



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 17, 2019

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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

Intention: 9:30am 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.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

3rd Sunday in Lent III Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 24, 2019

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

First reading: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Psalm: Ps 103:1-4,6-8,11

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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

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

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As there are, then, generally two laws presented to us, the one being the law of nature, of which God would be the legislator, and the other being the written law of cities, it is a proper thing, when the written law is not opposed to that of God, for the citizens not to abandon it under pretext of foreign customs; but when the law of nature, that is, the law of God, commands what is opposed to the written law, observe whether reason will not tell us to bid a long farewell to the written code, and to the desire of its legislators, and to give ourselves up to the legislator God, and to choose a life agreeable to His word, although in doing so it may be necessary to encounter dangers, and countless labors, and even death and dishonor. – Origen of Alexandria

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 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: Discipleship GATHERING 7pm, Kaczynski residence. NO STATIONS.**
- **March 24: 3rd Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Pierogi making.**
- **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.**
- **April 7: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**

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 2

our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

Take a look at the those on the crosses. All different, right? I would like to reflect on these people and consider equality and possibility.

Who was there? Jesus, of course. Dismas, the 'good thief.' Gestas, the impenitent thief. By the way, his name means 'to complain or moan.' The Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John, and the three other Marys (Mary Cleophas, Mary Salome and Mary Magdalene). The centurion and the soldiers. Representatives of the Sanhedrin (the scribes,

elders, or rulers), including perhaps the chief priests. And, finally, the rest, the people from the whole surrounding countryside. Quite a crowd.

In this array of people, we may perceive ourselves to be better than some, worse than others. We may struggle (those of us who are particularly attuned to organizing things) with where we fit on the ladder; what shelf we may be on. Let's see, well I'm not as good as Jesus, or Mary, or St. John. Am I better than Mary Magdalene? Am I better than Dismas? Certainly, Gestas, and the soldiers, and the Sanhedrin, and the chief priests, and most of the crowd who rejected Jesus, and, and, and... are lower than I am.

Equality and possibility. Disciples must rightly measure both.

A disciple recognizes inherent

equality in human dignity. The image of Christ is in all. There is no distinction in color, background, ability, sexuality. We must see in each, another self, and respect each person's life and dignity through our kindness and mercy. Taken from that perspective, each person on and around the cross is us. None deserves hatred. None is less than we are.

A disciple properly orders possibility - that we are not a copy of each other (I'll never be as smart as... As beautiful / handsome as... As artistic as...) but rather that I am able to come to Jesus and be saved (as Dismas was). All sorts and conditions of humanity gathered at the Cross, the whole scene a picture of equality and possibility. Our discipleship message is that all have equality before Jesus and each, like Dismas, has possibility in the Cross of Christ.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Galatians 3:28
MONDAY: 1 Timothy 2:1-4
TUESDAY: Matthew 7:12
WEDNESDAY: Exodus 20:13
THURSDAY: 1 John 3:17
FRIDAY: Luke 6:36
SATURDAY: John 3:16

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant that I may respect the inherent human dignity of each person and, as Your disciple, provide them the possibility of salvation in You.

2019 - Year of Discipleship - EVENT

Joe and Andrea Kaczynski have generously invited all parishioners to an evening of friendship and faith discussion at their home, 2201 Central Parkway (corner Parkside), Schenectady NY (right off Central Park) on Friday, March 22nd at 7pm. Please join in for this great discipleship gathering. No STATIONS that night.

Pierogi Making

We will be making pierogi for the Basket Social next Sunday. Come join in. We could really use the help. We very much appreciate all who are chipping in (Vince's dough) and all of you!!! See Linda or Donna regarding the Gołabki making schedule as well as the set up schedule. We need all-hands-on-deck!

Pray for Respect/An End to Violence

The outrageous attack on mosques in New Zealand marks yet another sad moment along a timeline urging the destruction of our common humanity. Pray for an end to such violence and the language that leads to it as well as respect for each person's basic human dignity. There will be a communal support event today at 5pm at the Islamic Center, 21 Lansing Rd N, Schenectady, 12304.

Lenten Journey

Today we mark the 2nd 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 - 3/30

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! Want to go - let us know.

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 DiLanne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo DiLanne, 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 Cross Parish, Montreal, Quebec, 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.

Of note...

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