



## 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).

## 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

*But among brethren and fellow-servants, where there is common hope, fear, joy, grief, suffering, because there is a common Spirit from a common Lord and Father, why do you think these brothers to be anything other than yourself? Why flee from the partners of your own mischances, as from such as will derisively cheer them? The body cannot feel gladness at the trouble of any one member, it must necessarily join with one consent in the grief, and in laboring for the remedy. In a company of two is the church; but the church is Christ. When, then, you cast yourself at the brethren's knees, you are handling Christ, you are entreating Christ. In like manner, when they shed tears over you, it is Christ who suffers, Christ who prays the Father for mercy. – Tertullian*

**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 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 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.**

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.

Convicted and freed.

"We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil."

God set forth very clear directions for the young couple in the garden, the archetype (i.e., model) for all of mankind. Through them a state of sinfulness entered the world. This is not to say that we are born evil or full of sin, but like that couple, we easily fall into sin because of its allure; because we follow their model.

If we take apart the story of that couple, we see the draw of evil played out in its essence. They had everything – all of God’s gifts – food, peace, work, nothing to be

ashamed of, no worries or cares, no threats. But there was that one thing, out of reach, like an apple high up in a tree.

Mmmmm, look at that, just out of reach and something to be jealous of. Why can’t I have it. Who is God to put obstacles or limitations in my way? Who is God to keep the tasty treat of full knowledge away from me? Who is God to be God – I should be god.

The young couple’s choice born of jealousy became the model for the worldly. We now have desire over faithfulness, temporary and fleeting satisfaction over eternal joy, conflict over peace, labor over work, shame, worry, cares, and threats.

Because of their choice, they had to face conviction. God enters the garden, to walk with them, and finds them guilty. Judgment falls upon them as it does on all of us – because of choices. Convicted because we, like they, fail to say, to proclaim: I will obey. I will rely.

Jesus comes into the world, as the Father did, to walk with us. He brings a new example, a new archetype, a new model for our lives. Fasting, tired, hungry, weather beaten – there it was – all power, all the food and power one might enjoy, and the fleeting promise that He could do it all without facing any consequences. Facing the same temptations that young couple faced, He chose differently. He said, I will obey. I will rely on the Father alone.

We certainly stand convicted because of our choices. The natural outcome of our choices is a judgment of guilty. It is certain death. Yet the new model, Jesus, because of His choices, because of His obedience brings us the *grace of God, acquittal, the abundance of grace, and the gift of justification.*

These things come to reign in our lives when we chose differently as Jesus did – You, Father, are God. I will obey. I will rely on You alone. I accept Your freedom.

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

John 3:36

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: James 1:12  
MONDAY: 1 John 3:18  
TUESDAY: 1 John 5:13  
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 23:4  
THURSDAY Job 19:25  
FRIDAY: Hebrews 10:22  
SATURDAY: Romans 5:1

Pray the week:

Lord, grant that I rely on Your victory. Free me from self-reliance.

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.

Planning Long 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.

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](mailto: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](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, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węgliński, 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, Patricia 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. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral, 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. ---