



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 4, 2018

3rd Sunday in Lent III Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 4, 2018

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

First reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: Ps 19:8-11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Intention: 11:30am for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 11:30am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 11:30am Joe Kaczynski

- Matins at 11:20am. Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).
Exposition and Benediction.

Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC Św. Zorganizowania PNKK

March 11, 2018

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: 10am for our Holy Church and Parish

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am Larry Panfil

- Matins at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (PNCC Rite).
- Light Breakfast and Annual Financial Meeting

We bless the Lord our God, who gathered us together to spiritual joy. Let us be ever in humility of heart, and let our joy be with Him. Let us not be elated with any prosperity of this world, but know that our happiness is not until these things shall have passed away. Now, my brethren, let our joy be in hope: let none rejoice as in a present thing, lest he stick fast in the way. Let joy be wholly of hope to come, desire be wholly of eternal life. Let all sighings breathe after Christ. Let that fairest one alone, who loved the foul to make them fair, be all our desire; after Him alone let us run, for Him alone pant and sigh; “and let them say always, The Lord be magnified, that wish the peace of His servant.” – St. Augustine

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 4: Third Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- **March 9: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**
- **March 10: Lenten Retreat, 10am.**
- **March 11: Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Breakfast and Annual Financial Meeting. Daylight Savings Begins.**
- **March 16: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**
- **March 18: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **March 19: Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M.**
- **March 23: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**
- **March 25: Palm Sunday. Holy Mass with Liturgy of the Palms at 9:30 and Holy Mass at 11:30am.**
- **March 27: Holy Tuesday. Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism at St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral.**
- **March 29: Maundy Thursday. Reception of Oils, Holy Mass, Stripping of the Altars.**

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.

Valuing depth and commitment.

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me.

What do we value? Today's scriptures confront us with that question and ask us to consider the value of our salvation in light of everything else.

Paul, in writing to the Corinthians, places three things of value on the table: wisdom (think learning, knowledge, and education), signs (think miracles, wonders that cannot be explained), and Christ crucified (our salvation). He is asking us to figure out what is most important, not in philosophical or conceptual terms – but in reality. What would we give

our lives and our all for? And, if we were to give our lives for that thing, which of them would carry us beyond the here and now and into an eternity of bliss? These questions assist in defining our commitment as Christians and the depth of our faith by drawing value comparisons.

Knowledge or wisdom will surely not give us eternal life. They are the most ephemeral of things. When we die, all our knowledge and wisdom is gone. We could have a wall full of degrees, but none would be valuable enough to act as a passport into heaven.

Signs and wonders might get us a little closer. At least we would be acknowledging a power beyond ourselves. But, that alone will not get us to heaven. In fact, Jesus saw right through people who would only follow Him while He entertained them with signs and wonders. He also knew that His people had a history of experiencing all of His Father's signs and wonders, and still wandered away in faithlessness. No, signs and wonders do not hold

enough value.

If we set those two things aside as not valuable enough, we are left Jesus crucified. We know that faith in Him is entry into heaven. He is the only assurance we have. So, He should be at the top of our value list. In fact, all our values should flow from His being at the top of our list.

Jesus demonstrates this during His visit to Jerusalem. His Father was His sole value. Love for His Father, and His Father's will, consumed Him. It was never about the building, the temple, it was about His value choice.

Jesus saw that the people of Israel had their values all wrong. They were focused on paying for form over substance. He is asking them to re-define their commitment and the depth of their faith in his Father. Is it about a building, a place, or setting values correctly? He asks us the same question each day. Lent is about our value choices, and what's on our list.

Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ

1 Peter 1:18-19

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Timothy 4:8
MONDAY: Psalm 139:14
TUESDAY: Mark 12:41-44
WEDNESDAY: Philippians 2:3
THURSDAY: Ephesians 2:8
FRIDAY: Proverbs 1:1-7
SATURDAY: Matthew 16:26

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that zeal for Your will and way of life might consume me. Grant me the grace of valuing rightly.

The Great and Holy Lent

We enter the third full week of Great and Holy Lent.

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 is held every Friday in Lent at 7pm.

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!

Gospel Jubilee Concert

The largest continuing gospel celebration in the Capital Region, Gospel Jubilee, is back at Proctors on Friday, April 20th at 7pm, with a highly-anticipated seventh edition sure to bring great joy and uplifting music to all in attendance. The Union College Gospel Choir "Heavenly Voices" will be joining the Gospel Jubilee Mass Choir again this year! Let's get a group together.

Looking Forward – Cross Walk

The Fourth Annual Mont Pleasant Cross-walk will take place on Good Friday, March 30th starting at St. Adalbert's Church at 11:30am. We will then proceed to The Bridge Christian Church, Global Prophetic Ministries, Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, New Day Church, Holy Name of Jesus, and Gathered Remnant Church. We are walking rain or shine (bring your umbrella if needed). Each Pastor will give a 10-minute message or short prayer outside or inside their church. Come check out the lawn signs that are being posted and the new 3'x 6' banner that we will display as we are walking. Invite friends and family for a great day of witness to what Jesus has done for us.

Basket Social

Our annual basket social is not that far off – only 6 weeks away. We really need your help to make this year's Social a success. Can you donate a basket, or two, or three? They don't have to be huge - anything will do. Through your love and charity, we are able to touch the lives of others and maintain a vibrant faith community.

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, Louis Kiernan, Jan Shufelt. 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, Patric 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 Parish of St. Andrew, Ebenweiler, Germany.

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.: