



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 28, 2016

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

Intention: for śp. Thaddeus Ruchalski

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 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).

4th Sunday of Lent IV Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 6, 2016

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

First reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm: Ps 34:2-7

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Intention: for all parishioners

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

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
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For what is required is not only to suffer for Christ, but also nobly to bear the things that come on us, and with all gladness: since this is the nature of every crown. Yea, and unless this be so, punishment rather will attend men who take calamity with a bad grace. Wherefore, both the Apostles when they were beaten rejoiced, and Paul gloried in his sufferings. – St. John Chrysostom

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 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. Free Lunch on Sunday**
- **March 21: Holy Monday. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm**
- **March 22: Holy Tuesday. Clergy Conference and Chrism Holy Mass at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Cathedral, Scranton, PA**
- **March 24: Maundy Thursday. Holy Mass at 7pm**

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.

"He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

We continue in our Lenten series on getting back to Eden.

Last week we looked at what life was like in the Garden of Eden before sin: Sinless, an environmental paradise, innocent and without shame or guilt, without violence, cooperative. We reflected on the fact that as citizens of heaven we are fully entitled to that life – the life of Eden. Paradise is our inheritance. We need to stand firm against sin so that we might take possession of Eden. By standing firm, we give others a taste of Eden, an introduction to Jesus, through our witness.

But what happens if our lives are marked by fruitlessness. What if we fail to bear witness and offer that

taste of Eden to those we encounter? God had suffered long and hard with the people of the old Israel. They had grown cold, legalistic, and self-centered. Israel was not bearing the fruit of God's truth. Yet He was patient.

Our human reaction might say "No Fruit? Cut it down." Jesus' teaching is different. When His Father comes looking for fruit in us and finds none Jesus steps in. Father, let me keep at them. Let me work at them, 'fertilize' them, and see if they bear fruit.

Seeing the love of His Son the Father allows it. I'll wait yet another year. Perhaps then they will be fruitful?

To get back to Eden, to the perfect garden, we have to bear real fruit. That does not mean we should just produce a few good works, a few grapes or figs every now and then – anyone can throw a few dollars towards charity or can be nice for a day or two. Rather to bear real fruit means we

need to change the kind of tree we are. We have to change inside and out. With true conversion of heart and repentance the fruit is produced naturally and without effort as part of Jesus. We are one in heart, mind, body, and soul. The fruits of the Spirit are apparent in us and are produced regularly: *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

As we produce ever more abundantly we bring that glimpse of Eden – people find Eden alive in us. They see in us the promise of hope – the beauty and glory that life in Jesus produces. They want part in that Eden. They want to be like we are – a people of promise. We bear the fruit that furthers the Kingdom of God. Eden is within our grasp. The unstated alternative is that God will not tolerate fruitlessness indefinitely. God gives His help so that when we are barren we might turn and bear fruit. He expects a response to His effort. Yes, Lord, make me fruitful.

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

2 Corinthians 9:6

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Acts 20:35
MONDAY: Matthew 7:21-23
TUESDAY: James 1:27
WEDNESDAY: 2 Peter 3:9
THURSDAY: Isaiah 48:17
FRIDAY: Galatians 5:16
SATURDAY: Matthew 6:19-21

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me fruitfulness in working and producing for the kingdom.

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.

Recapture the Spirit of the Early Church

"Early Christianity had certain characteristics which modern Christians need to rediscover. Authentic Christianity has more to do with the message of Christ than with our modern pre-conceived notions... The main concern of the Apostles and the leaders of the Early Church was the salvation of human beings by bringing them to the Faith in the Risen Lord and attaching them to the Church (the Body of Christ). Their life as a community was simple, centered around the teaching and preaching of the words of Christ and the joining together in the "Agape Meals", the Eucharistic dinners where the more affluent brought food for everyone and they all shared in a meal before they received from the blessed bread and cup-the Body and Blood of Christ. The Early Christians were characterized by the love they had for God and the affection and kindness they showed to each other. This was a major factor in the growth of the Early Church, as people of the surrounding community were impressed by the love of these Christians and joined the ranks of the Church as followers of Christ." – From Searching for Authentic Christianity by Father Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D.

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. Congratulations to all who have won. We raised \$1,500 to support summer activities for our youth.

Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. Please stop by and join us to support this ministry. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, March 29th.

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 March 20th. 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...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzysinski, 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 Sczepkowski, 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, Patric 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 Our Savior Parish, Szprotawa, Poland and its pastor Rev. Ryszard Szykuła.

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.

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