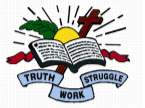




Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 31, 2019

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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, page B5 at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

April 7, 2019

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

First reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm: Ps 126:1-6

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Epistle: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

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, page B5, at 9:20am. Holy Mass with Lenten Penitential at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite), Exposition and Benediction - intentions for the parish and vocations.
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

“Let your prayer be completely simple. For both the publican and the prodigal son were reconciled to God by a single phrase.” -- St. John Climacus

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 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 15: Holy Monday.**
- **April 16: Holy Tuesday. Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism at St. Stanislaus Cathedral.**
- **April 17: Holy Wednesday.**
- **April 18: Maundy Thursday. Holy Mass with Reposition and Stripping of the Altars at 7pm.**
- **April 19: Good Friday. Cross Walk from the Bridge Church at 11:30am. Bitter Lamentations, 3pm. Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 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 4

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation

Three Sundays ago, we met St. Dismas. We learned who he was. We considered what brought him to the life he led. We began considering questions about those times when we, like Dismas, turned from God, let temptation win. Then we set on the road to repentance. We set to take the same opportunity Dismas had; to ask ourselves questions and use those questions to grow into better and better images of Jesus.

We discussed the issue of equality and possibility; our call to rightly measure both.

We recognize inherent equality in human dignity. The image of God is in all. Dismas, like every other person around the cross, is us. None deserves hatred. None is less than we are. In our equality we acknowledge that we are all presented with the same possibility Dismas and Gestas had. Like Dismas, we are called to come to Jesus and be saved.

While we have that ability to come and be saved, we tend to get caught up in our weakness and fear. Fear is compounded when we face God's absolute honesty. Dismas wasn't strong enough and lived a sinful and destructive life even in the face of God's truth. Until. Like Dismas, we must have the courage to grab the chance. We must not forego the chance like Gestas did. We are called to see the full honesty of God - truth and mercy that provides each of

us the chance to grow and produce even in the direst of moments.

Dismas, on the cross, examined his life, asked questions, saw his innate dignity, the possibility before him. He overcame fear without neglecting Jesus' truth, and grabbed the chance to grow and become, even in the last moment of his life.

Dismas, in his encounter with Jesus, spoke the prayer of faith. He spoke to be saved. In this short moment, Dismas acknowledged the Lordship of Jesus, admitted his sin, and asked for salvation. Dismas lived the parable of the Prodigal by coming back and received eternal life. We are called to do exactly the same. Our Lenten journey with Dismas is a model to be followed. If we follow it, take hold of Jesus' promise, and live in Him, we are recreated as disciple ambassadors, ever new.

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:3

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17

MONDAY: Titus 3:5

TUESDAY: Mark 16:16

WEDNESDAY: Romans 6:4

THURSDAY: Galatians 3:27

FRIDAY: John 1:12

SATURDAY: Romans 10:13

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, remake me. Teach me through this discipleship to become Your ever new ambassadors.

Basket Social – Today and THANK YOU!

Our annual Basket Social at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center is today at noon. Thank you to all who donated 107!!!! baskets. To all who helped with set-ups on Saturday. To all who prepared pierogi last Sunday. What a beautiful family team effort - and a lot of fun, including the singing and dancing. To all who made gołąbki this past Thursday. To all who have invited friends, shared Facebook posts - and to all who will work so hard today. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Ecumenical Healing Service - Thank You

The **FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** - His power moved mightily through our parish last night. Thank you to Rev. George Griffin and our friend Greg who coordinated this. Spending time with God and with all who turned out really raised hearts to what God does in His reality and power. Pastor Humberto (Bob) is ill. Please pray for his restoration.

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 4th 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).

Passiontide and Holy Week

Next Sunday we enter into Passiontide - a much deeper, and very short journey to the Cross. We are called to face the starkness of Jesus' last two weeks before the Cross. He went to hiding due to the treats on His life - He would not have died as His Father set forth. We cover the statues and other decorative items in church to remind us of that stark reality. Next Sunday will include our Lenten Penitential at the start of Holy Mass. Palm Sunday is April 14th. Please take note of our schedule in this bulletin.

Fr. Jim Away

Fr. Jim will be away Monday through Thursday. If you have an emergency need, please call Fr. Mark at 518-453-2258.

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 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 Mission, Winnipeg, 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...

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