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2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 6, 2016

## 4th Sunday of Lent IV Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 6, 2016

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

First reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm: Ps 34:2-7

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Intention: for all parishioners

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite), Exposition and Benediction
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

## Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

March 13, 2016

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

First reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm: Ps 126:1-6

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Epistle: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Intention: for all parishioners

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 10am Derek Westcott

- Matins at 9:50am and Holy Mass, Lenten Penitential Service at 10am (Contemporary Rite)
- Breakfast, Annual Financial Meeting

*Hence, in whatever state a person is, he sometimes finds himself making pure and intense prayers. For even from that first and lowest sort, which has to do with recalling the future judgment, the one who is still subject to the punishment of terror and the fear of judgment is occasionally so struck with compunction that he is filled with no less joy of spirit from the richness of his supplication than the one who, examining the kindnesses of God and going over them in the purity of his heart, dissolves into unspeakable gladness and delight. For, according to the words of the Lord, the one who realizes that more has been forgiven him begins to love more. – St. John Cassian*

**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-A1889.

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### Upcoming...

- **March 6: 4th Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **March 11: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.**
- **March 12: Lenten Retreat starting at 10am at Sacred Heart of Jesus/Holy Cross Parish**
- **March 13: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Annual Financial Meeting follows.**
- **March 16: NOTE No Stations of the Cross**
- **March 19: Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M.**
- **March 20: Palm Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Free Lunch on Sunday**
- **March 21: Holy Monday. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm**
- **March 22: Holy Tuesday. Clergy Conference and Chrism Holy Mass at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Cathedral, Scranton, PA**
- **March 24: Maundy Thursday. Holy Mass at 7pm.**

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist by intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

## Getting back to Eden.

*Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*

We continue in our Lenten series on getting back to Eden.

St. Paul makes Jesus' mission to the world explicitly clear for the Corinthians. He came to reconcile the world, to eliminate the old and make all things new. This is the practical application of the parable of the Prodigal Son.

The son had taken all of the gifts his father had given him and had wasted them. The father's work and savings, a lifetime of achievement

had been squandered: *he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.*

The son returns, somewhat penitent, but still in a way self-serving. He is going back to the father to once again take advantage of his generosity – even if as a slave. Yet the father welcomes and forgives.

God knows our selfishness, our sins, our failings, yet through His Son Jesus, He no longer counts this against us. The old paradigm, the old way of doing things has been destroyed. There is a new way of forgiveness, reconciliation and welcome in spite of our sins. *"We must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."*

How did the sinful son feel? Overwhelmed by his father's welcome, by the freely given and unconditional love he received, he had to be changed. The selfish motive for returning had been

removed by the father's welcome. The past had been forgotten. No grudge existed. Healing did.

The world of Eden is a world of healing love – sin is completely removed. While we remain in a world marred by sin, we live in the promise of a world without sin. Sin weighs on us not because we expect punishment and retribution, but because God is so very loving. He welcomes us back to the Eden born of His great love. How can we not regret our sin, and pledge to improve our lives, when faced with such a great love?

St. Paul, in reminding us of this great love, tells us that we also have something to give back. We are to become ambassadors of reconciliation, making the promise of Eden known to all we encounter. We are reconciled so we may reconcile.

Total reconciliation with God is not something that exists somewhere in the future. In Jesus, Eden is for today and for all.

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

**Ephesians 4:32**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 5:10  
MONDAY: Colossians 1:20-22  
TUESDAY: Luke 23:34  
WEDNESDAY: Luke 17:3  
THURSDAY: Ephesians 2:15-18  
FRIDAY: 1 Peter 4:8  
SATURDAY: Matthew 5:24

## Pray

Lord Jesus, You have reconciled me. Grant that my heart may be as generous as yours.

## Lenten Retreat

Our Seniorate is once again sponsoring a Lenten Retreat. Last year's retreat was really wonderful in both spirituality and in fellowship with all of our brothers and sisters from the Mohawk Valley. The retreat will be held on Saturday, March 12th at Sacred Heart of Jesus/Holy Cross Parish in New York Mills starting at 10am. We will arrange for car-pooling. Please let Fr. Jim or Larry know if you are going so we can give counts for breakfast and lunch.

## Passiontide approaches

Next Sunday we enter the last two weeks before the Solemnity of the Resurrection. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem. A week later He will be greeted with praise and palms. Soon thereafter He will suffer and die. The parish environment takes on a much more somber appearance with all statues, the crucifix, and gold items covered in purple.

The process of Lent, more than just a season, is meant to increase our closeness to Jesus. We are supposed to use this process, this time, to intensify our relationship with the Lord. Intensifying our relationship deepens it and changes us at our core. Its fruits are meant to last through to the next Lent when we will work to further intensify that relationship. Working this way we will become more and more like Him.

As we enter church next week, let us reflect on the absence we experience, the missing images – and let that moment remind us that we wish to to never be apart from Jesus.

## Lenten Directed Giving

We are once again conducting a Lenten directed giving program that gathers food and other items for those in need in our local community. Please refer to our monthly newsletter for each week's suggested items. Your generosity is much appreciated.

## Kurs and CONVO

Kurs and CONVO are not that far off. Youth who will be attending CONVO should get there applications in as soon as possible so we make take advantage of the discounted early bird rate.

## Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. Please stop by and join is to support this ministry. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, March 29th.

## Holy Mass Intentions

Reminder... you can ask Father Jim to offer Holy Mass for any intention. Just see Fr. Jim and let him know what you want.

## FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is March 20th. 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, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzyminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepakowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Dennis, Donnie Wright, Fr. Ray Drada, Umar Abdur-Rahman.

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Alyssa DePaula.
- 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
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- 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 St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Świdnica Śląska, Poland.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour is held every week after 9:30am Holy Mass. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week. If you can, please help out.

**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.

--- Lent is the perfect time to deepen our faith and invite others to share in our love. ---