



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 17, 2019

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Septuagesima Sunday Niedziela Siedemdziesiątnica

February 17, 2019

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

First reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

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

I will sing of your salvation.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17,20-26

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

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

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 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).
- Parish Committee Meeting

Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiątnicy

February 24, 2019

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

First reading: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

Psalm: Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

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

Celebrant: 11:30am Rev. Mark Gnidzinski.

Lector: 11:30am Joe Kaczynski.

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

For it was not men's bodies only that He was healing, but He was also amending their souls; and again from the care of these He would pass to attendance on the other. Thus He at once varied the succor that He gave, and likewise mingled with the instruction afforded by His words, the manifestation of His glory from His works; and besides, He stopped the shameless mouths of the heretics, signifying by this His care of both parts of our being, that He Himself is the Maker of the whole creation. Therefore also on each nature He bestowed abundant providence, now amending the one, now the other. And in this way He was then employed. For it is said, that He opened His mouth, and taught them.. – 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 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 11:30am ONLY.**
- **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.**
- **March 8: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**
- **March 10: 1st Sunday of Lent/Institution of the PNCC. Daylight Savings Time Begins. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **March 15: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**
- **March 17: 2nd Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **March 19: Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M.**

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.

Yes

I am serious.

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said...

Over the past several weeks, I have focused on the poignancy of the Gospel narratives. Each a very visual setting. Each a revelation of who Christ is, who the Father is – what life in God looks like. Each a call to join in the life of God as disciples.

Today, we are presented with the Sermon on the Plain. Yes, plain, not mount. While the sermons found in Matthew (mount) and Luke (plain) are similar, many biblical scholars see these as two different events. In other words, Matthew and Luke were not confused about geography. Scholars see these sermons as an indication that Jesus stayed on

message throughout His teaching. This sermon may well have been delivered in the city and at the shore too.

In God, consistency is key. He is, as we say – unchanging – from eternity to eternity. Jesus was consistent in His revelation, in His message, and in His call to His disciples (yes, you and me) to live a certain way.

This call follows on the tradition God established with the people of Israel. At the giving of the Law, God laid out blessings and curses. Those who kept the Law, who lived just, holy lives in His ways would receive abundant blessing. Those who did not – curses awaited them.

Today, we learn that Jeremiah heard the same things from God. Do things that your world centered peers want, believe the things they say – your life is destroyed. Follow My way – your life is blessed. In Me you

live, are protected, drink life giving water deeply, are not distressed, and bear much fruit. Today’s Psalm lays out all kinds of blessings and curses. Paul, in writing to the Corinthians, reminds them of the Church’s teaching. In a very blunt way, he tells them that they must remain consistent with what has been experienced, witnessed, and taught. God has no room for the inconsistent. If we are not consistent, *we are the most pitiable people of all.*

Yesterday, we celebrated the life and work of our organizer – he laid all aside for Jesus and stayed consistent. He followed, as all Jesus’ disciples must, Jesus’ consistent message. Jesus is serious. Be poor, weep, and hunger. Be hated, excluded, insulted and denounced. Put Him before all and be blessed eternally.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 1 Corinthians 10:21
MONDAY: Matthew 5:37
TUESDAY: Colossians 1:17
WEDNESDAY: 1 John 2:27
THURSDAY: Titus 2:7-8
FRIDAY: Hebrews 13:8
SATURDAY: Hebrews 10:23

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, Grant that I may live consistently in holiness and faithfulness. May I not want or desire. Your gifts are enough for me.

Holy Mass – Next 2 Weeks

Please note the Holy Mass schedule for the next two weeks. Also, please note the upcoming Annual Budget Meeting on March 3rd.

Basket Social – March 31st

Our annual Basket Social will be held at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center on Sunday, March 31st beginning at noon. A sign-up sheet is posted. This annual event sustains our parish. Donate baskets of any size. Invite friends and family. Thank you.

2019 - Year of Discipleship - By Example

We are called by the XXV Holy Synod to develop and emphasize Discipleship through 2019: 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... What do you want to do?

19TH M&E WORKSHOP

This year’s theme is “Identity: Who We Are in Christ” and will be hosted by the Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT on Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30. You can go and make it back in time for our Basket Social, Mach 31st! This event provides an opportunity to explore one of many faith-driven aspects of the Church on a National level, as well as experiencing the Church on a local Parish level. Our goal for each Mission Workshop has been that the Faithful come away with a burning desire to bring faith-driven work of the Workshop back to their parishes and be a light to that local Community of Faith. The guaranteed room rate of \$105 plus tax. Please use the code: “Polish National Catholic Church” when making your reservation. See Fr. Jim for details and for parish support.

Pre-Lent Starts Today

The PNCC officially observes the Pre-Lenten season as a preparation for Holy Lent. “Septuagesima” means “seventy,” and Septuagesima Sunday comes roughly seventy days before Easter. Subsequently, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima Sundays come roughly sixty and fifty days before Easter. The liturgical color of this season which prepares us to anticipate the spiritual rigors of Lent is rose. Lent then takes on the somber hue of purple signifying the seven-week period of penitence and introspection and our conversion of heart. A rather poetic rendering of the details of Pre-Lent:

The leading feature of this season, then, is the total suspension of the Alleluia, which is not again to be heard upon the earth until the arrival of that most happy day, Easter’s dawn, when, having suffered death with our Lord Jesus, and having been buried together with Him, we shall rise again with Him to a new life. [Also] The sweet hymn of the angels, “Gloria in excelsis Deo,” which we have sung every Sunday since the birth of our Savior in Bethlehem, is also taken from us... from now till Easter... After the Gradual of the Mass, instead of the thrice repeated Alleluia, which prepared our hearts to listen to the voice of God in the holy Gospel, we shall hear but a mournful and protracted chant, called, on that account, the Tract.

Of note...

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 Sczepkowski, 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 Dilanne, 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 The Cathedral Parish of St. John the Baptist, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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

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* ---