



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 24, 2019

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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.

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

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

4th Sunday in Lent IV Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 31, 2019

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

First reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm: Ps 34:2-7

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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).
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God is the life of all free beings. He is the salvation of all, of believers or unbelievers, of the just or the unjust, of the pious or the impious, of those freed from passions or those caught up in them, of monks or those living in the world, of the educated and the illiterate, of the healthy and the sick, of the young or the old. He is like the outpouring of light, the glimpse of the sun, or the changes of the weather which are the same for everyone without exception. Abba Pambo said, "If you have a heart, you can be saved." – 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 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 6: Seniorate Lenten Retreat at BVM of Częstochowa Parish at 10am.**
- **April 7: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass with Lenten Penitential at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **April 12: Stations of the Cross, 7pm**
- **April 14: Palm Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **April 16: Holy Tuesday. Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism at St. Stanislaus Cathedral.**

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 3

Today I offer three scriptural quotes:

God called out to him from the bush, God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.

Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert... These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us

"Do you think that because [they] suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all [the others]? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will perish as they did!

Pretty scary stuff, because when we hear the honest word of God, the alternative to living in Him

and in His way, we face eternal reality. Live in God, follow His way, be His disciple, or die. When we are clearly told to set aside sin, walk away from it, to repent and go in the opposite direction, it is frightening. We face our weakness and wonder if we are strong enough to do it. In fact, we know we are not strong enough.

Dismas wasn't strong enough. He wallowed in a sinful and destructive life that led him to a tortuous death on a cross. As a fellow Jew he certainly heard of God's word to Moses. He knew the commandments and the penalties, the blessings and the curses. He was dying on a cross in consequence. The curses all came home at once.

We all must face the God of consequences, the honest God Who tells it like it is, without shadow or excuse. Reflecting on this, how do we see Him?

Do we picture this God as god in a Yul Brynner disguise? Is he god as the King of Siam in the 'King and I'? Is he in a stance of strength, bald headed, bare chested, fierce, calling for his whip so might beat his slaves?

As Dismas looked to his left, in the midst of his curses, he saw a short, bearded, dark haired Jewish man. He suddenly he saw through his sin and inability, past the curses to the reality of God. God is the Gardener Who says: "Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate it and fertilize it."

Dismas saw his chance to grow and produce even in that moment where his curses were overwhelming. Let us recognize our chance, the reality of God's truth. He seeks only our growth and production. We must be honest in the face of weakness and rely on His strength. Let us see clearly and grab His chance.

Making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:16

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Peter 3:9

MONDAY: Luke 14:16-24

TUESDAY: Matthew 25:1-4

WEDNESDAY: Galatians 6:10

THURSDAY: Luke 19:12-27

FRIDAY: Colossians 4:5

SATURDAY: 1 Peter 5:8

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You provide us with opportunity and chance to disciple. Grant that I may take hold of Your opportunity and truth above all else.

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, 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 St. Joseph's Parish, Brandon, Manitoba, 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...

2019 - Year of Discipleship - Thank You

Thank you to Joe and Andrea Kaczynski and all who attended our evening of friendship and faith discussion. What a wonderful event. The warmth and goodness of a great faith family here at Holy Name of Jesus.

Pierogi Making - Today

We will be making pierogi for the Basket Social today. Join in (and learn the secrets of great pierogi). 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 Gołąbki making schedule as well as the Saturday set-up schedule. We need all-hands-on-deck!

Ecumenical Healing Service - Saturday

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 - Sunday

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.

Seniorate Lenten Retreat

Please join in at our Seniorate Lenten Retreat to be held Saturday, April 6 at Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa Parish, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham NY. The event begins at 10am. There will be reflections, time for prayer, a youth gathering, of course Holy Mass, and lunch. As we are called to strengthen our discipleship. We pray that this time together will deepen the personal and communal discipleship we are to live.

Lenten Journey

Today we mark the 3rd 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).

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.

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