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# REGENERATION

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 8, 2015

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

March 8, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 39, 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)

## 4th Sunday of Lent IV Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 15, 2015

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

First reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

Psalm: Ps 137:1-6

**Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Intention: For all parishioners

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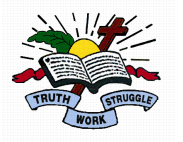
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*'And dipped himself,' says [the Scripture], 'seven times in Jordan.' It was not for nothing that Naaman of old, when suffering from leprosy, was purified upon his being baptized, but it served as an indication to us. For as we are lepers in sin, we are made clean, by means of the sacred water and the invocation of the Lord, from our old transgressions; being spiritually regenerated as new-born babes, even as the Lord has declared: 'Except a man be born again through water and the Spirit, he shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.' – St. Irenaeus*

**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. 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. Free Lunch on Sunday**
- **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**
- **Mar. 31: Holy Tuesday - Holy Mass of Chrism and Clergy Conference – St. Stanislaus Cathedral**
- **Apr. 2: Maundy Thursday – Holy Mass, Reception of Oils, Procession, Stripping of Altars at 7pm**

And they will be amazed.

Then the righteous man will stand with great confidence in the presence of those who have afflicted him, and those who make light of his labors. When they see him, they will be shaken with dreadful fear, and they will be amazed at his unexpected salvation. They will speak to one another in repentance, and in anguish of spirit they will groan, and say, "This is the man whom we once held in derision and made a byword of reproach -- we fools! We thought that his life was madness and that his end was without honor. Why has he been numbered among the sons of God? And why is his lot among the saints?"

The Scripture above from the Book of Wisdom obviously points to Jesus, a man mocked and spurned by His people, thought to be just another mad prophet, and eventually killed in the most horrible of ways even

though innocent. He emerges victorious in the end and is recognized to be what He always was, the Holy One of God, the only Son of God, God made man Who now sits at the Father’s right hand.

Beyond this obvious reference to the life of Jesus we should be able to see in ourselves the same experience. As Jesus was mocked and derided by the leaders of the time, so too are we. As Jesus was thought mad, so too are we. As Jesus was mocked, so too are we. As people said: ‘how can this be possible’ of Jesus, so too they say it of us. Yet, in the end, we know we, like Jesus, will emerge victorious.

Is emerging victorious a foregone conclusion for us?

Victory is solely dependent on our likeness to Jesus. The prerequisite for our victory is the same as that exhibited in the earthly life of Jesus Christ. It is by our faith that we will be victorious. That is both the

starting point and the reality that must underpin all we do. In approaching our work, joys, struggles, and interactions – in both our interior life and social interactions – we must define ourselves by our life in Jesus.

A life fully lived in faith and likened to Him will result in others being amazed by us. That faith life makes us changed people with the potential of being amazing. That is what regeneration in Jesus is. Because of essential change we become a confusing lot of people in the face of the world. We get up early, worship by faith, work hard, and have a totally different attitude than that of the majority of people. We believe that we can change individual hearts and the wider world. We think that by all this effort will make God’s kingdom a reality. We may face derision, be assessed fools, and might be mocked. Yet we know that by living regenerated lives we will be numbered among the saints and victorious. Be ready to be amazing.

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit

Titus 3:5

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Ezekiel 36:26  
MONDAY: 1 John 3:9  
TUESDAY: Ephesians 2:8  
WEDNESDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17  
THURSDAY: John 3:1-3  
FRIDAY: 1 Peter 1:23  
SATURDAY: Ephesians 2:10

Pray

Lord Jesus, bless and regenerate our Holy Church. Help us to live and work in accord with Your word.

Year of Regeneration

Today we celebrate the 118th Anniversary of our Church’s organization. Our Church was organized to bring the promise of new life in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ – regeneration – to the people of this world. This year, based on input from workgroups at our last Holy Synod, is a Year of Regeneration in our Church. We are called to commit to projects and programs that are focused on renewing our Church, growing it, and deepening the faith and understanding of its people. Jesus promised us that the Church would never fail as long as we take the action of making disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them to obey everything He commanded us. As we do so we can rely on His promise to be with us always.

Lenten Devotions and Retreat

Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday in Lent at 7pm, please join us. Thank you to all parishioners who attended our Seniorate retreat on Saturday, March 7th.

Help Available

**Free Tax Return Help** – Free Federal and State tax return preparation services are available from IRS Certified VITA/AARP volunteers. Seniors are also entitled to free tax counseling. Call 888-366-3211 for information.

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. Check out the Cross Walk story on Schenectady Cable access TV and on www.sacc.tv

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](http://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 Radzynski, 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 Dormition of the B.V.M. Parish, Olsztyn, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Zygmunt Fedorczyk.

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 ---