



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 11, 2018

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

Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

March 18, 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: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners.

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

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

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

This Psalm is a Song of degrees; as we have often said to you, for these degrees are not of descent, but of ascent. He therefore longs to ascend. And whither does he wish to ascend, save into heaven? What means, into heaven? Does he wish to ascend that he may be with the sun, moon, and stars? Far be it! But there is in heaven the eternal Jerusalem, where are our fellow citizens, the Angels: we are wanderers on earth from these our fellow citizens. We sigh in our pilgrimage; we shall rejoice in the city. But we find companions in this pilgrimage, who have already seen this city herself; who summon us to run towards her. At these he also rejoices, who says, I rejoiced in them who said to me, We will go into the house of the Lord. – 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 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. Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee meets**
- **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.**
- **March 30: Good Friday. Cross Walk at 11:30am. Bitter Lamentations at 3pm. Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 7pm.**

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.

Your house,

My house.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Today, our Psalm response is taken from the first verse of Psalm 122. It speaks of the overwhelming joy, gladness, happiness that comes to us when we enter the house of the Lord. When David heard the people say that they wanted to go up to the Lord's house, His temple, his heart leapt for joy; We are all going, we are joining as one to meet the Lord.

Do we know how David felt? Are his words part of our experience? I can say that I know. Our Church and this parish are a place of joy for me. I can proclaim, using the words of Psalm 26: *O LORD, I love the habitation of thy house, and the place where thy glory dwells.* I hope David's words and this place are joy for you too.

The Psalms mention the Lord's house at least forty-seven times. Each mention is tied to praise, blessing, and renewal. In 1897, our forbearers sought a place of joy. They wanted to

go up to the house of the Lord. When they got there, they wanted to find renewal and gladness. They didn't. Rather, they found oppression. The vine they believed they were part of had withered; it was no longer grafted unto Christ but onto the political and economic interests of men of power. Psalm 127 instructs us: *Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.* And so, the men and women of that time determined to rebuild the Lord's house. They did it, and because they did so, we can all say with Psalm 5: *But I through the abundance of thy steadfast love will enter thy house.*

Here we are, 121 years later. Today, we celebrate along with the words from Psalm 23: *I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.* More than celebrate, we continue to grow in our joy. How and why? We continue to grow in joy because our Holy Church teaches that the house of the Lord is not just a temple or a building; it is our homes, it is our places. The house of the Lord extends beyond the walls of this parish church and encompasses our families, or neighbors, our

communities, and all who seek to enter the house of the Lord. For those who do not know the greatness of this house, we are sent forth and called to make them part of our family. Repeating the words of Psalm 84 we can call to them saying: *Blessed are those who dwell in the Lord's house, ever singing His praise!*

We continue to grow in joy because, as Psalm 92 says: *We are planted in the house of the LORD.* Being planted there means the house of the Lord goes where we go. Through our faithfulness and dedication to the Lord's house, our homes and our families become bound together in the house of the Lord. Our homes become mini-models of His house. Our homes become places of praise and joy if we invite the Lord into our family life. Being in the house of the Lord, making our homes His house, and joining our families to Him we have the confidence David had and can say with him: *Praise the LORD, you that stand in the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!*

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established;

Proverbs 24:3

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Hebrews 3:4

MONDAY: Acts 16:31

TUESDAY: Joshua 24:15

WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 56:7

THURSDAY: John 14:2

FRIDAY: Matthew 7:24-27

SATURDAY: Deuteronomy 28:8

Pray

Lord Jesus, I dedicate my life and my home to You. Grant that both shine forth with Your joy so that others may know You.

The Great and Holy Lent

We enter the fourth 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 Thank You

Thank you to all who chipped in to welcome and provide hospitality to faithful from across our Seniorate at yesterday's Lenten Retreat. This event was well attended and provided for a great moment of family fellowship; witnessing to Christ and renewing ourselves for the remainder of Lent and the year beyond. Thank you to all the clergy who offered their words, insights, and faith witness.

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 5 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, 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, 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 Parish of St. Willibrord, Nordrhein-Westfalen, 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.

Of note: **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.

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