

I USED TO BE  
AFRAID OF THE  
DARK UNTIL I  
LEARNED THAT  
**I AM A LIGHT**  
AND THE DARK IS  
AFRAID OF ME.

EPHESIANS 5:8

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 26, 2017

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

## Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

April 2, 2017

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

First reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm: Ps 130:1-8

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Epistle: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Intention: 9:30am for śp. Frances Myslinski; 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. Lenten Penance Service & Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hours, SOCL/Confirmation/First Communion Classes
- Lenten Penance Service & Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

*Now these things are recorded, that we too may imitate them. For if the blind man, the beggar, who had not even seen Him, straightway showed such boldness even before he was encouraged by Christ, standing opposed to a whole people, murderous, possessed, and raving, who desired by means of his voice to condemn Christ, if he neither yielded nor gave back, but most boldly stopped their mouths, and chose rather to be cast out than to betray the truth; how much more ought we, who have lived so long in the faith, who have seen ten thousand marvels wrought by faith, who have received greater benefits than he, have recovered the sight of the eyes within, have beheld the ineffable Mysteries, and have been called to such honor, how ought we, I say, to exhibit all boldness of speech towards those who attempt to accuse, and who say anything against the Christians, and to stop their mouths, and not to acquiesce without an effort. And we shall be able to do this, if we are bold, and give heed to the Scriptures, and hear them not carelessly. – 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 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.
- **April 13: Maundy Thursday.** Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm.
- **April 14: Good Friday.** 3rd Annual Cross Walk Starting at St. Adalbert's at 11am. Private Devotions at 2pm. Bitter Lamentations at 3pm. Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 7pm.
- **April 15: Holy Saturday.** Liturgy of New Fire. Renew Your Baptismal Vow. Blessing of Easter Baskets, 4pm.

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.

Expectations.  
Realities.

*When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, He found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, the One speaking with you is He." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped Him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."*

This Lent we continue our focus on conviction and its outcome. Today we are presented with two amazing sets of events.

The Lord speaks to Samuel and sets him off to anoint the new king of Israel. *"Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way."* Samuel heads to Jesse's house to carry out this important and solemn deed. We can imagine his sense of excitement coupled with his nervousness. He imagines this strong, sturdy,

handsome man, the oil pouring down over his dark hair, his face and beard. Jesse's oldest comes forward. Eliab – this must be him. A man of *lofty stature*. God reminds Samuel – *“man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."*

Samuel is confronted, as we are, with the unexpected. None of these men are chosen. It will be the youngest, just a boy.

More powerfully, the Pharisees could not believe what had happened. This dreadful Jesus cured a man on the Sabbath.

They try every which way to discredit Jesus. ‘This man wasn't really blind.’ They were early conspiracy theorists. ‘Jesus is a sinner – just deny Him.’ If we discredit this ‘holy man’ people will stop believing. They were early politicians. Finally, they ridicule and throw out the man born blind. ‘Mock the believers and no one else will believe.’ They were early manipulators.

Samuel, Jesse, and the Pharisees were much like us, people of expectation. What they expected was what they thought they should expect. They failed to perceive God's promise or His will. They only thought, ‘Surely it must be.’

This is how it was before we recognized and accepted our conviction and before we acted on it. We can hear echoes of our words, ‘Surely I must be...’ Fill it in: unworthy, good enough, rich enough, too poor, addicted, sick, male, female, too young or old. Whatever our excuse for missing God's will for us might have been, once we accepted conviction, and moved to admit it and accept Jesus as our one and only Savior, we moved to reality.

Jesus missed the part where we lifted ourselves above Him or thought we were unworthy of Him. He ignores our expectations to bring us to reality. Through the Spirit He prompts us by conviction to be: *His children of light*. The reality that matters.

*The desire of the righteous ends only in good; the expectation of the wicked in wrath.*

Proverbs 11:23

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 10:28  
MONDAY: Philippians 1:20  
TUESDAY: Ephesians 3:20  
WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 2:8-9  
THURSDAY: John 1:12  
FRIDAY: Romans 8:19  
SATURDAY: Matthew 6:33

Pray the week:

Lord, grant that I may set aside all personal expectations and place full trust in Your will for me.

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.

Passiontide Begins Next Week

If you are able, please stay after church today, or come for Stations of the Cross on Friday, to help prepare the church for Passiontide

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.

Cross Walk and Help Needed

This year we will once again participate in the annual Cross Walk through Mont Pleasant. Cross Walk will start at St. Adalbert's Parish on Good Friday, April 14th at 11am. Seven Churches, including ours, are participating. We do need the help of several adults who could volunteer as crossing guards. Please let Fr. Jim know ASAP.

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.
- 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.
- 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 Thank You

Thank you to all who came out to assist with preparing Easter food orders and for helping Stephanie in any way you could. Thank you to Stephanie for working so hard and with such dedication, amid numerous challenges, to so greatly assist our parish. thank you to all who ordered food and support us. May God bless each of you greatly.

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, 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 Guardian Angel Parish, Los Angeles, CA. Rev. Andrew Machowski, 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. ---