

The Palm Sunday Path

focus



Palm Sunday Niedziela Palmowa

March 24, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Epistle: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Intention: For the health and healing of Laverne Dowdell

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

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Blessing and Distribution of Palm, Procession, Scourging at 9:30am.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion
- Pancake Breakfast – please join us.
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes

Solemnity of the Resurrection Niedzielą Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego

March 31, 2013

Rite: 8am Special Program and Deacon Missal, 10:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

Psalm: Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Intention: For all parishioners

Worship Leader: 8am and 10:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Resurrection Service and Worship, 8am.
- Easter Breakfast and Soup on Sunday, 10am
- 2nd Easter Service, 10:30am.

Lenten Directed Giving: What should I bring next week? It is SPECIAL NEEDS DIET Low Sodium Soups, Canned Fruit in Juices (not syrup), Canned Tuna in Water, Low Sodium Crackers, and Natural Applesauce.

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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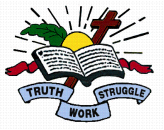
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Upcoming...

- **March 24: Palm Sunday, Blessing and Distribution of Palms**
- **March 26: Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism, St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral, Scranton**
- **March 28: Maundy Thursday, 7pm**
- **March 29: Good Friday, Church opens at noon. Services at 1, 2, and 3pm, Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified, 7pm**
- **March 30: Holy Saturday: Holy Saturday Liturgies, Blessing of new fire, holy water, baptism of Karina Leigh Weglinski, renewal of baptismal promises, blessing of food, 4pm**
- **March 31: Solemnity of the Resurrection, 8am Resurrection Service, 10:30am 2nd Service, 10:30am Soup on Sunday Easter Breakfast**
- **April 7: Low Sunday, Basket Social**

Who is that?

It is the Messiah! Hosanna!

And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes."

Scripture tells us that Jesus reacted emotionally to the things He witnessed: When He saw the poor, the hungry, the ill, and people sinning. Scripture says repeatedly that "...He had compassion on them."

There are only two references, however, to Jesus crying, once at the grave of His friend Lazarus along with Mary & Martha. Jesus wept with them. He wept for them. He entered into their grief with compassion and He identified with their sorrow and despair.

This was the 2nd time, as He looked at the city of Jerusalem. He saw the faces, the mass of

humanity crowding there and realized the emptiness of their lives. They had not heard the message of peace. They did not understand the purpose of His coming. The people had eyes, but they didn't see. They had ears, but they didn't hear. They missed the whole point of the message that God had given to them.

Certainly they waved palm branches, because that is exactly what their great-grandparents had done when the Maccabees overthrew the Syrian oppressors and reestablished worship in the temple. By waving palm branches they were showing that they expected Jesus to be another warlord, another general of the armies one who would lead them to overthrow the Romans. They were saying that they were ready to pick up their swords and shields. They were ready to go to war if He would lead them!

That wasn't Jesus way. His was the way of love, not of war. The nation of Israel had completely

misunderstood Jesus' mission. He wept over them because these were His chosen people but they did not recognize or understand His as He walked in their midst. They saw His healing as sinister, His words as a challenge to their authority.

Both Matthew & Luke tell us that earlier Jesus had looked down upon the city crying out, "*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem... How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!*"

Today, like Jerusalem, we find ourselves in the presence of Jesus. If Jesus sees us as worried about ourselves, our lives and our fixes to every problem, He would have to cry. If Jesus sees people who recognize Him for who He is - The Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God, He would rejoice.

What's all the commotion - here we are, waving branches, because we recognize You Jesus, our Lord and God. Hosanna in the highest!!!

But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

Acts 4:19-20

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Luke 19:41

MONDAY: Hebrews 9:11-15

TUESDAY: Isaiah 49:1-7

WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 12:1-3

THURSDAY: Jeremiah 31:31-34

FRIDAY: Hebrews 4:14-16

SATURDAY: Job 14:1-14

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may walk with You this week. Help me bring good to my family and faith community by my participation.

Holy Week Schedule

The schedule below notes all services for Passiontide, Holy Week, and Easter. Please remember that Holy Week is a week of fasting.

3/24 - Palm Sunday: Blessing and Distribution of Palms. Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am

3/26 - Holy Tuesday: Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism, St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral, Scranton

3/28 - Maundy Thursday: Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7pm

3/29 - Good Friday: Church opens at noon Services at 1, 2, and 3pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified, 7pm

3/30 - Holy Saturday: Holy Saturday Liturgies - Blessing of new fire, holy water, baptism of Karina Leigh Weglinski, renewal of baptismal promises, blessing of food, 4pm

3/31 - Solemnity of the Resurrection: Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass, 8am, Service at 10:30 Soup on Sunday and Easter Breakfast 10:30am

M&E, Music, More

Hard to believe, but the national Mission & Evangelism Conference is around the corner. Also planning is underway for the summer events including the Acolyte Retreat, KURS, and the National United Choirs music workshop. See Deacon Jim and sign-up to go.

SOUP (ok Stew), and Breakfast

Our next event will be a special Easter breakfast on Sunday, March 31st along with homemade stew and more. We need your help. Get word out wherever you can. Take flyers and spread them around.

The Bible on TV

The Bible continues to rank as the highest rated TV show. Parts 7 and 8 air tonight on the History Channel at 8 p.m. (channels 39, 220, 1839). Continue to invite friends and family to watch together. The series is a great way to learn salvation history. It offers a view into the hope that is the whole point of God's word.

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/cmki1953/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 Couns, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Weglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, 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 Wielinski, Stephanie Konicki

- 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: Holy Cross Parish, Commack, NY its congregation and pastor Very Rev. Wieslaw Pietruszka.

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

Coffee Hour: 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.