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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 13, 2016

## Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

March 13, 2016

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

First reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm: Ps 126:1-6

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Epistle: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Intention: for all parishioners

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 10am Derek Westcott

- Matins at 9:50am and Holy Mass, Lenten Penitential Service at 10am (Contemporary Rite)
- Breakfast, Annual Financial Meeting

## Palm Sunday Niedziela Palmowa

March 20, 2016

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

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Epistle: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14 – 23:56

Intention: for all parishioners

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Blessing, and Distribution of Palms, Palm Sunday Procession, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

*Hence, in whatever state a person is, he sometimes finds himself making pure and intense prayers. For even from that first and lowest sort, which has to do with recalling the future judgment, the one who is still subject to the punishment of terror and the fear of judgment is occasionally so struck with compunction that he is filled with no less joy of spirit from the richness of his supplication than the one who, examining the kindnesses of God and going over them in the purity of his heart, dissolves into unspeakable gladness and delight. For, according to the words of the Lord, the one who realizes that more has been forgiven him begins to love more. – St. John Cassian*

**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...

- **March 13: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Annual Financial Meeting follows.**
- **March 16: NOTE No Stations of the Cross**
- **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.**
- **March 25: Good Friday, Cross Walk at 10am, Private Devotions at 2pm, Bitter Lamentations at 3pm, Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 7pm. |**
- **March 26: Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Blessing of Easter Baskets, 4pm.**

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.

*It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus.*

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

Paul puts it so plainly. We are all on a journey back to Eden. We haven't quite gotten there, but we press on toward that goal.

Paul cites himself as the best of examples of one who needs to keep working toward that goal, to the full maturity of faith needed to grasp onto Eden. He knew that he had faith, but he wanted it to mature, to become more and more intimate with Jesus.

The people he was writing to couldn't quite understand that. Here was Paul, and apostle. One who met and was sent by the Lord. Here was Paul, one who had suffered in union

with and for the Lord; Paul who had sacrificed so much in order to acquire justice before God. He had to be there already, hadn't he? Paul had to be in a state of perfection. He shouldn't have to do anything else.

Yet here is Paul clueing them in. We all need to increase our efforts to reach Christian perfection. Much remains to be done, and we really cannot rest on the merits of what has been done before.

We are all tempted to pause, pat ourselves on the back, and think we've got it done. Paul reminds us by saying that he must strain forward, press ahead, *to what lies ahead, a continued pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.*

Today we have reflected on the times we have fallen short in our effort to press ahead toward Eden. We have removed the image of being all done, so we can start

fresh. Our prize is not far from our grasp, we re-enter a state of sinlessness, we take hold of the promise of that beautifully perfect place, we have removed the fear caused by shame, we feel peace all around us, we re-engage in a cooperative relationship with God and each other. Eden is not far off.

Jesus is not far from us, but to reach Him it takes effort, introspection, and a commitment to developing more fully that intimate relationship that is at the heart of the Christian journey.

This is the time. If we haven't done all we should then we need to take heart. The path is clear now and we are able to re-engage. Like the woman brought forward in that street so many years ago we hear Jesus say to us "Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Freedom is before us. Eden is close by. Wrongs are forgotten. Sin is gone. We are free. We are ready to get back to Eden. The option is to do all required to *strain forward.*

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

**Ephesians 4:32**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 5:10  
MONDAY: Colossians 1:20-22  
TUESDAY: Luke 23:34  
WEDNESDAY: Luke 17:3  
THURSDAY: Ephesians 2:15-18  
FRIDAY: 1 Peter 4:8  
SATURDAY: Matthew 5:24

## Pray

Lord Jesus, You have reconciled me. Grant that my heart may be as generous as yours.

## Lenten Retreat

Thank you to all who attended our Seniorate Lenten Retreat. It was a wonderful and very well attended event. We focused on those things so necessary to live the Christian life, the work we are to do through the corporate and spiritual works of mercy that are to be at the core of our journey. By doing these things we fulfill our Lord's desires for how we are to live our life. Our Seniorate also decided on dates and locations for future Seniorate events. Stay tuned and participate.

## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

The schedule below notes all services for Passiontide, Holy Week, and Easter. Please remember that Holy Week is a week of fasting.

- 3/21 – Holy Monday.** Holy Mass for the Sick at 6:15pm  
**3/22 - Holy Tuesday:** Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism, St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral, Scranton, PA.  
**3/24 - Maundy Thursday:** Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7pm.  
**3/25 - Good Friday:** Cross Walk begins at 10am at St. Adalbert's Church. Church Open for Private Devotion at 2pm. Lamentations at 3pm, Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 7pm.  
**3/26 - Holy Saturday:** Holy Saturday Liturgies - Blessing of new fire, holy water, renewal of baptismal promises, blessing of food, 4pm.  
**3/27 - Solemnity of the Resurrection:** Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am with Baptism, Holy Mass at 10am. Easter Repast/Święconka after each Holy Mass.

## 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.

## Kurs and CONVO

Kurs and CONVO are not that far off. Youth who will be attending CONVO should get there applications in as soon as possible so we make take advantage of the discounted early bird rate.

## Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. Please stop by and join is 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 Radzaminski, 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 Sczepakowski, 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, Karen Kisch.

- 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.
- 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 Holy Spirit Parish, Wałbrzych, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Bogusław Kropielnicki.

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.* ---