



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 3, 2019

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time IV Niedziela zwykła

February 3, 2019

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

Psalm: Ps 71:1-6,15-17

I will sing of your salvation.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Intention: 10:30am for śp. Sophie Crassia, for all parishioners, youth, and vocations.

Celebrant: 10:30am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10:30am Joe Kaczynski

- Matins at 10:20am. Holy Mass at 10:30am (Contemporary Rite). Exposition and Benediction with prayer for our parish and vocations. Blessing of throats.
- Breakfast and Annual Meeting at 11:30.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time V Niedziela zwykła

February 10, 2019

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm: Ps 138:1-5,7-8

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Intention: 9:30 and 11:30am for all parishioners, youth, and vocations.

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour at 10:30am.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

If now so great is the virtue of love, with good reason does he add and say, Follow after love. For there is surely need of following, and a kind of vehement running after her: in such sort does she fly from us, and so many are the things which trip us up in that direction. Wherefore we have ever need of great earnestness in order to overtake her. And to point out this, Paul said not, follow love, but, pursue her; stirring us up, and inflaming us to lay hold on her. – 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...

- **February 3: 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Blessing of Throats. ONE Holy Mass at 10:30am followed by our Annual Meeting.**
- **February 10: 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **February 16: 66th Anniversary of the death of Prime Bishop Francis Hodur.**
- **February 17: Septuagesima Sunday. Beginning of the Pre-Lenten Season. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **February 18: President's Day. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.**
- **February 24: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **February 25: Feast - St. Matthias, Apostle (translated).**
- **March 3: Quinquagesima Sunday. ONE Holy Mass at 10:30am. Annual Budget Meeting.**
- **March 4: Commemoration - St. Casimir.**
- **March 6: Ash Wednesday, Holy Mass with Blessing and Imposition of Ashes 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.

Annual what?

They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

Last week we heard the beginning of this revelation story. Today we hear the end. This is one of those poignant Gospel testimonies. It is so visual. Jesus returns to His hometown and speaks in the Synagogue. We can picture this day, crowds gathered, wanting to see what this hometown boy was going to do, waiting to hear this new prophet. The day - calm. The people half paying attention to Jesus, half involved in their opinions of Him. Jesus is thought of well by some - His words considered *gracious*. Some spoke highly of Him. Others are incredulous, there is nothing

great here! They laugh to each other thinking that it is a joke. The son of a carpenter? Are you kidding me? Jesus confirms His revelation, He confirms it in their sight and by their hearing. The promised Messiah is here. They respond by dragging Him to the edge of town, intent on throwing Him off a cliff. Jesus' revelation continues, and we see how some people react.

Today, we carry on the democratic tradition of our Holy Church. Our time to react.

Some see this effort as just another meeting. Maybe, like Jesus' crowd, some stay caught up in their opinions, half paying attention. Some listen to the message, incredulous because - well how can this be true. There is no future, no wealth poured down from on high. We'll just cruise along and avoid reality - until it is too late to do something about it. Some may laugh, thinking the whole thing

is a joke. Are you kidding me? A miracle in Schenectady? So, I deeply pray, I worry a little, and I place my trust in Christ. He will destroy the chains of doubt, incredulity, and indifference where they exist. He will give new strength to each of us, the strength He gave Jeremiah.

God tells us: *I've known you forever. I know what you can do in my Holy Name. Stand up and tell them (the world). Be not crushed. They (doubt, fear, lack of energy) will fight against you but not prevail. I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.*

Jesus answer is for us this very day. Do not let Him pass through our midst and go away. We have much to do, much to learn, much to accomplish, much to disciple. Let's react - faithfully working for Him!

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you.

1 Corinthians 11:1-2

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 16:24
MONDAY: 1 Peter 2:21
TUESDAY: John 8:12
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 7:21
THURSDAY: John 10:27
FRIDAY: Galatians 5:25
SATURDAY: John 21:19

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You command that we follow. Grant us the grace necessary to take action each and every day to show You forth.

Candles Available, Throat Blessing

Candles were blessed yesterday, the Solemnity of the Presentation, in accordance with Church teaching and tradition. Please feel free to take home a candle. The blessed candle (gromnica) is used whenever the sacraments are administered in the home or in case of sickness, danger, or storm. Today, throats will be blessed in commemoration of St. Blaise of Sabastea, Bishop and Martyr.

ANNUAL MEETING

Today - one Holy Mass at 10:30am followed by our annual meeting. This is a pivotal time in our history and **we really need you there**. Please participate.

Valentine's Raffle - Please

Please get your tickets in today. We will begin drawing winners after Holy Mass. This fundraiser is key to our work with parish youth.

DON'T GIVE UP – PUT IN

We have been blessed with so much good over the past seven years. Really, if anyone had made a bet that we would survive and grow, they would have made a fortune with the odds. As we enter this year of discipleship, let us personally re-double our efforts. We owe God a lot for His blessing. Let us remember to therefore be thankful and get about His work. Pitch in. Help with coffee hour. Take up a project to help our community. Plant a garden that will grow with His blessing. Take a leadership position. Lead a fundraiser. What you do or don't do will come back a thousand-fold.

SouperBowl Sunday

The soup pot is out to collect for Souper Bowl Sunday, TODAY. Souper Bowl Sunday supports local charities feeding the hungry. This is our 18th year participating. Over the past 17 years we have raised over \$2,100 to feed the hungry!

2019 - Year of Discipleship - By Example

We are called by the XXV Holy Synod to develop and emphasize Discipleship through 2019: Our purpose is to strengthen all members in following Jesus. This month's effort is focused on teaching by example – it is suggested that we organize and attend some type of informal, faith-based discussion gathering to accomplish the goal of "Increased spirituality through a welcoming church family that, through worship of God, will bring us closer together." Some suggestions for what this setting might be are: Soup, Sandwich, and Sermon; Wine and Spirits; Potluck Dinner and Discussion; Book Club and Bubbly....and you get the idea. What do you want to do?

YMSofR Project

This year, the YMSofR service project is to take care of one of our own. In 1929, Bishop Hodur had a vision for Spójnia Farm, to educate youth at retreats. In 2019, The Farm turns 90! The Y project is to raise funds to continue the work of the Farm. The 90 for 90 campaign aims to raise \$90,000 to do this work.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Marica Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, 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, 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, Paul Griswold, 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, Fred Hendricks, Jeanmarie Vollmer, Nicholas Emanuele, Marysia, Theresa, Kit Yarrow, Chris Gancarz, Wayne Wienclawski, and 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 St. Joseph's Mission Parish, Belle Vernon, PA.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Of note...

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to take a week. The new weekly list is posted.

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 140 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

--- And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior ---