



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiątnicy

February 4, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22,24-25

Psalm: Ps 41:2-3,4-5,13-14

Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Intention: 10am for our parish.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am Marilyn Hietala

- Matins at 9:50am and Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite). Exposition and Benediction, Blessing of Throats.
- Breakfast, Annual Meeting.

Quinquagesima Sunday Niedziela Pięćdziesiątnicy

February 11, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: Hosea 2:16-17,21-22

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners

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

Lector: 9:30am Joe Kaczynski, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour, SOCL/Confirmation/First Communion Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

Let us not then be disturbed, neither dismayed, when trials befall us. For if the gold refiner sees how long he ought to leave the piece of gold in the furnace, and when he ought to draw it out, and does not allow it to remain in the fire until it is destroyed and burnt up: much more does God understand this, and when He sees that we have become more pure, He releases us from our trials so that we may not be overthrown and cast down by the multiplication of our evils. Let us then not be repining, or faint-hearted, when some unexpected thing befalls us; but let us suffer Him who knows these things accurately, to prove our hearts by fire as long as He pleases: for He does this for a useful purpose and with a view to the profit of those who are tried. – 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...

- **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 14: Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 7pm. Commemoration of St. Valentine.**
- **February 16: 65th Anniversary of the death of S+P Prime Bishop Franciszek Hodur. Stations of the Cross at 7pm.**
- **February 18: First Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **February 19: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meets. President's Day.**
- **February 23: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.**
- **February 24: Feast – St. Matthias.**
- **February 25: Second Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **March 4: Third Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Breakfast and Annual Financial Meeting follows.**

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.

What is new and the best?

Thus says the LORD: Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!

Today’s gospel presents one of the most picturesque, most moving, and most dramatic events in Jesus’ ministry.

As usual, Jesus is in someone’s house. Everyone is there to see Him, to hear Him teach and proclaim the Kingdom. It is standing room only and people cannot even get inside the door. Four men decide to bring their friend, so he might be healed. The drama begins. They cannot get near Jesus. Like most guys, the devise a crazy plan. Let’s go up on the roof and break in from above.

Now imagine, they had to get ladders or ropes. They had to get up on the roof. They had to get their paralyzed friend up there too; he couldn’t move himself. That process had to take some time. They’re likely wondering if Jesus might leave in the meantime

The clock (or sundial) is ticking away.

They finally get up there. They start breaking open the roof. The people, down below had to have been – at least wondering. Pieces of the roof were falling down on the crowd.

The hole is open, the men begin to lower their friend. They are eager, working hard, trusting in a miracle. Our friend will walk, our friend will walk – almost like a Super Bowl cheer. And, Jesus says: “Child, your sins are forgiven.”

There is a mix of drama and disappointment. A moral drama is taking place between the Scribes and Jesus. All the while this man is laying there, suspended by ropes. His friends are teetering on the roof. They are teetering in their disappointment. They are on the edge of losing faith. They are looking at each other – What did we just do? This wasn’t worth it at all! How are we going to get out of here?

The focus is suddenly on Jesus’ question to the Scribes. It is phrased

as: Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, pick up your mat and walk?’ This is a question about the power of God and the greatness of the gifts He offers. Which is the greatest power and gift – to physically heal or to free someone from sins?

Jesus sets the record straight. Reflecting on Isaiah’s prophecy, Jesus makes the paralyzed man’s past go away. I will remember not the events of the past. Jesus has freed the man from his past, his sins. He shows Himself as Master of the past, present, and future; the Master who can make everything new. Then to dramatically illustrate what He had done, He tells the man to get up and walk. The man’s life is totally new. He walks without bondage. The bonds and chains that drag us down vanish in Jesus’ words. This is for us. Jesus delivers extraordinary freedom for us, making all new and best. We will walk! We will walk!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Ephesians 4:22-2
MONDAY: Jeremiah 29:11
TUESDAY: Lamentations 3:22-24
WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 40:31
THURSDAY: 1 John 4:18
FRIDAY: Psalm 122:1-2
SATURDAY: 1 Peter 1:3

Pray

Lord Jesus, You are Master of past, present, and future. Remove my sins, free me from my chains, and bring me into Your kingdom.

Please Join Us

Please note that breakfast and our annual meeting follow holy mass today. We need you there!

Blessed Candles and Throat Blessing

Candles blessed on the Solemnity of the Presentation are available to take home. Throats will be blessed after Holy Mass in commemoration of St. Blasius, Bishop and Martyr who is the Patron Saint for ailments of the throat.

Welcome to the Pre-Lenten Season

Today is the 2nd Sunday of our brief transitional season of Pre-Lent or the Season of Septuagesima. This three-Sunday season allows us to move from the joys of the Christmas/Epiphany Season to the solemn tones of Great Lent. The season serves as our remote preparations for Holy Week and Easter. During Pre-Lent, the church begins to take on a more reserved appearance. Accordingly, we will no longer have flowers adorning the Sanctuary.

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.

SouperBowl Sunday

Today is Souper Bowl Sunday, which supports local charities feeding the hungry. This is our 17th year participating. Please leave your donations in the soup pot or by the Mary altar. God bless you for your spare change and generosity!!!

Valentine’s Raffle

Our Outrageous Valentine’s raffle begins today. Please deposit your final tickets. Prizes total \$1,180! Each entry gives one multiple chances to win. 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 Sczepkowski, 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, Pattric 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 St. Nicholas Mission, Karlskrona, Sweden.

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...

--- Holy Name: Preparing for the Kingdom ---