



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 21, 2018

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time III Niedziela zwykła

January 21, 2018

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

First reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Psalm: Ps 25:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Intention: 10am for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am Larry Panfil

- Matins at 9:50am and Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour, Parish Committee meeting.

Septuagesima Sunday Niedziela Siedemdziesiątnica

January 28, 2018

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

First reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

Psalm: Psalm 32:1-2,5,11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Intention: 11:30am for all parishioners

Celebrant: 11:30am Rev. Mark Gnidzinski

Lector: 11:30am Derek Westcott

- Matins at 11:20am. Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour.

For Jonah was a servant, but I am the Master; and he came forth from the great fish, but I rose from death. He proclaimed destruction, but I am come preaching the good tidings of the kingdom. The Ninevites indeed believed without a sign, but I have exhibited many signs. They heard nothing more than those words, but I have made it impossible to deny the truth. The Ninevites came to be ministered to, but I, the very Master and Lord of all, have come not threatening, not demanding an account, but bringing pardon. – 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...

- **January 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Parish committee meeting follows.**
- **January 25: Feast - Conversion of St. Paul. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends.**
- **January 28: Septuagesima Sunday/Music Scholarship Sunday. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- **February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation. Holy Mass at 7pm with blessing of candles.**
- **February 3: commemoration of St. Blaise.**
- **February 4: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY, Blessing of Throats. Breakfast and Annual Meeting follows.**
- **February 11: Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **February 12: President's Day.**
- **February 14: Commemoration of St. Valentine.**
- **February 16: 65th Anniversary of the death of Š+P Prime Bishop Franczisek 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.

The before and the after.

Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

Jonah is on the job! Well, really, finally he is doing what he was asked to do.

Today is a story of the before, the present, and the after. The story of Jonah is so well known that we can almost recite it from heart.

Jonah, a well know prophet, was asked to go to Nineveh. He was to go into enemy territory, and tell people who had no faith or belief in the One true God that He was going to destroy the city for its sinfulness. Jonah figured he was doomed, he'd end up another dead prophet. So, Jonah ran it the opposite direction. More than run, Jonah immunized himself against God's voice – so

much so that he slept through the storm God sent to redirect him. This is the before.

Each of us has a before.

Sometimes, our before is a place we have been for a long time. It is something we want to get out of. Sometimes, our before is just a moment ago. We know we aren't where we should be and we want to be different. We want to wake up. Sometimes, like Jonah we have a longstanding before in God's presence. Even if we knew God and carried out His will, listened to His voice, we fall back into our before. Sometimes we immunize ourselves to God's voice. When any of this happens, God sends His voice. He urges us, calls to us. If we stay stubborn, God sends the storm. He tries to wake us up. Sometimes He send friends – as with Jonah when his shipmates had to wake him up.

God's call finally woke Jonah up, He decided to respond, to wake up. He decided, after days of reflection, to carry out the Lord's will. He called

out to God and said: *What I have vowed I will pay: deliverance is from the LORD.*

Those words need to be our now. If we are in a bad place, and have come here for the first time ever, for the first time in a long time, or if we have been here for a long time, yet feel numb and cold, we need to wake up, respond, and get on the job.

The Apostles had a before. *Simon and his brother Andrew... were fishermen. James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John... were in a boat mending their nets.* Then they heard Jesus call. Some slipped away completely. Others fell back, fell asleep until they were woken-up. They were not unlike us, but did great things because they laid aside their before for Jesus' now and after.

We are called to set aside our before. To realize we are freed from before so to live consistent with Jesus' call to us – now and ever after.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Hebrews 13:8
MONDAY: Jeremiah 29:11
TUESDAY: Romans 12:1-2
WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 18:15
THURSDAY: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
FRIDAY: Ephesians 4:22-24
SATURDAY: Luke 13:3

Pray

Lord Jesus, You have called me to set aside my before and to live in Your future. Help me to be Yours today and always.

Take Note and Errata

Please note our Holy Mass schedule is slightly different for most of January and February 4th. Also, please note that there was an error in the monthly newsletter regarding Holy Mass and our annual meeting on February 4th. Holy Mass will be at 10am followed by breakfast and our annual meeting.

Home Blessings

Let us make a special effort to celebrate Jesus' coming with true joy for each of its forty days (i.e., until February 2nd). Note the various observances of the season on our calendar. If you would like to have your home blessed after the Solemnity of the Epiphany (January 6th), please see Fr. Jim to set up a time. All home blessings must be concluded prior to Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

Spaghetti Dinner Thank You

Thank you to Joanne Bauer, her three daughters, and three granddaughters for providing such a wonderful dinner. Your hard work and dedication are such a blessing. Thank you to all who came out and supported the dinner. It was truly great! stato fantastico!

SouperBowl Sunday

Our new food and money collection is for Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4th. Souper Bowl Sunday supports local charities feeding the hungry. This is our 17th year participating. Please leave your donations in the soup pot or by the manger. God bless you for your spare change and generosity!!!

Valentine's Raffle

Tickets were sent out for February's Outrageous Valentine's raffle. Prizes total \$1,180! Each entry gives one multiple chances to win. Tickets should be returned by Sunday, February 4th. Thank you for supporting this effort, which pays for our summer youth programs – Kurs and CONVO.

HELP Need

I want to reach out at this special time of the year and ask some things of you. In order to live as a parish (not just survive) we need these things from you. First, **prayer**. We need your continued prayers for the parish and for our mission in Schenectady. Second, **membership**. In 1972, there were over 150 members of our parish. Did you know that our mailing list for newsletters is addressed to nearly 200 people? That is 160 possible members, we are actually growing, but only 40 maintain a membership. If you are not a member, we need you to take up membership. Third, **involvement**. If church is just for Sunday we have missed the entire point. Churches thrive on parishioner activity. Join the parish committee, take up a project, participate in the many ministries available. I ask these gifts from you in this Christmas season and throughout 2018. God bless you!

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice 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, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Donnie Wright, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, 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, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Crystal Haley, Linda DePaula, Michelle & Eric, Tina Haq. 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. Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Robert Pleczkowski, Fr. Andrew Bilinski.
- 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 the Parish of St Justin Martyr, Trondheim, Norway.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Coffee Hour: Please join us for Coffee. Your support and assistance are needed for this ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to take a week.

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. See Father Jim.

Of note...