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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 2, 2017

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. Marlyn Martiniano; 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), Exposition and Benediction.
- Coffee Hours, SOCL/Confirmation/First Communion Classes
- Lenten Penance Service & Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

Palm Sunday Niedziela Palmowa

April 9, 2017

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

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Epistle: Philippians 2:8-9

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

Intention: 9:30am for śp Frances Myslinski; 11:30am for all parishioners.

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

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

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

And at this time He dwelt in Ephratah, near the wilderness, and there He tarried with His disciples. How do you think that those disciples were confounded when they beheld Him saving Himself after the manner of a man? After this no man followed Him. For since the Feast was near, all were running to Jerusalem; but they, at a time when all others were rejoicing and holding solemn assembly, hide themselves, and are in danger. Yet still they tarried with Him. For they hid themselves in Galilee, at the time of the Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles; and after this again during the Feast, they only of all were with their Master in flight and concealment, manifesting their good will 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...

- **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 Liturgy of the 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.**
- **April 16: Solemnity of the Resurrection: Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am, Holy Mass at 10am. Easter Repast/ Świąconka after each Holy Mass.**
- **April 23: Low Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**

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.

Even now
I trust.

Martha went to meet Him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

As we enter Passiontide we continue our focus on conviction and the kind of faith that shows we have not just accepted conviction but have been changed to people of deep faith.

Remember Jesus’ earlier encounter with Martha and Mary. Mary sat at the feet of Jesus, listening to Him teaching, filled with faith. Martha was busy in the kitchen and was annoyed – her sister wasn’t helping. Martha complained to Jesus and Jesus told her straight out that Mary had *chosen the better part*. Mary saw the opportunity of God’s presence while Martha was convicted for busing herself with less important things.

Now Martha’s brother is dead. He’s been placed in the tomb and the tomb is sealed. They had sent word to Jesus while he was still alive, but He didn’t show up. Now Jesus is approaching.

The woman who busied herself in the kitchen, who missed Jesus’ teachings, who chose the lesser part, comes running out ...*but Mary sat in the house*. What happened?

What happened is that Martha got something deeper from that earlier encounter and conviction. She received a gift of faith so deep and powerful that not even death could diminish it. Not death, not disappointment, nothing!

In running out to Jesus and in speaking with Him Martha proclaims the depth of that faith gift. Listen carefully: "*Lord, even now I know...*"

Even now... Despite, nevertheless, notwithstanding. No matter what has happened, even now I know You are Lord.

The key is that Martha recognized there was nothing more powerful than God. Faith demanded that she lay aside all mistrust. While Mary listened to Jesus, what did she take away from that listening? Was her trust increased? How was her faith at her brother’s tomb?

Martha believed Jesus could have healed her brother – same as Mary. Yet her faith differed. She exercised a much more powerful ‘even now’ faith. She saw more deeply because she knew Jesus could see her heart. She trusted Jesus completely because He revealed what her true concern should be – not in the kitchen, but in faith. She accepted the gift and made faith active.

If we look closely, Martha did not think Jesus would raise her brother. She knew he was dead She even told Jesus – look, he’s dead, he’s rotting already. And that is the power of her even now faith. She is our example. Everything hasn’t worked out, yet even now I trust in You, Lord.

I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:12-13

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 31:24
MONDAY: Galatians 6:9
TUESDAY: Romans 12:12
WEDNESDAY: 1 Corinthians 13:7
THURSDAY: Joshua 1:9
FRIDAY: Isaiah 41:10
SATURDAY: Matthew 11:28-30

Pray the week:

Lord, grant that my faith may ever increase. Allow no obstacle or challenge to overpower what I have in You.

Seniorate Lenten Retreat – Thank You

Our Mohawk Valley Seniorate conducted its Lenten Retreat on Saturday. Thank you to all who attended. It was such a wonderful occasion to deepen and widen our faith commitment and to breathe deeply in God.

Passiontide

In Passiontide we recognize the fact that a price had been placed on Jesus’ head. we read in John 11:53-54: *So from that day on they planned to kill him. So Jesus no longer walked about in public...* We cover the various representations of the Lord recognizing the depth of despair we would feel if Jesus were to hide His face from us.

New (Easy) Project -Results

By going to our church Facebook page, and by liking and sharing our new daily inspirational posts, you have increased our average weekly reach from about 250 people per week to well over 800. You have evangelized and prayed for those who see those posts. You have encouraged and challenged them, and have taken steps to draw them closer to Him. Thank you and keep it up!

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Please take now of our Holy Week and Easter schedule. Invite your friends and family, and plan to take part in all the liturgies of the Triduum – from Maundy Thursday to Holy Saturday: **Maundy Thursday**. Holy Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7pm; **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; **Holy Saturday**. Liturgy of New Fire. Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Blessing of Easter Baskets, 4pm.

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 could use volunteer crossing guards. Please let Fr. Jim know ASAP.

Eternal Rest

Our long-time parishioner and friend, Mr. John Winarski, has entered into eternal rest. God blessed John with a long life – he was 101½ - and with a great spirit of generosity. Services will be after Easter. Eternal rest grant onto him O Lord!

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.

Of note...

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

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, 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, 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 Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA. Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid, 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.