



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 19, 2017

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).

4th Sunday of Lent

IV Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 26, 2017
Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.
First reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
Psalm: Ps 23:1-6
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

Intention: 9:30am for śp Donald Martin; 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).
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Observe her zeal and wisdom. She came to draw water, and when she had lighted upon the true Well, she after that despised the material one; teaching us even by this trifling instance when we are listening to spiritual matters to overlook the things of this life, and make no account of them. For what the Apostles did, that, after her ability, did this woman also. They when they were called, left their nets; she of her own accord, without the command of any, leaves her water pot, and winged by joy performs the office of Evangelists. And she calls not one or two, as did Andrew and Philip, but having aroused a whole city and people, so brought them to Him.
– St. John Chrysostom

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 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.**
- **April 9: Palm Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 with Blessing and Distribution of Palms and 11:30am.**
- **April 11: Holy Tuesday. Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism in Scranton, PA.**

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.

Bewildered, convicted, witnessing.

The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"

This Lent we continue our focus on the fruits of conviction. Because of our jealousies and selfishness, we face God’s conviction. In our weakness, we chose desire over faithfulness, temporary and fleeting satisfaction over eternal joy, conflict over peace, labor over work, shame, worry, cares, and threats. If we accept our conviction and plead guilty we are given access to the full treasury of God’s grace that starts with His forgiveness, the washing away of our sin.

As new people in Jesus our conviction moves from the conviction of guilt to a conviction in righteousness. We live in the assurance of God’s blessing and become all that God has called us to be.

The story of the nameless Samaritan woman at the well, recorded only in the Gospel of John, is a revealing one, full of many truths and powerful lessons.

This was an extraordinary woman. She was a Samaritan, a race of people that the Jews utterly despised as having no claim on their God, and she was an outcast and looked down upon by her own people. This woman was not welcome at the well while the other women were there – she had to come alone. She was ostracized and marked as immoral, an unmarried woman living openly with the sixth in a series of men.

What happens with this woman is a perfect parallel to the experience of all people. Her conviction by both Jews and her own people was tough to bear. She may have felt terrible about it, yet she refused to admit – really admit – her sin. She persisted in it. Yet God waits to meet her.

Jesus waited for her. Jesus meets her at the well as He meets us when we are in sin and desperate. He is

there, even if we haven’t fully accepted our conviction, waiting. In their conversation, Jesus opens the truths of His care – these truths apply to all of us. He cares, so He encounters us and speaks to us. He has something to give us that no one else can give – living water, truth that gives life. He teaches us about right worship – stemming from Spirit and truth; not just form or function or place. He knows our reality and He holds it up to us asking us to accept conviction – because in the end, we are asked to be honest. He values us enough to not just seek us, but to give us the freedom of choice; conviction or excuse. Like us, she had a choice. Like us, the gifts awaited.

The woman came to recognize God – more than the disciples had. All from one encounter. She went from bewilderment at this encounter, to conviction, to acceptance, to finally witnessing and drawing her community to Jesus. She was saved, fruit from conviction.

And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”

Mark 16:15

Time to Study God’s Word

- SUNDAY: 1 Peter 3:15
- MONDAY: Jeremiah 1:7-8
- TUESDAY: Matthew 5:16
- WEDNESDAY: Colossians 4:2-3
- THURSDAY 2 Timothy 2:15
- FRIDAY: Romans 1:16
- SATURDAY: Psalm 40:9-10

Pray the week:

Lord, grant me the courage of the Samaritan woman – accepting my conviction and witnessing to the whole city.

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.

New (Easy) Project

We’ve got an exciting new way to increase our ministry in the community and we need your help with launching our new tool, Social Reach Daily by Outreach! Go to our church Facebook page and check out our new daily inspirational post. We’re going to have one of these posted each day. It would be really helpful if you would “like” it and then share it to your own timeline. Doing so gives us the opportunity to reach those that are hurting, those that need uplifting and those that do not yet know Jesus. As you share the post, please take a moment to pray for those who will see it. Pray that they will be encouraged and challenged, and that God will use these simple posts to draw others closer to Him.

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. 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.

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 Dianne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo Dianne, Cassandra Wade, Joseph Emmanuel, Amber Hartshorne, Sean Whitney, Garry Packer, 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 All Saints Parish, Johnson City, NY. Rev. Dennis Ruda, Pastor.

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.

Of note...

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