross. Be ready so that by sharing in His passion and death we will rise and celebrate with Him.

## Souper Bowl

For the 12th year in a row, our parish is participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. We are providing food help for those in need through the Souper Bowl of Caring and YouGiveGoods. Your monetary donations in church will support the work of Schenectady Inner City Ministry. You can donate food online through our YouGiveGoods donation page (see our website to donate online). Food donations will be provided to Concerned For The Hungry. Thank you for your support of our efforts to assist the

## SOUP, Round Three

Our next Soup on Sunday is next Sunday, February 24th from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Please volunteer to assist in cooking and serving - we need your help. Also, get the word out wherever/whenever you can. Take flyers and spread them around.

## President's Day

Our Holy Church places a special emphasis on National holidays. In our Cathedral in Scranton there is a stained glass window dedicated to President Lincoln. Why? Our Church was organized on the underlying principle of freedom. Our ancestors came to this country seeking freedom. They broke with their former parishes and with Rome, not to reject faith, but to reject an organization that made them subjects, that stole and limited their freedom. Celebrate freedom on these special days. It is our heritage and hope.

## Basket Social – time to prepare!

It is time to get ready for our annual basket social to be held April 7th. 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. Need ideas - check out Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/cm1953/basket-party-ideas/>

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 Cousins, 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, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, John Humme, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley Bilinski, George Damouni, Carolyn Walker, Chris, James McGrath, Brian Soos, Mary Ellen Hitchings, Frances Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Fr. Senior John Kraus, David & Frank Wielinski

- 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: St Stephen the Martyr Parish, Reading, PA its congregation and pastor Very Rev. Edward Ratajack.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour is back. Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. 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.