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Fourth Sunday of Lent IV Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 18, 2012
Rite: Deacon Missal
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 living and deceased

Worship leader: Rev. Mr. James Konicki
Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour – please join us.
- Confirmation Class

Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

March 25, 2012
Rite: Pew Missal, page 63
First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm: Ps 51:3-4,12-15 R. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**
Epistle: Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel: John 12:20-33

Intention: For all parishioners living and deceased

Celebrant: Rev. Adam Czarnecki
Deacon: Rev. Mr. James Konicki
Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Lenten Penitential Service at 9:30am
- Holy Mass
- Coffee Hour – please join us.
- Confirmation Class

Directed Giving for Lent:

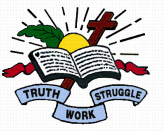
4th Week of Lent, Mar. 18-24, SCHOOL NEEDS Pencils and Pens, Folders and Notebooks, Crayons, Tape and Elmer's Glue.

Please bring these items on Sunday, March 25th.

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Upcoming...

- Mar. 23: Stations of the Cross, 7pm
- 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

Are we there yet?

its only 5,615 miles...

"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!"

We've all heard or seen those instances on a trip where someone in the car or airplane asks: "Are we there yet?" It is usually a small child who is impatient with the trip.

Our Lenten journey can be like that. By the time we close in on Easter we might ask ourselves (or others), "Are we there yet?"

If we were saying that now, it wouldn't be uncommon because from a time perspective we are more than half way there. Yet we may still be at the bottom of the hill.

The Jewish people had been exiled from Jerusalem for 70 years. They longed to return. They lost their music, their joy, and in their penance found reconciliation with God.

We must continue on our journey to find reconciliation with God. We may need to refresh and renew our Lenten sacrifice. We may need to reconnect to where we should be, and get back on the road.

The days ahead will be an uphill struggle. Penance will increase.

We will find it harder to comply with the Church's requirements and with our best intentions.

This is where family becomes essential to our journey. We do not need to travel 5,615 miles to get to Jerusalem the city or to family. The city is of no matter because it is only a place. Where we're headed is the new and heavenly Jerusalem. This is our family dwelling, the house that belongs to us because we are His children.

We can be assured that our acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, in faith, has put us on the road. Our membership in the family of faith, the Church, gives us the love and support we need to get there.

"Are we there yet?" Yes. "Are we still on the road?" Yes, that too. We have both a home and a family to support us as we journey there.

"I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

John 14:3

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Ezekiel 37:27
MONDAY: Hebrews 10:34-35
TUESDAY: Hebrews 11:1-2
WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 11:8-10
THURSDAY: Hebrews 11:13
FRIDAY: Hebrews 11:16
SATURDAY: Revelation 21:1-4

Pray

Lord Jesus, I long to dwell in the new and heavenly Jerusalem.

Sign-ups

Our **Basket Social** is just a few short weeks away – 4 in all. We have a sign up sheet available for those who could bring desserts to be sold from our kitchen. We ask for your assistance in providing something yummy for our guests to enjoy.

The **67th Annual PNCC Bowling Tournament**, which we are hosting, is also not too far off. We ask for your assistance in manning the registration table, providing assistance at the banquet (sign-ins), and other needed areas. Also, please remember that if you wish to bowl, forms are available from Deacon Jim or online at <http://www.ymsrbowl.org/>.

Holy Week & Easter Service Times

Maunder Thursday, Service & Procession at 7pm.

Good Friday, Church opens at Noon, Devotional Services at 1 and 2pm, Opening of the Tomb at 3pm, Liturgy at 7pm.

Holy Saturday Service and Blessing of Food at 4pm

Easter Sunday Resurrection Procession and Holy Mass at 9:30am

Of note...

Basket Social: Our amazing, wonderful, ever popular basket social is just 4 weeks away. Bring in your baskets anytime. Your work, creativity, and generosity are appreciated.

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 numbers. Note that re-subscription notices will be mailed shortly. The cost for each number chance is \$20.

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 Radzysinski, 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:

Holy Cross Parish, Warren, OH its congregation and pastor, Fr. Senior John Renczewicz.

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

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.