

# focus...**SAVED**...by GRACE through **FAITH** EPHESIANS 2:8 in Christ.

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 15, 2015

## 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 śp. Keith Laird off. by Elizabeth Battaglia; For the health and healing of Bonnie Nelson off. by Donna & Larry Panfil; and For the health and healing of Georgette Hannoush off. by Stephanie Dominy  
Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki  
Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Coffee Hour, SOCL, Free Lunch on Sunday
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

## Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

March 22, 2015

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

First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: 51:3-4,12-15

**Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Epistle: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

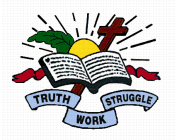
Intention: For śp. Charles Dzięgiel off. by Stephanie Dominy  
Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki  
Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite) with Lenten Penitential Service
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

*And we who through his will have been called in Christ Jesus are justified, not by ourselves, or through our wisdom or understanding or godliness, or the works that we have done in holiness of heart, but by faith, by which all men from the beginning have been justified by Almighty God, to whom be glory world without end. Amen. – St. Clement*

**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. 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**
- **Apr. 3: Good Friday: Church opens at 10am for Cross Walk. Church Open for Private Devotion at 2pm. Lamentations at 3pm, Liturgy, 7pm**

What is from God?

*In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: “Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!”*

Cyrus the Great is counted as the patron who delivered Israel from Babylonian captivity. Cyrus was the king of Persia. He was not Jewish. There is some speculation as to his religion, but as with many civil rulers to this day he believed in whatever may have suited him politically at the

moment. So here is this politically savvy ruler who captured Persia, founded the Achaemenid Empire and conquered most of Southwest and Central Asia and the Caucasus. His rule stretched from the Mediterranean Sea in the west to the Indus River in the east. So why, in the first year of his reign, would he make a decree that the Temple should be rebuilt in Jerusalem and that the Jewish people who wished could return to their land for this purpose? He even allowed the treasures of the Temple, captured by Nebuchadnezzar, to be returned.

We can look at this like many look at faith – with incredulity. A savvy and strong political leader being generous – Who can believe that? Why would he empty his treasury and let these people go? There are all kinds of speculation as to why. Maybe it was a political move, gaining allegiance from all of the people Cyrus had conquered. Maybe he had an affinity for their belief

system. Maybe... a thousand reasons. St. Paul tells us: *...by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God.* Paul tells us that God gives us tremendous gifts specifically so that we might have life. Cyrus is held up as an image of God’s generosity. Cyrus owed Israel absolutely nothing and they could do nothing for him. He had power and control and turns to these people and gives them everything.

The lesson is that God’s generosity is inestimable and unexplainable. God is self-sufficient yet desires to love and care for us He emptied His treasury and sent His only Son to die for us so we might enter into His eternal and heavenly city. What is from God is not power or security, or even health as the world understands those things. It is the gift of faith that is far more generous. By the gift of faith that is from God alone we enter into relationship with Him have life for all of eternity.

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Romans 5:1

**Time to Study God’s Word**

SUNDAY: Romans 3:28  
MONDAY: James 2:14-17  
TUESDAY: James 2:26  
WEDNESDAY: Genesis 15:6  
THURSDAY: Colossians 3:23-24  
FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:10  
SATURDAY: 1 John 3:16-18

**Pray**

Lord Jesus, I praise and thank You for the gift of faith. Help me to share Your gift in all I say and do.

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.

**3/29 - Palm Sunday:** Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Holy Mass at 9:30am, Holy Mass at 11:30am

**3/31 - Holy Tuesday:** Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism, St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral, Scranton

**4/2 - Maundy Thursday:** Holy Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7pm

**4/3 - Good Friday:** Church opens at 10am for Cross Walk. Church Open for Private Devotion at 2pm. Lamentations at 3pm, Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 7pm

**4/4 - Holy Saturday:** Holy Saturday Liturgies - Blessing of new fire, holy water, renewal of baptismal promises, blessing of food, 4pm

**4/5 - Solemnity of the Resurrection:** Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass, 8am, Holy Mass at 10am. Easter Repast/ Świąconka after each Holy Mass.

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](http://www.sacc.tv)

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.

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](mailto:nucscholarship@gmail.com) if you have any questions. The application deadline is May 15th.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is today. 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, 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, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, 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, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Edward Glover, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Alyssa DePaula, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Jeremy Fish, Helen Pasiak, Pat Bruno, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Fr. Sr. Thaddeus Dymkowski, Joan de Paz, Sue Rummel, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer.

- 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 St. Matthew’s, Ruda Huta, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Ryszard Walczyński.

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.

--- Please think inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus ---