



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 18, 2018

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 the intention of the Walkowiak Family.

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

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

- 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).

Solemnity of the Resurrection Niedzielą Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego

April 1, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.

First reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

Psalm: Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Intention: 8am śp. Marlyn Martiniano and 10am for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 8am and 10am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 8am Larry Panfil, 10am Claudia Bertasso

- Resurrection Liturgy and Procession starts at 8am followed by Solemn Holy Mass (Contemporary Rite)
- Holy Mass at 10am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)
- Easter Repast/Święconka follows each Holy Mass

The minds of the faithful, beloved, ought indeed always to be occupied with wonder at God's works and their reasoning faculties devoted particularly to those reflections by which they may gain increase of faith. For so long as the pious heart's attention is directed either to the benefits which all enjoy, or to special gifts of His grace, it keeps aloof from many vanities and retires from bodily cares into a spiritual seclusion. But this must be the more eagerly and thoroughly done at the season of the Lord Passion, that what is then read in the sacred lections may surely be received with the ears of understanding, and that the themes which are great in word may be seen to be yet greater from the mysterious realities which underlie them. – St. Leo the Great

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 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.**
- **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.**
- **April 8: Low Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and Holy Mass at 11:30am.**
- **April 9: Annunciation of the B.V.M. (translated).**
- **April 15: 3rd Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am only. Basket Social at Noon.**

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.

Who so long?

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.

Father, why is he gospel so long?

Jesus was sent to earth as a man. As the Gospel of St. John tells us, *the Word became flesh and dwelt among us*. The Word dwelt among us. The Word lives with us. Jesus, who is God's Word came to preach the Gospel, the Good News.

God had news for us. It is Good News and was delivered by Jesus as the prophets foretold: Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom of God (see Matthew 4:23; 9:35; Luke 4:43; Luke 8:1); or the "good news of God" (see Mark 1:14-15). *Jesus was going all over Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom*. The whole point of Jesus' saving mission is in His words of life.

Today we read of the accomplishment,

the completion of the Father's work. The Good News of Jesus is that the barrier is broken. The curtain is torn. The graves have been opened. Curse and separation have ended. Reconciliation is here. What is in heaven is for us on earth. We have full access to the kingdom of God. Thanks be to God we have these words in all their fullness.

Today, we pause to hear the Good News in full. No shortcuts. Nothing – no concerns or worries about our time – getting in the way of God's time. Like John, the faithful disciple, and the women, we walk through all the words, from Bethany to the cross and to the tomb.

We don't look for a shortcut – like Judas did, trying to bring on the kingdom through treachery and betrayal. We stand unafraid before God's word and accept it and Him in full. We do not walk away, denying Him like Peter did.

In my years of ministry and

proclaiming the word, I have immersed myself in the Gospel. This is the good news, given for us who are weary. I, and I know you; have said, even in our weariness, *this is the word that rouses us*.

Again, Father, why is the gospel so long?

It is so we may wallow in in, swim in it, live in it. We are here to live in the moment. From the spectacle of Palm Sunday to the mystery of the Eucharist, to the foot of the cross, to the tomb; every nuance, every emotion, every tear is ours to own.

We are people of the word who center our lives on Jesus, the Word. There can be no compromise in that. We don't want the watered down version. So today we stood, stood with Jesus, loyal to His word. Roused, energized, ready, we live faithful to His command: *to proclaim the kingdom of God, and they went out and traveled from place to place, proclaiming the good news*.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 3:16

MONDAY: Matthew 10:38

TUESDAY: Hebrews 12:2

WEDNESDAY: Mark 8:34

THURSDAY: Colossians 2:14

FRIDAY: Romans 5:8

SATURDAY: Galatians 6:14

Pray

Lord, as I walk the way of the cross with You, grant that its power fill my life so that I may go from place to place telling of its power.

Holy Week and Easter

Please join us and walk with Jesus throughout Holy Week, particularly during the Sacred Triduum (the three days between the Last Supper and Jesus' Resurrection). Our schedule as follows:

- Holy Thursday – Reception of Oils, Holy Mass, Procession to the Altar of Repose, Stripping of the Altars at 7pm.
- Good Friday – Cross walk at 11:30am, Bitter Lamentations at 3pm, Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the tomb at 7pm.
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Please remember the Church's requirements for Lent Holy week requires fasting and abstaining from meats from Wednesday, 3/28 through Saturday, 3/31.

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.

Lenten Directed Giving Thank You

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. The offers will be picked up and taken to SICM today. 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.

Basket Social

Our annual basket social is not that far off – only 3 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, 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. Barbara, Saarbrücken, Germany.

Bless them, O Lord! Pówołogslaw 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.