

## First Sunday of Lent I Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 26, 2012

First reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm: Ps 25:4-9

R. 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 living and deceased

Celebrant: Rev. Adam Czarnecki Deacon: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

• Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.

• Holy Mass at 9:30am, Rite, page 63.

Coffee Hour – please join us.Confirmation Class

• Annual Budget Meeting

# Second Sunday of Lent II Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 4, 2012

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

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 all parishioners living and deceased

Worship leader: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour please join us.
- Confirmation Class

#### **Directed Giving for Lent:**

1st Week of Lent, Feb. 26-Mar. 3, FEELING FRUITY Canned Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Pineapple or Applesauce, 100% Juice in Cans.

Please bring these items on Sunday, March 4th.

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# Upcoming...

- Mar. 2: Bitter Lamentations, 7pm
- Mar. 11: Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC
- Mar. 18: Lenten Penitential Service
- Mar. 19: Solemnity St. Joseph
- Mar. 25: Passion Sunday
- Apr. 15: Basket Social

## Hey, this is my boat!

You cannot go alone...

"God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you."

Consider Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham. Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, David, Mary, John the Baptist, Jesus, and Peter – what do all these, and the rest of the heroes of the Bible all have in common? They were all members of a family.

Our Lenten theme is all about family. We see that God makes His promises not just to one person, but to the human family.

God always deals with family, with people's relationships with

each other. God isn't building His kingdom on hermits and loners. Rather, He is looking to us as His children, and a single body (the body of Christ), as a community that is defined as a family.

Remember that Jesus always referred to His Father as our Father. This wasn't some sort of light saying, just to make us feel good. Jesus meant what He said. His Father is our Father.

Jesus came to rebuild His Father's family and He did so on Calvary – reconnecting us to God

God is our Father, and we are Jesus' brothers and sisters. This makes us His family and family to each other. We have even taken the steps necessary to be born into that family, through the waters of Baptism, by our regeneration.

There's a lot to study this Lent, so let us begin our focus on the fact that we are members of one body – the Church, the body of Christ, and that makes us one family. With that comes a knowledge of how we were born into this family, how are related, how we relate to the Father, Jesus, and each other, our responsibilities as family members, our importance to the family, and the inheritance that is in store for members of God's family.

Brother, or brethren, is found 319 times in the New Testament. Child, or children, is used 168 times in the New Testament. God didn't send Noah onto the boat alone, and doesn't make His promises to only a select few. His promises are for all of us as a family. He doesn't want us to go it alone. He is our loving Father.

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body upbuilds itself in love."

**Ephesians 4:15-16** 

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Ephesians 3:14-15
MONDAY: 1 Peter 2:17
TUESDAY: 3 John 10
WEDNESDAY: Galatians 3:26-29
THURSDAY: 1 Timothy 5:1-2
FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 8:5-6
SATURDAY: John 3:3-5

#### Pray

Lord Jesus, help me to see my place in the family of faith.

### Come O Bitter Lamentations

Bitter Lamentations, the "Gorzkie Zale" began in Warsaw's Holy Cross Church as a play in 1646. The service invites participants to reflect on the mystery of redemption, the Passion and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This deep appreciation for the Passion is seen in the most popular Polish image of Christ, *Chrystus Frasobliwy*, the "sorrowing Christ," which depicts Christ in the Garden, bent in prayer and sorrow.

The Lamentations are a very emotional spiritual journey, conducted in three parts, invites personal identification with the Suffering Lord and His Mother along the journey to Calvary. The devotion is most often preceded by Benediction and is conducted as a chanted devotion before the Blessed Sacrament.

The introductory hymn sets the somber and grieving mood for the lamentations. It begins "Come to us, bitter lamentations, as we prepare our hearts." The introductory hymn is followed by a prayerful intention, a hymn, the Soul's Lament, which follows Christ's passion, and a sung Dialog with the Blessed Mother.

We are indeed blessed that Bitter Lamentation may only be found in the English language in the PNCC, offering us an opportunity to experience this powerful and moving devotion.

Come join us Friday, March 2nd at 7pm to join in this Lenten devotion.

## Of note...

**Coffee Hour**: Our weekly coffee hours are a warm and wonderful experience, a time to gather and speak with each other while we enjoy a wealth of good things to eat. If you are able, please help by signing up to take care of a coffee hour. Please see Ed Bertasso with any questions.

**Parish Organizations**: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you. God calls us to work together for the good of our community, in support of each other, and for the needs of the Church. The YMSofR – Men's Society of the Resurrection, ANS – Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Deacon Jim.

**Serendipity Calendar**: What a fun way to support the parish and potentially WIN! The Serendipity Calendar allows you to choose one or more numbers between 001 and 999. If your number is drawn in the day's NYS Lottery

# Praying for...

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, Art, Dee & Baby, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberlan, Jasimine Russo, Stanley Radzyminski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Derek, 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 Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Patricia Lewis Joan, Matthew, Brian, Shari, Adam, Peter Loss, Marilyn Heitala; Wayne Balnis, JoAnne Houser, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech.

- 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:

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary Parish, Dallas, TX its congregation and the clergy serving the parish.

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

Daily Numbers game, you win. Sign-ups have begun for 2012. Reserve your numbers early so you get your lucky numbers. Note that re-subscription notices will be mailed shortly. The cost for each number chance is \$20.

**Lenten Devotions**: During the season of Lent all are welcome and are strongly encouraged to attend Lenten Devotions. On Fridays in Lent you are invited to attend Stations of the Cross or Bitter Lamentations every Friday at 7pm. These acts of prayer is will give us the opportunity to focus and reflect upon the redemptive sufferings of our Lord.

**Days of Abstinence**: Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence – no meat. The Church calls us to this pious practice so that we may, through discipline, control our desires and offer up our sacrifices for Jesus.