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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Quinquagesima Sunday

Niedziela Pięćdziesiątnicy

February 26, 2017

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

First reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Psalm: Ps 62:2-3,6-9

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Intention: 9:30am for Frances Myslinski (health), 11:30am for all parishioners

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

Lector: 9:30am Daniel Diianne, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hours, SOCL/Confirmation/First Communion Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

1st Sunday of Lent

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March 5, 2017

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

First reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Psalm: Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Epistle: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Intention: 11:30am for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 11:30am Rev. Mark Gnidzinski.

Lector: 11:30am Marilyn Hietala

- Matins at 11:20am. Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

Hence anything whatever that is sought for the sake of something else, is doubtless inferior to that for the sake of which it is sought; and therefore that is first for the sake of which you seek such a thing, not the thing which you seek for the sake of that other. And for this reason, if we seek the gospel and the kingdom of God for the sake of food, we place food first, and the kingdom of God last; so that if food were not to fail us, we would not seek the kingdom of God: this is to seek food first, and then the kingdom of God. But if we seek food for this end, that we may gain the kingdom of God, we do what is said, Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
– 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 518-453-2258

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Upcoming...

- **February 26: Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **February 28: Last day for Epiphany Home Blessings.**
- **March 1: Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 7pm.**
- **March 3: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**
- **March 4: Commemoration of St. Casimir**
- **March 5: First Sunday of Lent, Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- **March 10: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**
- **March 12: Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC. Holy Mass at 9:30am ONLY. Annual Budget Meeting. Breakfast.**
- **March 17: Commemoration of St. Patrick. Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**
- **March 19: Third Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **March 20: Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M. (translated). Holy Mass at 8am.**

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.

Hit the road.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?"

Two weeks ago, we discussed using this Pre-Lenten season as an opportunity to stretch ourselves, to warm up and prepare for the living of God’s life. We then came face-to-face with our competitive natures and how we can turn them, use them, for God’s work, not to battle each other but to build up the Body of Christ. These are both aspects of preparation – getting us ready spiritually and mentally for our Lenten journey. Are we warmed up and ready? Are we ready to compete to build the Kingdom?

We now come to how we are to live

day-to-day, the words of Jesus we need to make real going into Lent.

This is the hardest part of our preparation because it is where the fullness of the faith lived life confronts us hardest. Sure, we can warm up, we can feel our competitive instinct kicking in. I’m ready to go, but then the reality of the race confronts us head on. We begin to doubt again – but the road will be bumpy, I’ll get a pebble in my shoe, my muscles will be sore, the couch looks so much more comfortable.

The couch is that comfortable place that will eventually kill us. If we sit in our habitual sins, if we rest where we are, if our charity and love do not increase, we are just inviting that heart attack. The heart attack will be that final realization that we haven’t pushed ourselves enough, we haven’t gotten as close as we can to God’s ideal life.

Jesus illustrates the various cars and worries that keep us sitting on the couch. These are the things that

weigh down on us – for His listeners it was clothing, food, drink, housing, and length of life. Some of these things may be our worry, but we can certainly substitute a lot of other stuff that bears on us while we sit on our couch.

In accepting Jesus as our salvation, we were regenerated and inherited a great promise. He now confronts us with what we have done with that salvation. have we boxed it up, put it in our laps as we sat back down on the couch or have we put it all into action.

Warmed up and ready? Ready to compete to build the Kingdom? Sure – but ready is not enough. Now is the time to get off the couch, to take the pain, to accept it with joy. Faith in Jesus, acceptance of His promises requires us to hit the road, to go. The grace of Jesus is not a cushion for our pews but is that adrenaline we need to reject worry and do all needed to seek only the kingdom.

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”

Matthew 16:26

Time to Study God’s Word

- SUNDAY: 1 Peter 5:7
- MONDAY: Colossians 3:23
- TUESDAY: Colossians 3:1
- WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah 29:13
- THURSDAY Psalm 55:22
- FRIDAY: Hebrews 13:5
- SATURDAY: Romans 12:2

Pray the week:

Lord, grant that I may get up and go out, hitting the road for the Kingdom and seeking only You.

Last Few Days of Pre-Lent

We are now in the last few days of this brief transitional season of Pre-Lent. We have moved from the joys of the Christmas/Epiphany Season to the solemn tones of Great Lent that begin with Ash Wednesday this week. In these last few days let us fully prepare for the forty-day journey to Holy Week and Easter. During Pre-Lent, the church begins to take on a more reserved appearance. Accordingly, we can no longer have flowers adorning the Sanctuary nor do we proclaim the Gloria. The Alleluia is replaced with the Tract.

Thank You Church Journeys

Donna Hanson Munafo had a vision several years ago to visit a different “church” each Sunday morning and then share her experiences. After each visit she posts her impressions and thoughts to her website at www.churchjourneyblog.com. Donna’s passion and purpose is to edify and encourage area churches, help bring unity to the Body of Christ and give insight to those who have never been to a particular “church.” Donna wrote a beautiful reflection on her visit with us last Sunday. Thank you for visiting our parish and for your beautiful work.

The Lenten Journey

We begin our Lenten journey this Wednesday, March 1st which is Ash Wednesday. We will have Holy Mass with the blessing and distribution of ashes at 7pm. Remember too that on Friday we begin the sacred tradition of observing the Lenten Devotions – Stations of the Cross. These will be conducted every Lenten Friday at 7pm. The faithful should strive to attend these Services. They are designed to help us better understand the loving devotion Jesus had for us, to the point where He gives up His life for us. Walk with Him today so that we may rejoice with Him on the last day. We will also be following our annual directed giving campaign to offer up food and other things needful for those in our local community.

Hospice Volunteers

Community Hospice is looking for compassionate and friendly people who have positive attitudes and are good listeners to be volunteers. A multi-day training session begins in March and pre-registration is required. If you are interested, please contact Robin Carlson at 518-470-1458 or by E-mail at rcarlson@communityhospice.org to request an application.

Easter Food Orders

Stephanie will once again be selling various foods for Easter and you can join in the fun too by making golumbki at church on Friday, April 14th from 9am. You can also join Stephanie at home to make pierogi. To join in or to place orders please call Stephanie at 518-369-1346 or E-mail her at sdominy@nycap.rr.com. Orders are being taken from March 1st –April 7th. Pick up is on Saturday, April 15th from 10-am-1 pm unless other arrangements are made. Golumbki are \$27/dozen, \$15/half-dozen, \$3 each. Pierogis are \$8/dozen, \$4.50/half-dozen and are available in potato, onion & cheese, sauerkraut, onion & bacon, and plain cheese. Easter breads or babka are \$9 each.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Robert & Stephanie Dominy, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, 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, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Muse En Lystrala, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Richard and Suzette Place, Amanda Carr, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, Daniel Dianne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo Dianne, Cassandra Wade, 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, Pattie 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 National Catholic Church. This week we remember and pray for the clergy and people of St. Joseph’s Mission Parish, Beausejour, Manitoba. Rev. Tadeusz Czelen.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. Please volunteer to help.

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. Help is always needed for SOCL especially in instructing and encouraging our youth. Please see Fr. Jim.

--- Invite friends and family to journey to heaven with you. ---