



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 10, 2019

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 śp. Rae Laird, 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).

2nd Sunday in Lent II Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 17, 2019

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

First reading: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Psalm: Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Epistle: Philippians 3:17 -- 4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

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Adam, God's first-formed man, transgressed: could He [God] not at once have brought death upon him? But see what the Lord does, in His great love towards man. He casts him out from Paradise, for because of sin he was unworthy to live there; but He puts him to dwell over against Paradise: that seeing whence he had fallen, and from what and into what a state he was brought down, he might afterwards be saved by repentance. – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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 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.**
- **March 29: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**
- **March 30: Fire of the Holy Spirit Healing Service, 7-9pm.**
- **March 31: 4th Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30am ONLY. Basket Social at 12pm.**
- **April 1: Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur (1866).**
- **April 5: 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.

Our Lenten Journey with Dismas - Part 1

What does Scripture say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart—that is, the word of faith that we preach—for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For the Scripture says, No one who believes in him will be put to shame. For there is no distinction

If you attended Holy Mass on Ash Wednesday, you had a preview of our Lenten homily series. We are spending Lent with St. Dismas. For those who do not know, Dismas was the “good thief,” crucified alongside Jesus. In Greek, the name Dismas, means sunset or death. There are many stories about St. Dismas, but they are not our concern. Rather, we will delve into Dismas as a person, much like ourselves. He took many

wrong turns in his life, much like we do. Perhaps, none of our turns was as extreme as Dismas’ turns; yet we have much in common with him when we turn from God.

Dismas’ turns were dark. The Roman Jewish historian Josephus noted Dismas was a brigand - a thief and abuser. He is much like the robbers the poor man in the story of the Good Samaritan encountered. Brigands lived in the hills, watching for and robbing travelers. They left their victims beaten, robbed, stripped, and helpless along highways and byways. Unless helped, those robbed typically died.

Other works note Dismas as a terrorist or as a fratricidal murderer. As I said, his turns were dark. What was most important however was his last-minute turn to Jesus. *Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your kingdom.*

Who was this Dismas, really? What brought him to the life he

led? None of us can really answer that question. We can speculate. Was he a man, perhaps abused or neglected by his family? Was his family somehow killed by violence or disease, leaving him to fend for himself? Was he a person of little skill who could not find work? Hopelessness can drive a man or woman to extremes. As in our very neighborhood, young men and women join gangs because of hopelessness.

The question we must ask ourselves in our inner Lenten examinations is: ‘Why did I turn from God when I did? What temptation won?’ Again, perhaps not as darkly as Dismas, but nonetheless, away from God. What hopelessness drew me into sin? How might I repent/turn back and in doing so show unity with God’s heart by relieving another person’s hopelessness? Disciples ask these questions and use them to grow into images of Jesus.

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out

Acts 3:19

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 1 John 1:9
MONDAY: Luke 13:3
TUESDAY: 2 Peter 3:9
WEDNESDAY: Acts 2:38
THURSDAY: Matthew 3:2
FRIDAY: Acts 17:30
SATURDAY: Matthew 3:8

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant that I may turn, that I may see in every sin how deeply I break my relationship with You.

Annual Budget Meeting

Thank you for attending Holy Mass and our annual budget meeting last Sunday. Thank you to Ed and Claudia Bertasso for a great breakfast!

Solemnity of the Institution

Today, our Holy Church marks the Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC. Since the First Sunday of Lent takes precedence liturgically, that Solemnity does not replace the obligatory celebration of the First Lenten Sunday. We will pray the second Collect for the Solemnity.

Lenten Journey

Today we mark the first Sunday of Lent. We hold Stations of the Cross devotions each Friday 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).

Ecumenical Healing Service

The **FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** ecumenical charismatic healing service will be held in our parish on March 30th at 7pm. This is going to be an amazingly powerful event. Let everyone know,

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.

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.

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, Allison 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. Casimir’s Parish, Welland, Ontario, Canada.

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

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