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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH
MARCH 4, 2012

Second Sunday of Lent II Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 4, 2012

Rite: Deacon Missal

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.
- Adoration and Benediction
- Coffee Hour – please join us.
- Confirmation Class

Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC Św. Zorganizowania PNKK

March 11, 2012

Rite: Pew Missal, page 39

First reading: Wisdom 5:1-5

Psalm: Ps 122:1-9

R. **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 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
- Coffee Hour – please join us.
- Confirmation Class
- Parish Committee Meeting

Directed Giving for Lent:

2nd Week of Lent, Mar. 4-10, VEGGIE MANIA Canned Corn, Canned Peas, Canned Beans, Canned Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes.

Please bring these items on Sunday, March 11th.

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Upcoming...

- Mar. 9: Stations of the Cross, 7pm
- Mar. 11: Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC
- Mar. 19: Solemnity - St. Joseph
- Mar. 25: Passion Sunday with Lenten Penitential Service
- Mar. 26: Annunciation of the BVM
- Apr. 4: Palm Sunday
- Apr. 3: Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton)
- Apr. 5: Maundy Thursday
- Apr. 6: Good Friday
- Apr. 7: Holy Saturday
- Apr. 8: Solemnity of the Resurrection
- Apr. 15: Basket Social
- May 18-20: 67th Annual YMSofR Bowling Tournament, Schenectady

Can I trade in this kid?

Ummm, NO!

"God put Abraham to the test... 'Abraham, Abraham!' 'Here I am!' he answered. 'Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son.'"

Relatedness – The dictionary tells us that relatedness means a particular manner of connectedness or relationship. Unrelatedness means the lack of any particular manner of connectedness.

We might wonder if Abraham had any troubles with his son Isaac. Maybe, at one time or another, he regretted his relatedness to Isaac, and thought,

maybe I could trade this kid in for something better.

God puts Abraham to the test, he asks him to sacrifice his son. Scripture tells us that Abraham loved his son, but maybe, somewhere in his mind he thought, maybe God is going to give me an even better son on trade. It is one of the unfortunate consequences of our humanity, our ability to set aside our relatedness. We all have someone with whom we have a strained, distant, or disconnected relationship.

Being part of God's family, being the brothers and sisters of Jesus and of each other can put us to the test. How do we exercise our relatedness – how do we keep connected?

God Himself has told us that we are connected, we are related, and we are part of one body. He never abandons His relationship with us because we share the DNA of Jesus; it is imprinted in our hearts and souls.

Our Lenten journey is about correcting those instances where we feel we have grown unrelated. We have to recapture those markers of a healthy relationship with God. We have to rebuild what is strained between sister and brother.

We bear the signs of family, our shared birth in water and the Holy Spirit, our shared language of prayer and praise, the way we work together and support each other. We know, as members of God's family, there are no trades allowed. The Father gave His Son for this family. What Jesus did to bring us together as one family is worth rebuilding; wherever it might be strained. Let's set to that task.

"For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

Romans 12:4-5

Time to Study God's Word

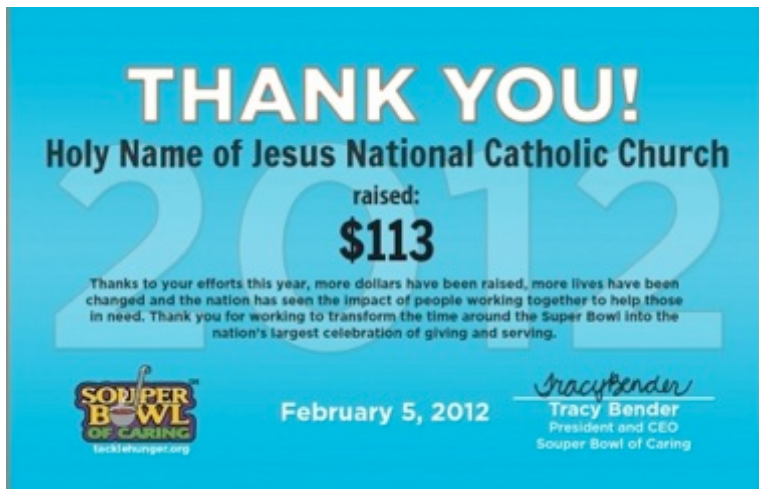
SUNDAY: Matthew 12:48-50
MONDAY: Romans 12:4-5
TUESDAY: 1 John 4:20
WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 10:25
THURSDAY: 1 John 4:12
FRIDAY: Galatians 3:28
SATURDAY: Hebrews 13:1

Pray

Lord Jesus, may I recognize my brother/sister in the face of every person.

Your Generosity

Your generosity enabled a worthy Souper Bowl Sunday donation of \$113 toward the work and ministry of the Schenectady Inner City Mission. This is our largest donation ever! May God bless your acts of charity.



Of note...

Basket Social: Our amazing, wonderful, ever popular basket social is just 7 weeks away. Bring in your baskets anytime. Your work, creativity, and generosity are appreciated.

Newsletter: Your March Newsletter is available in the back of the church.

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 Daily Numbers game, you win. Sign-ups have begun for 2012. Reserve your numbers early so you get your lucky

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 Haberman, Jasimine Russo, Stanley Radzynski, 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:

Parish of Our Lady, Brant, NY its congregation and pastor, Fr. Senior Francis Karryna.

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

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 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.