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IMMINENT APPEARANCE OF HIS KINGDOM

MARK 1:14-15

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 22, 2015

1st Sunday of Lent I Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 22, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm: Ps 25:4-9

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Intention: For all parishioners

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins

- Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

2nd Sunday of Lent II Niedziela Wielkiego Postu Friend Sunday

March 1, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18

Psalm: Ps 116:10,15-19

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Epistle: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Intention: For our friends

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki

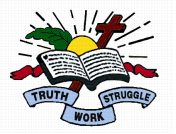
Lector: 10am Marilyn Hietala

- Worship begins at 9:50am with Matins
- Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite)
- SOCL, Annual Budget Meeting, Breakfast

And consider, brethren, that the sojourning in the flesh in this world is but brief and transient, but the promise of Christ is great and wonderful, even the rest of the kingdom to come, and of life everlasting. By what course of conduct, then, shall we attain these things, but by leading a holy and righteous life, and by deeming these worldly things as not belonging to us, and not fixing our desires upon them? For if we desire to possess them, we fall away from the path of righteousness. – St. Clement

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- 437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **Feb. 22: First Sunday of Lent, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**
- **Feb. 24: Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle**
- **Feb. 27: Stations of the Cross, 7pm**
- **Feb. 27 - Mar. 1: National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, San Antonio, TX**
- **Mar. 1: Second Sunday of Lent, Friend Sunday, and Annual Budget Meeting. HOLY MASS at 10am**
- **Mar. 6: Stations of the Cross, 7pm**
- **Mar. 8: Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**
- **Mar. 13: Stations of the Cross, 7pm**
- **Mar. 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**
- **Mar. 19: Solemnity - St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**
- **Mar. 20: Stations of the Cross, 7pm**
- **Mar. 22: Passion Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**
- **Mar. 20: Stations of the Cross, 7pm**

The time is here and now.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Mark's rendition of Jesus' time in the desert is very short. It also focuses us on one of Mark's key themes; Jesus' ministry is confrontational. Think of the very real confrontations with sin, temptation, and wild beasts that Jesus engaged in in the desert. Mark shows Jesus as the One who had come to combat and defeat the forces determined to counteract God's will for our lives and our well-being.

Mark does not portray Jesus as sent to fight human ignorance, religious or political authority. He wasn't that kind of revolutionary. Of course those things existed, but they were

only the symbols and tools of what Jesus was really confronting. Jesus came to confront the evil, the negative spiritual force that oppresses human bodies and minds and defy human attempts to subdue them.

Jesus' experience in the wild and untamed wilderness symbolizes the difference between God's way of life and the wilderness of life without God. The desert shows us how Jesus confronted and defeated the powers of chaos and destruction. He walked out of the desert as a victor and the bringer of God's kingdom. He began to proclaim the kingdom to all who would hear Him.

Jesus proclamation of the in-breaking of God's kingdom announces the arrival of God's future for humanity. This will be a new era and a new state of affairs, one in which God rules and we no longer have to use merely human efforts to defeat evil. With the expression *kingdom of God* Jesus does not speak of

taking people away to a new place in a far-off land. He tells those who will listen that they have the power to build the kingdom if they work in and with Him. He invites us into the kingdom's awakening and gives us the means (by grace) to make it real and complete. The old ways and the old rules no longer have power. Evil, sin, negative spiritual forces hold no sway over us because Jesus is victorious. He has won the confrontation.

As we will see through Lent, and in particular on Good Friday, Jesus' revolution is dangerous. As members of His kingdom and its operatives we are working to destroy the last vestiges of sin, evil, the negative spiritual force. We are the forces of the kingdom. Those tied to worldly ways and mores will resist and hate us. They are the forces of the untamed wilderness. They fight against transforming the world. The time is here and now. We must be confident kingdom builders, assured of our victory in Jesus and ready to transform all we encounter.

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you..

Matthew 6:33

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Corinthians 4:20
MONDAY: Romans 14:17-18
TUESDAY: Matthew 10:7-8
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 145:13
THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17
FRIDAY: Romans 2:6-8
SATURDAY: Revelation 11:15

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to build Your kingdom day by day. May I live and act in faithful witness to Your way.

Friend Sunday

Friend Sunday is March 1st. It is an annual back-to-church event where we encourage you to visit church with a friend, neighbor, or co-worker. It might feel awkward to talk about spiritual things, but your friendship makes all the difference. Eight out of ten people say they would attend church if a friend invited them. Visit church with a friend and help them to meet the best friend ever... Jesus.

Help Available

STAR Tax Savings – Renewal Applications for Enhanced (Senior) School Tax Relief (STAR) Exemption are due by March 1, 2015 in the City of Schenectady and other Schenectady County towns and villages. Renewal forms are available in City Hall, 105 Jay St., Room #8 or at www.tax.ny.gov (form RP-467 Rnw).

Free Tax Return Help – Free Federal and State tax return preparation services are available from IRS Certified VITA/AARP volunteers. These services are available to persons who make less than \$53,000, seniors, persons with limited English proficiency, and the disabled. Seniors are also entitled to free tax counseling. Local sites include Schenectady Community Action Program; call 888-366-3211 or Ellis Health Center – VITA, also call 888-366-3211.

Lenten Devotions and Retreat

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday in Lent at 7pm, please join us. All parishioners are invited to attend a **Seniorate Lenten Retreat** at All Saints parish in Rome, NY on March 7th starting at 10am. We will have the opportunity to refresh our relationship with the Truth, Jesus Christ, and the brothers and sisters of our Seniorate. This retreat is part of the Church's Year of Renewal. This is NOT just for Seniorate delegates. We want to pray together and share our ideas about how to help each other, how to

Basket Social

It is time to get ready for our annual basket social to be held April 12th. 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. Thank you for your continued help!!!

Music Scholarships

Please visit www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com to download a copy of the National United Choir's Music Scholarship application. Write to Cathy Bilinski at nucscholarship@gmail.com if you have any questions. The application deadline is May 15th.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is March 15th. 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.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, 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 Radzynski, 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, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Edward Glover, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Alyssa DePaula, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Jeremy Fish, Helen Pasiak, Pat Bruno, Bishop Bernard, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Fr. Sr. Thaddeus Dymkowski, Fr. Sr. Fryderyk Banas, Joan de Paz, Sue Rummel.

- 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 Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- 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 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin and St. Anthony Parish, Leśniewice, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Jacency Sołtys.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is held after worship each Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each 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 Father Jim.

Of note...

Please think inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus for Christmas