

# EXODUS

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GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS PEOPLE

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 3, 2013

## 3rd Sunday of Lent III Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 3, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

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

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

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

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

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Intention: For growth in our parish and in vocations, sp John Humme

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Lawrence Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Solemn Exposition and Benediction
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes
- Pancake and Sausage Breakfast – thank you Bob & Stephanie
- Annual budget meeting

## Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC Św. Zorganizowania PNKK

March 10, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

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 God's blessing upon all members of our Holy Church

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour – please join us.
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes

**Sick Calls and Hospital Visits** – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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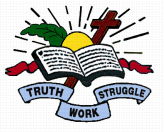
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## Upcoming...

- **March 3:** Third Sunday of Lent, Annual Budget Meeting, Bible TV Series begins
- **March 3:** Voices of Hope Concert to benefit the children of the interfaith partnership for the homeless. First United Methodist Church, Delmar, NY, 3pm.
- **March 8:** Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm
- **March 10:** Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC
- **March 15:** Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm
- **March 17:** Passion Sunday, one Holy Mass only with Lenten Penitential Service at 11am

### Lenten Directed Giving

What should I bring next week? It is **DINNER IS SERVED** Canned Beef Stew, Pork and Beans, Instant Potatoes/Stuffing, Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce.

## Cut it off!

Give it a bit.

“For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?” 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 have all felt like the orchard owner. We try at things and put a lot of effort into them. It seems some are an uphill battle; we don't seem to be getting anywhere for our effort. We'd like to cut that failure out of our lives and start over; put it behind us.

This experience can happen on lots of levels. Perhaps it is that plant that just won't flourish on our windowsill, perhaps it is bigger things: our job, friendships, education, or our

marriage.

Today's first lesson is about perseverance. Jesus tells us the story of the orchard owner who has invested a lot to get this tree to grow, and it has failed him every year. He's ready to cut it off, cut it down, get that failure out of his life, start over, or just put it behind him. The gardener tells the orchard owner and us that we need to give it more time.

Imagine that you've had a couple tough years in a marriage, or at work. You're ready for that divorce or to quit. Then this parable comes to mind and you relent, you give it another year. A year later you look back and...

Hopefully you look back at your marriage and find that it has settled down, flourished, and produced fruit – love, a deeper relationship, and respect. You look back at your job and find good productivity, a promotion and success.

Our Lenten message is that that

we cannot just leave the fix to itself for a year. The gardener didn't just tell the orchard owner and us to give it more time. He understood that the owner needed to “cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it.” In other words, time alone is not enough – we have to put the work in.

That marriage, job, education, friendship, plant on the windowsill all need work and commitment to flourish. Our investment in our faith in Jesus, our love for Him and His Church take commitment and work. Our sinfulness doesn't end by itself. Things don't fix themselves.

Thankfully, we don't work at any of this alone. The gardener by our side is Jesus. He offers us those graces of forgiveness, fellowship in faith, communion with Him and each other. He cultivates and fertilizes our work with His grace that heals perfectly. The next time we're ready to cut it off, don't. Turn instead to Him and get to work.

*Turn again, O God of hosts!  
Look down from heaven, and see;  
have regard for this vine, the stock  
which thy right hand planted.*

Psalm 80:14-15

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 7:4  
MONDAY: John 15:2  
TUESDAY: Proverbs 12:12  
WEDNESDAY: 2 Timothy 2:25-26  
THURSDAY: 1 Peter 4:19  
FRIDAY: 2 Peter 3:9  
SATURDAY: Mark 1:15

## Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the time and grace to repent, change my ways, and in so doing produce abundantly for You.

## Budget Time is Here

During our Lenten journey we have time to reflect on many aspects of our lives. These aspects include our financial dealings, our budgets, and our ability to share our resources. It is also good time to reflect on the problem of debt in our lives and in our nation as a whole. Debt is not evil, but we have to consider why we might have debts. Are our debts reasonable, can we repay what we owe, and have we given proper priority to what is truly important?

Today we hold our annual parish budget meeting. We have been blessed over the past year because of your work and generosity. Let us take this opportunity to reflect and engage together in setting right goals for the year ahead and to be responsible before God, our community, and others.

## M&E, Music, More

Hard to believe, but the national Mission & Evangelism Conference is around the corner. Also planning is underway for the summer events including the Acolyte Retreat, KURS, and the National United Choirs music workshop. See Deacon Jim and sign-up to go.

## SOUP (ok Stew), and Breakfast

Thank you to all who served our visitors and all who spent time with us last Sunday.

Our next event will be a special Easter breakfast on Sunday, March 31st along with homemade stew and more. We need your help. Get word out wherever you can. Take flyers and spread them around.

## The Bible on TV

The Bible TV series begins tonight on the History Channel at 8 p.m. (channels 39, 220, 1839). Special effects and epic story lines will bring “The Bible” to life. The 10-part miniseries is family programming. It's for young. It's for old. And equally importantly it's for teenagers. Invite friends and family to watch together. There will be five episodes that focus on the Old Testament and five about the New Testament. The series combats biblical illiteracy that plagues us these days. It offers the hope that is the whole point of God's word.

## Basket Social – time to prepare!

It is time to get ready for our annual basket social to be held April 7th. 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. Through your love and charity we are able to touch the lives of others and maintain a vibrant faith community. Need ideas - check out Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/cmki1953/basket-party-ideas/>

Of note...

## Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, 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, 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 Cousins, 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, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley Bilinski, George Damouni, Carolyn Walker, Chris, James McGrath, Brian Soos, Mary Ellen Hitchings, Frances Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Fr. Senior John Kraus, David Wielinski

- 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: Church of the Nativity Parish, Howell, NJ its congregation and pastor Rev. Mariusz Zochowski.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every 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 Deacon Jim.