



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) with Exposition/Benediction
- SOCL, Annual Budget Meeting, Breakfast

Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC Św. Zorganizowania PNKK

March 8, 2015

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

First reading: Wisdom 5:1-5

Psalm: 122:1-9

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:1-5

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Intention: For regeneration throughout our Holy Church

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)

You may find yourself hampered by someone who sows tares of despondency. He tries to prevent you from climbing to such heights of holiness by discouraging you with various thoughts. For instance, he will tell you that it is impossible for you to be saved and to keep every single one of God's commandments while you live in this world. When this happens you should sit down in a solitary place by yourself, collect yourself, concentrate your thoughts and give good counsel to your soul, saying: "Why, my soul, are you dejected, and why do you trouble me? Put your hope in God, for I will give thanks to Him; for my salvation lies not in my actions but in God." – St. Symeon the New Theologian

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...

- **Mar. 1: Second Sunday of Lent, Friend Sunday, and Annual Budget Meeting. HOLY MASS at 10am**
- **Mar. 6: Stations of the Cross, 7pm**
- **Mar. 7: Seniorate Lenten Retreat, All Saints Parish, Rome, NY**
- **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. 24: Feast – St. Gabriel, Archangel**
- **Mar. 25: Solemnity – Annunciation of the B.V.M.**
- **Mar. 27: Stations of the Cross, 7pm**
- **Mar. 29: Palm Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am**

Sometimes the test is almost impossible.

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

Over recent weeks it seems that the number of troubles among those I know have increased greatly. These aren't little problems, but those deep, life-shattering types troubles that some may never experience. How life-shattering it must have been for Abraham, to face having to sacrifice his son.

A preacher was delivering a sermon before a large congregation. He pointed out that believers aren't exempt from trouble. In fact, some Christians are surrounded by trouble — trouble to the right, trouble to the

left, trouble in front, and trouble behind. At this, a man stood up and shouted, "Glory to God, it's always open at the top!"

God's test of Abraham's faith was exactly about that. We can imagine that in walking to Mount Moriah, with his son carrying the wood that he would be sacrifice on, Abraham was in tears. His heart was breaking, the knife at his side weighed heavy, and his soul was crying out to God. He climbed the hills where Jerusalem would later stand, where the sacrificial fires of the Temple would be built, the place where Jesus would take up the wood of the cross (as Isaac carried the wood for his sacrifice). He was surrounded on every side, front and back, and could not help but look up.

What happened when Abraham and Isaac arrived at God's designated site of sacrifice? *the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he*

answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God" the response to Abraham's troubles came from on high, from the top, from heaven.

Here's the real test. Can we trust God enough to look up when those life-shattering troubles come? Can we place our reliance on Him? St. James noted: *Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.* Troubles will either break us down, seem impossible, and cause us to look down or they will teach us to persevere and look up, to heaven. The promise is that our perseverance, our looking up, will be rewarded and that we will lack for nothing particularly in eternity. We should repeat with the Psalmist: *From whence does my help come?* and answer: *My help comes from the LORD.*

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 34:17-20
MONDAY: Philippians 4:19
TUESDAY: John 16:33
WEDNESDAY: 2 Corinthians 1:4
THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:7
FRIDAY: Philippians 4:13
SATURDAY: 2 Timothy 2:12

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to trust in you at all times and give me the strength to persevere in looking up to You in times of trouble.

Friend Sunday

We welcome all who are joining or re-joining us today. Your friendship is important to us and we pray for God's many blessings upon you.

Lenten Devotions and Retreat

Stations of the Cross are 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. This effort is part of the wider Church's **Year of Regeneration**. We will have the opportunity to refresh our relationship with the Truth, Jesus Christ, and the brothers and sisters of our Seniorate. There will be a special youth retreat as well. This is NOT just for Seniorate delegates. We want to pray together and share our ideas about how to help each other, how to testify to the Truth in the Community we live in, and finally how to help others to find the Truth – Jesus Christ. We strongly encourage all to attend.

Help Available

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.

2nd Annual Cross Walk

The second annual Good Friday Cross Walk in Mont Pleasant is scheduled for Good Friday, April 3rd, (rain date Sat., April 4th) beginning at 10am at our parish and ending at The Bridge Christian Church around noon. Please join Cross Walk and pray for our neighborhood.

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 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 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 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Józefów, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Mieczysław Piątek.

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