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Philippians 3:20-21

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 21, 2016

2nd Sunday of Lent II Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 21, 2016

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

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

Psalm: Ps 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

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

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Free Lunch on Sunday

3rd Sunday of Lent III Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 28, 2016

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

First reading: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Psalm: Ps 103:1-4,6-8,11

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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"In the beginning God created;" that is to say, in the beginning of time. Therefore, if he makes the world appear in the beginning, it is not a proof that its birth has preceded that of all other things that were made. He only wishes to tell us that, after the invisible and intellectual world, the visible world, the world of the senses, began to exist. The first movement is called beginning. "To do right is the beginning of the good way." Just actions are truly the first steps towards a happy life. Again, we call "beginning" the essential and first part from which a thing proceeds, such as the foundation of a house, the keel of a vessel; it is in this sense that it is said, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," that is to say that piety is, as it were, the groundwork and foundation of perfection. Art is also the beginning of the works of artists, the skill of Bezaleel began the adornment of the tabernacle. Often even the good which is the final cause is the beginning of actions. – St. Basil the Great

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...

- **February 21: 2nd Sunday of Lent.**
Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Free Lunch on Sunday.
- **February 24: Feast – St. Matthias;**
Requiem Holy Mass for the Repose of Thaddeus Ruchalski at 10:30am;
Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm
- **February 26: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.**
- **February 28: 3rd Sunday of Lent.**
Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- **March 4: Commemoration of St. Casimir.** Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
- **March 6: 4th Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **March 11: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.**
- **March 13: Passion Sunday.**
Holy Mass at 10am ONLY.
Annual Financial Meeting follows.
- **March 19: Solemnity of St. Joseph,**
Spouse of the B.V.M.
- **March 20: Palm Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**

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.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

We continue in our Lenten preaching theme – Getting back to Eden.

What was life like in the Garden of Eden before sin? Well it certainly was not like today’s world although if we look closely enough we see the beauty and perfection God meant for the world. When we look past crime, violence, sin, and deprivation we see hints of Eden.

In the first place Eden was sinless. There was no corruption. There was peace – not any peace – but the true

peace of God because we walked in unity with God.

Eden was an environmental paradise. There would have been no storms or harmful natural occurrences. Everything was created “very good.” Perfect temperature, perfect humidity, no pests or diseases.

Eden was innocent and without shame or guilt. Relationships were perfect. Adam and Eve enjoyed a relationship with God that was up close and in person. Their mutual relationship had no conflict, jealousy, or disruption. Man and woman was to be “one flesh.” No matter how the world corrupts human sexuality, God created this part of humanity as a beautiful sharing between a man and woman, husband and wife.

There was no violence. The biblical record tells us that both man and animals ate plants, not each other. This would have allowed them to have a peaceful non-violent relationship.

Relationship was cooperative. Adam and Eve worked together to tend the garden, not in toil, but in joy. On the Sabbath, like God, they rested and enjoyed His company and each other’s.

St. Paul tells us that as Jesus’ faithful people we have *citizenship in heaven*, in paradise, in Eden. Jesus has reopened Eden for us. We can still be held back by sin, have a bit of a hard time getting there, but it is our calling, our destiny. As such, Paul tells us to *stand firm*, that is, to live and show forth in our lives a preview of what awaits all Christians.

Living the Christian life we get a taste of Eden and bring a little bit more of it back into the world. The better we do the more we enjoy the flavor of God’s perfect life. We show people who are unsure of Jesus the true promise of life in Him – Eden. The new pre-Fall Eden is in our grasp. In Jesus we have been freed from our former guilt and shame, and the new Eden blossoms in our lives anew.

But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”

1 Corinthians 2:9

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Revelation 21:4
MONDAY: Revelation 2:7
TUESDAY: Romans 10:9
WEDNESDAY: Romans 6:23
THURSDAY: Psalm 37:11
FRIDAY: John 3:16
SATURDAY: Genesis 1:28

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant us the courage to show forth the promise of eternal life, paradise, Eden to the whole world.

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.

Year of Reverence

Our Holy Church has dedicated this year as a Year of Reverence. During February we are called to focus on reverence at Holy Mass. Do we prepare ourselves properly to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Are we reverent before, during and after Mass? There are tools to help us. The beginning pages of our Pew Missals, pages 1 to 8 are a great way to place ourselves in a spirit of reverence and to help us prepare for participation in Holy Mass. Check it out.

Ś+P Thaddeus Ruchalski

Our brother Ted Ruchaski was born to eternal life this past week. A calling hour will take place on Wednesday, February 24th from 9:30-10:30am in church. A Requiem Holy Mass will follow. Internment will be at Saratoga National Cemetery at 1:30pm. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon him. Wieczne odpoczynek racz im dać Panie, a światłość wiekuista niechaj im świeci. Niech odpoczywają w pokoju, Amen.

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.

Outrageous Valentine’s Raffle

A huge thank you to all who sold tickets for February’s Outrageous Valentine’s raffle. Prizes total \$1,220! Thus far we have raised \$1,500 after prizes to support summer activities for our youth – Kurs and CONVO.

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, February 24th.

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 today. Thanks to Emily for preparing it. 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...

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

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzyninski, 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, Pattric 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 Holy Apostles Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Szczecin, Poland and its pastor Very Rev. Stanisław Bosy.

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.