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Why...
do you seek the living
AMONG THE DEAD?

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 31, 2013

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 and benefactors

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.

Low Sunday Niedziela Przewodnia

April 7, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Acts 5:12-16

Psalm: 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Epistle: Revelation 1:1-9,11-13,17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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
- Coffee hour – please join us

Thank you for taking part in our Lenten directed giving. Because of your generosity and sacrifice, together we donated over 362 pounds of food to Schenectady Inner City Ministries. God bless you!

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...

- March 31: Solemnity of the Resurrection, 8am Resurrection Service, 10:30am 2nd Service, 10:30am Soup on Sunday Easter Breakfast
- April 1: Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur (1866)
- April 1-6: Bright Week
- April 7: Low Sunday, Basket Social
- April 8: Solemnity – Annunciation of the B.V.M. (translated)
- April 12-14: National Mission & Evangelism Conference, Scranton, PA
- April 14: 3rd Sunday of Easter
- April 21: Good Shepherd Sunday
- April 25: Feast, St. Mark the Evangelist
- April 28: 5th Sunday of Easter
- April 30: Solemnity, St. Joseph the Workman

Christ is risen!

Huh?

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised."

Scripture goes on to tell us:

Then they returned from the tomb and announced all these things to the eleven and to all the others... but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them.

The disciples were incredulous at news of Jesus being risen, and much of the world is incredulous to this day.

If we look at Jesus with human reasoning alone we can make a very strong case that all of this is too incredible to believe.

We do not have the benefit of being among the women who entered the empty tomb, who had the advantage of an explanation from dazzling angels. We do not have the benefit of being in the company of Peter and John as they ran to find an empty tomb. We do not have the privilege of walking along the road to Emmaus with Jesus and having Him reveal Himself in the breaking of the bread. Yet we have the eyes of faith.

Here we are, looking at an empty tomb and hearing the words of the resurrection proclaimed and sung. Here we are, having rushed to church this morning to see the empty tomb. Here we are, to share in the breaking of the bread, and to recognize the reality of the Lord among us.

We aren't incredulous. We are

here, this morning for two important reasons. The first is that we have received the gift of faith. The second is that we continue live, see, and respond because of that faith.

We value the gift of faith – faith in a God that loves us enough that He would sacrifice His Son's life so that we might have eternal life. Faith that this Christ was more than a prophet, more than a wise man, more than good teacher, but God Himself that came among us, died for us, and because of His obedience to the Father was raised again – showing us our glorious destiny.

Many cannot believe it. If they hear, 'Christ is risen!' they respond, 'Huh?' They remain incredulous. Today is nonsensical to them.

For us, a people living in faith, the ancient greeting of Easter, the greeting we proclaim to each other is *Christ is risen!* to which we all reply, *Indeed He is risen!*

And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:33

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 11:25-26

MONDAY: Acts 2:24

TUESDAY: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

WEDNESDAY: Acts 1:3

THURSDAY: Philippians 3:20-21

FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

SATURDAY: Colossians 3:1-4

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may walk with faith in the hope You have given me.

Deacon Jim's Easter Wishes

My dearest family in Christ,

On behalf of my family, I extend to you every blessing for this Easter and throughout the Easter season. May the resurrected Christ continue to reign in your heart and in your life as you follow Him and adhere to a faith both ancient and new.

We have a wonderful Lord and Master, a Savior who understands our needs. He is filled with love for us. In turn we, His people, reflect His love in all we do. It is a great blessing to have been called into the Lord's service. He called me into His field, to do His work. I have been so greatly blessed because the portion of His field, here in Schenectady, is filled with people who so desire to work within His body, the Holy Church, in fellowship, as the family of faith doing good for each other and for all we encounter. You have blessed me greatly and I love you with all the joy of the resurrected Christ.

Życzenia radosnych Świąt Wielkanocnych pełnych wiary, nadziei i miłości, Wypełnionych nadzieją budzącej się wiosny. Pogody w sercu i radości płynącej z faktu Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego, oraz smacznego święconego w gronie najbliższych szczerze przesyła.

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

Today we offer a special Easter breakfast along with homemade stew and more. Welcome to all who are joining us today.

The Bible on TV

The Bible, the highest rated Sunday TV program concludes tonight. Parts 9 and 10 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 – NEXT SUNDAY!

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, 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: All the members of our Holy Church, their congregations and pastors.

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.