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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 22, 2015

## 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. Catherine T. Clas off. by Fr. Jim

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)

## Palm Sunday Niedziela Palmowa

March 29, 2015

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

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: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Intention: For śp. Charles Dzięgiel off. by Stephanie Dominy

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

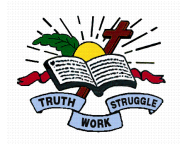
Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

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

*Accordingly, brethren, when you hear the Lord saying, Where I am, there shall also my servant be, do not think merely of good bishops and clergymen. But be yourselves also in your own way serving Christ, by good lives, by giving alms, by preaching His name and doctrine as you can; and every father of a family also, be acknowledging in this name the affection he owes as a parent to his family. – St. Augustine*

**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. 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**
- **Apr. 4: Holy Saturday: Liturgies and the Blessing of Easter Baskets at 4pm.**
- **Apr. 5: Solemnity of the Resurrection: Holy Mass and Procession at 8am, Holy Mass at 10am. Reception follows each.**

The tide is rolling in.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD

Today marks the 1st Sunday of Passiontide, the beginning of the two weeks before the Solemnity of the Resurrection. It is a time in which we can most deeply encounter Jesus by walking with Him.

We began our Lenten journey by receiving ashes and pledging to walk with Jesus for forty days as He fasted and prayed. Now that journey is drawing to a close.

As in any long journey we perceive the fact that we tire as

the journey gets closer to the end. Being near the end we have choices to make. Do we continue the same walk we have been on for the past five weeks? Do we give up now because we are tired or because we never really got started anyway? Or, do we double down, and chose to walk more closely with Jesus in this Passiontide?

The right choice is to walk more closely with Jesus. The time is drawing near and over the next two weeks we will recall Jesus teaching in the Temple as He tries to change the hearts of those who would hear Him. We see Him headed to the Upper Room where He will teach His closest friends, will wash their feet, and will leave them the gift of His body and blood through which they will ever be with Him. He will walk to the Garden to pray. He will be arrested, tortured, and will face false accusers at trial before unjust and mocking judges. He will be whipped, carry His own

cross, be nailed to it, and die on it. He will be buried in a borrowed tomb.

How close will we be with Him in this Passiontide? Jesus reminds us today: *Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.*

To walk more closely with Jesus requires something tremendous, that we give up our life, our ways, our opinions, our judgment of right and wrong and conform to Jesus’ way – He is the Way. Passiontide tests us more thoroughly. When the going gets tiring and tougher, will we walk way or work harder? Is where He is the place we really want to be? These are very difficult questions, and our answers – if they are right – will be persecuted in the world. Yet we have the promise of true freedom and victory. Let us walk more closely with Jesus for He *was lifted up* to draw us all closer to Him.

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Isaiah 41:2-4  
MONDAY: Isaiah 41:10  
TUESDAY: 1 John 2:5-6  
WEDNESDAY: Luke 24:13-15  
THURSDAY: Psalm 23:4  
FRIDAY: Psalm 23:6  
SATURDAY: Colossians 2:6

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to walk more closely with You and the courage to reject the ways and opinions of the world.

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.

Eternal rest

This past Friday, the Rt. Rev. Anthony Rysz was called home to the Lord. Bishop emeritus Rysz was the Bishop of the Central Diocese from 1968 to 1999. Although retired and in his nineties he continued to minister pastoring Holy Name of Jesus parish in Nanticoke, PA. May his memory be eternal.

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 April 19th. 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, 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, Shirley Greene.

- 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 Queen of Peace Parish, Głowaczów, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Marek Pawełczyk.

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 ---