

# HALL OF FAITH

## focus

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 12, 2017

### Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC

#### Św. Zorganizowania PNKK

March 12, 2017

Rite: Pew Missal, page 39, Canon, page 52.

First reading: Wisdom 5:1-5

Psalm: 122:1-9

**I rejoiced when I heard them say: “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”**

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:1-5

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Intention: 9:30am for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 9:30am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Exposition and Benediction
- Breakfast and Annual Budget Meeting

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

#### III Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 19, 2017

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

First reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm: Ps 95:1-2,6-9

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Epistle: Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Intention: 9:30am for Rev. śp. Raymond Drada, 11:30am for all parishioners.

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

***It follows after commendation of the Trinity, The Holy Church. God is pointed out, and His temple. For the temple of God is holy, says the Apostle, which (temple) are you. This same is the holy Church, the one Church, the true Church, the catholic Church, fighting against all heresies: fight, it can: be fought down, it cannot. As for heresies, they went all out of it, like as unprofitable branches pruned from the vine: but itself abides in its root, in its Vine, in its charity. The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” – 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...

- **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 for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.**
- **March 24: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**
- **March 25: Solemnity – Annunciation of the B.V.M.**
- **March 26: Fourth Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **March 31: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**
- **April 1: Commemoration – Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur. Seniorate Lenten Retreat, Little Falls, NY.**
- **April 2: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **April 7: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**

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.

Conviction from the other side.

“Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

This Lent we are focusing on the theme of God’s conviction. Jesus told us that the Holy Spirit would come to convict the world – clearly declaring our guilt.

Recognizing the Holy Spirit’s conviction, we have a choice. We can acknowledge and accept our guilt and flee to Jesus. We can declare our faith in him, admit our sin and conviction, and make Him the Lord of our life. In doing that, all sin is forgiven and we have access to the rich treasury of grace and mercy won for us by Jesus.

On the other hand, we can ignore or self-excuse our conviction. We can bury it, and try to fill our lives with the kinds of noise that shuts out the work of the Holy Spirit. When we do that we grow deaf to God’s call.

We condemn ourselves to the coldness of outsider status. For those who accept God’s conviction, who put their faith in the Lord, something amazing happens. They move from the conviction of guilt to a conviction in righteousness. This is what happened 120 years ago.

In 1897, a group of church goers moved from the hopelessness of external faith to the deep conviction born of a declaration of faith in Jesus alone. Today we celebrate and recognize that day.

The Christian conviction they experienced, their acceptance of the Lord over “going along” transformed their hearts. They moved from an outward conformity; casual agreement and compliance with their Church’s religious rules to a deep conviction in what God promised them.

People can casually agree or conform with a lot of things and not be fully convinced of them or even believe any of them. People

can go for many years living a lie, being deceived about what they believe and what they practice. It isn’t until they face the winds of affliction that the truth of their beliefs is tested. That is when they find out whether their house is built on the Rock or it was built on the sand.

The faithful of 1897 found Christian conviction built on salvation in Jesus. With that revelation, they faced the onslaught of the enemy, of persecution, trials, and affliction standing on the Rock. They found out that their old conformity could not carry them.

As they did, we must do. The Lord knows our choice. Our challenge is to examine ourselves to see whether we are in Lord. If we have accepted our conviction and live true conviction we, like they, like the Apostles, saints, martyrs, and heroes of the faith, will move mountains, change the world, bear much fruit, and be truly victorious.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 3:26  
MONDAY: Isaiah 41:10  
TUESDAY: 2 Corinthians 3:5  
WEDNESDAY: Romans 15:13  
THURSDAY: Philippians 4:13  
FRIDAY: Hebrews 13:6  
SATURDAY: 1 John 3:22

Pray the week:  
Lord, grant me true conviction in righteousness. Grant me the confidence to build Your Church and your kingdom.

Seniorate Lenten Retreat

Our Mohawk Valley Seniorate will conduct its Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 1st at Holy Spirit Parish in Little Falls starting at 10am. Fr. Jim will be giving the reflection. The sacrament of penance will be celebrated along with Holy Mass. Lunch will be served. We will arrange for car-pooling. Please let Fr. Jim or Larry know if you are going so we can give counts for lunch. There is no charge for this spiritual exercise.

On The Lenten Journey

We have begun our Lenten journey. Remember that on Fridays we continue 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. The faithful are reminded that Wednesday and Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

Women of Worship Conference

The 2017 Spring Women of Worship conference is being held on Saturday May 6th, 8 am to 4 pm at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Colonie, NY. There will also be a variety of workshops to choose from. Breakfast and a full lunch will be provided. Register in advance online – tickets are just \$10 for members of churches visited by Church Journeys. See Fr. Jim for the discount code. Register at <https://2017WowTreasured.eventbrite.com>.

Planning Longer Term

- The annual women’s inspirational conference: *It Is Well With My Soul... Mind & Body* on Saturday, April 29th in Queensbury, NY.
- Music Scholarship Applications are due May 1st.
- 17th Mission & Evangelism Workshop at Holy Cross Parish, Woodland Park, NJ. May 5th.
- 72nd Annual Bowling Tournament at the Church of the Transfiguration, Wallington, NJ, May 19th-21st.
- National United Choirs Convention and Workshop, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Manchester, NH, July 26th-28th.

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](mailto: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, 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, 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 Diianne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo Diianne, Cassandra Wade, Joseph Emmanuel, Amber Hartshorne, Sean Whitney, 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, Pattric 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 Our Savior Chapel, Scranton, PA. Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Pastor. Rev. Janusz Lucarz, Assistant.

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. ---