



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiąticy

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).

Quinquagesima Sunday Niedziela Pięćdziesiąticy

March 3, 2019

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

First reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Psalm: Ps 92:2-3,13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

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

Celebrant: 10:30am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10:30am Larry Panfil

- Matins at 10:20am. Holy Mass at 10:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Breakfast and Annual Financial Meeting at 11:30am

It is needful to do everything with discernment, and to take your own measure, so that you will not be confused later. To perform alms, fasting, or anything else at the highest degree (beyond one's limits or personal measure) lacks discernment, since later it will lead the one who performs them into confusion, despondency, and grumbling. Even God requires that which is according to the strength of man. – St. Barsanuphius 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...

- 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 18: Holy Mass for Healing, 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting follows.
- March 19: Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M.
- March 22: Stations of the Cross, 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.

Yes

I am serious.

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

Last week, we entered into the Sermon on the Plain. We learned that this sermon was likely repeated by Jesus on many occasions - on the mount, in the desert, in the city, by the shore. This sermon wasn't repeated because it was necessarily popular or because Jesus didn't have anything else to say, but because it was consistent with Who God is. Jesus was consistent in His revelation, in His message, and in His call to His disciples to live a certain way.

Last week's message from the plain was centered on blessings and curses. To live consistently

in Jesus, we must be prepared to live poor, weeping, and hungry if it is necessary in witness to Him. We must be prepared to be hated, excluded, insulted and denounced if necessary, to put Him before all else. The reward, the blessing, is life eternal. To do otherwise brings curse.

Today, we return to the plain. Jesus continues to exhort His disciples to live consistently in God, with God, and as living images of God daily. This part of the sermon does not so much focus on what we must bear to be Jesus' disciples. but more on how we must respond to things that may happen to us. In examples of what disciples might experience, it is about our reaction.

Our key consistent reaction to what we may face is to be mercy, non-judgmentalism, and sacrificial generosity.

Jesus remains serious in His instruction to us. As His

disciples, we are to live a certain way and react in a certain way.

How we deal with difficult situations, events, people, confrontations, and daily living speaks volumes about our discipleship. We are and will be challenged. When we encounter people who may be difficult or different, does that become a block to our discipleship or an opportunity for witness? I have a neighbor who "borrowed" my best ladder, about six years ago. It has become more 'best' over the years. I've never asked for it back. It is small, and inwardly it has strengthened my discipleship because I am not using this for judging or bitterness. The rewards for being that kind of disciple are rich - *good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing.*

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: James 1:17
MONDAY: Isaiah 41:13
TUESDAY: 1 Peter 5:6
WEDNESDAY: John 1:16
THURSDAY: Deuteronomy 28:1-14
FRIDAY: 3 John 1:2
SATURDAY: Hebrews 10:36

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, I seek Your blessings. Grant that I may disciple so as to merit them.

Holy Mass Next Week & Budget Meeting

Please note the Holy Mass schedule for next week to be followed by our annual budget meeting. Please attend to help decide our future.

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-Lenten Journey

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 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, Marilyn Hietala, 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 Divine Mercy Parish, Mississauga, 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.

--- Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ---