



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 18, 2018

## Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

March 18, 2018

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

First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Ps 51:3-4,12-15

**Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Epistle: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

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).

## Palm Sunday Niedziela Palmowa

March 25, 2018

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

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Epistle: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

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

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

*That you may not then, when you hear that He has chosen us, imagine that faith alone is sufficient, he proceeds to add life and conduct. To this end, says he, has He chosen us, and on this condition, that we should be holy and without blemish. He has Himself rendered us holy, but then we must continue holy. A holy man is he who is a partaker of faith; a blameless man is he who leads an irreproachable life. It is not however simply holiness and irreproachableness that He requires, but that we should appear such before Him. For there are holy and blameless characters, who yet are esteemed as such only by men, those who are like whitened sepulchers, and like such as wear sheep's clothing. It is not such, however, He requires, but such as the Prophet speaks of; And according to the cleanness of my hands. What cleanness? That which is so in His eyesight. He requires that holiness on which the eye of God may look. – 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...

- **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 Christ 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.**
- **March 31: Holy Saturday. Liturgy of New Fire. Renew Your Baptismal Vow. Blessing of Easter Baskets, 4pm.**
- **April 1: Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter, Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am and Holy Mass at 10am. Easter repast after each Holy Mass.**

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.

## Faith discovered.

### Faith lived.

*"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours."*

This past week we heard news of the death of Stephen William Hawking who was a theoretical physicist, cosmologist, and author. He offered the world wonderful scientific insights, theories, and suggestions. We could also connect with his long standing health issues and his courage in moving forward, in spite of challenges. He believed and lived like a person of faith, yet he was not a person of faith. He was an avowed atheist and did not believe in God, heaven, or eternal life. This sermon is not a judgment on his life. Rather, it

is an exploration of how we come to and live faith. Can we do at least as much for God as he did for science?

Faith and science are processes of discovery, however their conclusions vary. The 'scientific method' is one lengthy testing to find results that are never really final. Science never draws absolute and bulletproof conclusions because a scientist knows that information or thinking might require they back up, re-test, refine, expand, or reject previous thinking. Faith, in contrast, is about making a clear and absolute statement: I believe.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls the world to faith and to live out faith. For those who seek leadership He sets forth His example that also calls us to leadership. For those who connect with story, he provides analogy and asks us to preach His words. For the scientist, He provides evidence and calls us to testimony. Jesus calls us to get to faith, to accept it, and once there, to live faithfully.

Jesus is drawing near to His death. Hear His words: *"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'?"* Jesus was totally tuned in to the will of His Father. He makes an absolute statement of trust, placing His faith in the Father's will alone, no matter where it might lead, even to his death. Jesus calls us to the same faith through His example. He calls us to act in absolute faith. Not 'oh, but...' Instead, 'yes, Lord.' Yes and, I will live it Lord!

Jesus gives us the grain of wheat and its lesson. We have to let go of the notions we cling to; we have to let our grains of wheat die so that new revelations come to us. Letting go of what we cling to is an act of faith-filled trust. Letting go is an act of living our faith.

God does not leave us to guess. We have Jesus, first hand testimony, and evidence for our sake, yet some will not hear, accept or live faith. Thanks be, we have come to faith and live it.

*Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.*

**Psalm 111:2**

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Job 38:1-7  
MONDAY: Isaiah 40:12  
TUESDAY: Proverbs 14:15  
WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 3:4  
THURSDAY: Colossians 1:17  
FRIDAY: Hebrews 11:3  
SATURDAY: John 3:12

### Pray

Lord, You give us great knowledge so to draw closer to You. Grant that we may not be so proud in our knowledge as to loose faith in You.

## Passiontide

We enter the fifth full week of Great and Holy Lent, which is known as the Passiontide. In the gospels, Jesus withdraws from public life and goes into hiding knowing that there are those who sought to kill Him before His appointed time and manner of death. The statuary and other ornamentation in church are covered in purple, calling to mind these events and the bitter life we would have without Jesus.

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.

## Annual Financial Meeting Thank You

Thank you to all who attended and participated in our annual financial meeting. We have been truly blessed by God Who has poured out the graces of generosity upon us and has seen to our every need. *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

## 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. 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 4 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 Sczepakowski, 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, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Crystal Haley, Michelle & Eric, Tina Haq, Louis Kiernan, Jan Shufelt, Shirley Maliszewski, Allen Panfil. 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. Sr. 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! 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.

**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.