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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 17, 2013

Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

March 17, 2013

Rite: 11am Pew Missal, page 63

First reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm: 126:1-6

R. 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, the health and healing of Stephanie Konicki

Celebrant: 11am Rev. Mark Gnidzinski, Deacon: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 10:50am with Matins.
- Lenten Penance Service and Holy Mass at 11am
- Service of Healing/Anointing of the Sick
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes
- Coffee Hour – please join us.

Palm Sunday Niedziela Palmowa

March 24, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: 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 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.
- Blessing and Distribution of Palm, Procession, Scourging at 9:30am.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion
- Coffee Hour – please join us.
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes

Lenten Directed Giving: What should I bring next week? It is **BABY MAKES THREE Disposable Diapers, Baby Wipes, Liquid Formula, Jars of Baby Food.**

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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Upcoming...

- **March 17: Passion Sunday, one Holy Mass only with Lenten Penitential Service at 11am**
- **March 22: Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm**
- **March 24: Palm Sunday, Blessing and Distribution of Palms**
- **March 26: Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism, St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral, Scranton**
- **March 28: Maundy Thursday, 7pm**
- **March 29: Good Friday, Church opens at noon. Services at 1, 2, and 3pm, Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified, 7pm**
- **March 30: Holy Saturday: Holy Saturday Liturgies, Blessing of new fire, holy water, baptism of Karina Leigh Weglinski, renewal of baptismal promises, blessing of food, 4pm**

Should we hide?

No, go out and...

"Your father Abraham rejoiced that he was to see my day; he saw it and was glad." The Jews then said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they took up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple.

An excerpt from the traditional Gospel for the beginning of Passiontide is above. The Jews confronted Jesus, saying He was evil. Jesus boldly proclaimed the reality of who He is, God. He called Himself "I AM," the name of God given to Moses from the burning bush. Because of this the Jews sought to stone Jesus, to kill Him on the spot.

Jesus knew that this was not the end He was to endure. The time was not right. Now hunted, Jesus

was forced into hiding to avoid a premature execution. The shrouds covering His images in the Sanctuary symbolize the fact that Jesus was forced out of the public eye. This is a very solemn and important Sunday in our Lenten journey. The covering of sacred images is somber; we feel the tension build as we move toward of the Lord's passion and death.

As we walk through our daily lives we face tensions, decisions, contemplating whether the time is right to proclaim Jesus. We have to consider, in our current, so called post-Christian age, whether we can boldly proclaim that Jesus is "I AM," that He is God.

We know too that proclaiming is not enough because so many are distanced from the concept or idea of what God really is. Jesus is God, YES! But, what does that mean for those who are hearing of it for the first time?

Simply put, God is all knowing, all-powerful, all just, and most

important to us, all loving. He came to us with one purpose – reconciliation. In His death He reconciled us to Himself. We have a new and wonderful relationship with God – and all are welcome to join in that relationship. That's the message we need to send in our words and actions.

Might we get "stoned" if we declare these words? Perhaps. Some people won't like it, or may wish to impose their view of what God is – an unjust and mean judge, a magic genie, a wish granter, a nice guy who lets us decide for ourselves what is right and wrong. It is not that easy. Never is. A relationship with God takes more work, as we must strive to meet God's expectations: that we love Him and each other.

The statues are veiled. Our faith cannot be. The message of God and His love is ready for the telling. No "stoning" should stop us because love and His promises are ours – far more powerful than any opposition.

But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

Acts 4:19-20

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Timothy 1:7
MONDAY: John 15:18
TUESDAY: Acts 4:27
WEDNESDAY: Ezra 4:4-5
THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 6:2
FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
SATURDAY: Zechariah 9:9

Pray

Lord Jesus, strengthen me in every challenge; prepare me to proclaim You in the face of all opposition.

Holy Week Schedule

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

3/17 – Passion Sunday: Lenten Penitential Service, Holy Mass, Anointing of the Sick, 11am

3/22 – Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm

3/24 - Palm Sunday: Blessing and Distribution of Palms. Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am

3/26 - Holy Tuesday: Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism, St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral, Scranton

3/28 - Maundy Thursday: Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7pm

3/29 - Good Friday: Church opens at noon Services at 1, 2, and 3pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified, 7pm

3/30 - Holy Saturday: Holy Saturday Liturgies - Blessing of new fire, holy water, baptism of Karina Leigh Weglinski, renewal of baptismal promises, blessing of food, 4pm

3/31 - Solemnity of the Resurrection: Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass, 8am, Service at 10:30 Soup on Sunday and Easter Breakfast 10:30am

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

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 continues to rank as the highest rated TV show. Parts 5 and 6 air tonight on the History Channel at 8 p.m. (channels 39, 220, 1839). Continue to invite friends and family to watch together. The series combats biblical illiteracy and is a great way to learn salvation history. 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, Stephanie Konicki

- 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: Holy Cross Parish, Woodland Park, NJ its congregation and pastor Rev. Joseph Cyman.

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.