



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Quinquagesima Sunday Niedziela Pięćdziesiąticy

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).

1st Sunday in Lent I Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 18, 2018

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

First reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm: Ps 25:4-9

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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Because we are persuaded that we shall give an account of everything in the present life to God, who made us and the world, we adopt a temperate and benevolent and generally despised method of life, believing that we shall suffer no such great evil here, even should our lives be taken from us, compared with what we shall there receive for our meek and benevolent and moderate life from the great Judge. – St. Athenagoras.

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 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 Š+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 2: NO Stations of the Cross**
- **March 4: Third Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- **March 9: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**
- **Mar 10: Lenten Retreat, 10am.**

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 kind of letter am I?

You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on your hearts, to be known and read by all men; and you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God.

St. Paul, in writing to the Corinthians, reflects on credentials. He begins by saying: *Do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you?* Did Paul need a letter of recommendation when he came back to Corinth? After all, he had led the people there to Jesus. Yet, we infer from this passage that they were asking for exactly that; his credentials. The next time you come here, bring us some letters from John, or Peter, or James, or one of the real apostles. Paul is incredulous, "Do you really mean that? Don't you understand? You are our letter of

recommendation. Christ has written it on your hearts. He didn't use paper or stones. He wrote it on your hearts, and the ink he used was the Holy Spirit. As for me, I'm nothing but the postman; I just delivered the letter. God did the work."

Paul wants the Corinthians to understand that the changes that had occurred in their lives, the freedom they were experiencing, the deliverance from evil habits that were regular and destructive parts of their lives-- all happened because Christ's gospel, delivered through Paul's work and the power of the Holy Spirit. That is what changed them and turned them into a letter to others. They were credentialed.

Think back on the early Churches. Acts and in the letters of Paul said nothing about the Church and its ministries. Those early Christians did not go around, as we do today, talking about what the church can do for a person, or about the value of becoming a member of the Church.

The members of the early Church

did not mention it because they understood that they were the message, the letter. People saw that Jesus changed healed and restored them. Look at what the Lord has done in me.

Paul seeks out their understanding – their realization of the power that is in them. Christ had written the letter of recommendation in them. It shows forth in their changed lives. People are drawn to Jesus because their lives witnessed to His power. They are all the testimony needed.

As we prepare to enter Lent let us reflect on our life letter. Are we recommending Jesus in the eyes of those who read us? Can they see that Christ has done something powerful in us? That is the point. We ought to be the visible evidence of God at work; so much so that people will say: "What's this? What's going on? I know your name, but somehow, I get the feeling I'm talking to Jesus."

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Timothy 4:12
MONDAY: Philippians 3:17
TUESDAY: Philippians 4:9
WEDNESDAY: John 13:15
THURSDAY: 1 Thessalonians 1:6
FRIDAY: Hebrews 6:11-12
SATURDAY: 2 Timothy 2:2

Pray

Lord Jesus, your word was written upon my heart. Help me in being Your letter to others by my life and example.

THANK YOU

For your Souper Bowl Sunday generosity. For your involved attendance at our Annual Meeting. To Joanne and Stacy for a great breakfast. WHAT A GREAT FAMILY OF FAITH!!!

The Beginning of Great and Holy Lent

This Wednesday, February 14th, marks the beginning of Great and Holy Lent. Holy Mass will be offered at 7pm along with the blessing and distribution of ashes. Mark this as the day to renew a deep and loving relationship with God (it is Valentine's Day after all).

Please remember the Church's requirements for Lent include fasting and abstaining from meats on Wednesdays and Fridays. Doing these small disciplines help us to prepare for the greater challenges we will face in the years to come.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday in Lent at 7pm except for March 2nd.

Seniorate Lenten Retreat

Our parish is hosting this year's Seniorate Lenten Retreat. The retreat will be held on Saturday, March 10th starting at 10am. This event is always well attended and is a great opportunity to show the faith and dedication of one of the smallest Seniorates in our Church. Please plan to attend and if possible, volunteer to help in preparation for this event. See Fr. Jim.

Lenten Directed Giving

Please see our Newsletter article on Directed Giving. It provides a nice checklist to assist in providing for those in our local community as part of our Lenten sacrifice. Your offerings can be left by the Mary altar in the front of the church. God bless your generosity!

Valentine's Raffle

Our Outrageous Valentine's raffle continues today. 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, 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 St. Severin Abbey, Kaufbeuren, Germany.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjogoslaw 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...