



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 3, 2019

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Quinquagesima Sunday Niedziela Pięćdziesiątnicy

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

1st Sunday in Lent I Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 10, 2019

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

First reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalm: Ps 91:1-2,10-15

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Epistle: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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

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

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

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

Abba Poemen said that Abba John said that the saints are like a group of trees, each bearing different fruit, but watered from the same source. The practices of one saint differ from those of another, but it is the same Spirit that works in all of them. – The Sayings of the Desert Fathers

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 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.**
- **March 24: 3rd Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **March 25: Solemnity - Annunciation 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 told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher."

Two weeks ago, 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 revealing what life in God is all about; how His disciples are to live.

The first part of the 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 to 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.

Last week we returned to the plain. Jesus continued to exhort His disciples to live consistently in God, with God, and as living images of God. This part of the sermon did not so much focus on what we must do to be Jesus' disciples. but more on how we must respond to things that may happen to us. In examples of what His disciples might experience, Jesus spoke about what our reaction is to be. How we are to deal with difficult situations, events, people, confrontations, and daily living speaks volumes about our discipleship.

Today, we remain on the plain with Jesus. He continues His serious instruction. He warns strictly against judgmentalism. He asks us to focus on our need for repentance and healing, ways we must turn from sin and live in His image. We are to be *like our teacher*.

Jesus calls us to bear "good fruit." If we live as He lives, bearing good fruit, focused on building our lives into stronger and stronger images of God, then people will be drawn to us. They will come to us to receive nourishment, new life, refreshment. They will not be put off, fearful of drawing near to us - because they will find Jesus here.

St. Paul takes up Jesus' seriousness. He tells us: *be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted*, Lent is here, let us commit to living seriously in Jesus and bearing Him fully in our lives, actions, and reactions. Disciples!

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

James 3:17

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 1:1-6
MONDAY: Matthew 7:15-20
TUESDAY: Galatians 5:22-23
WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 37:31
THURSDAY: Matthew 3:8
FRIDAY: Romans 6:22
SATURDAY: Ephesians 5:9

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, I seek Your blessings. Grant that I may always be firm and steadfast in bearing You before the world.

Holy Mass & Budget Meeting

Thank you for attending Holy Mass today and our annual budget meeting. Thank you for committing to deciding our future.

Very Sad News

Our dear sister in Christ, Marilyn Hietala, entered into eternal rest on early Thursday morning, February 28th. Arrangement details are not yet available. Marilyn's deep faith and generosity have been a hallmark of our communal life for years. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord!

Lenten Journey

Today we mark the final Sunday of Pre-Lent. We prayerful hope this preparatory season has assisted in cleansing our minds and hearts of worldly distraction so we may resolutely enter the Lenten journey. Wednesday, March 6th is Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass will be held at 7pm. We begin Stations of the Cross devotions on Friday, March 8th at 7pm. Recall also the Holy Church's fasting requirements. We are to abstain from meat products on Wednesdays and Fridays. Let us enter mindfully with prayer (Holy Mass, Stations, private prayer, bible reading, and our Lenten retreat), sacrifice (fasting), penance (recollection of and turning away from sinful behaviors), and charity (Lenten directed giving).

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. We need you.

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.

2019 - Year of Discipleship - Repent

We are called by the XXV Holy Synod to develop and emphasize Discipleship through 2019: This month's effort is focused on repentance and overcoming temptation. We are called to develop a better understanding of what it means to repent and from there, develop practical strategies to avoid and overcome temptation.

Ecumenical Healing Service

Stay tuned for a wonderful ecumenical charismatic healing service to be held in our parish on March 30th at 7pm.

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, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, 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 Holy Trinity Parish, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobołogślaw 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.

Of note.

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