



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 31, 2019

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 for śp. Rev. Frederick A. Mechowski, 3rd anniversary.

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).

Palm Sunday Niedziela Palmowa

April 14, 2019

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

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Epistle: Philippians 2:8-9

Gospel: Luke 22:14 -- 23:56

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. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

Says He not, He who has fallen shall rise again, and he who has been averted shall be converted? He it is, indeed, who would have mercy rather than sacrifices. The heavens, and the angels who are there, are glad at a man's repentance. Ho! You sinner, be of good cheer! You see where it is that there is joy at your return. -- Tertullian

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...

- **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. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meets at 7pm.**
- **April 16: Holy Tuesday. Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Christ 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.**
- **April 20: Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Blessing of Easter Baskets, 4pm.**
- **Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter, Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am and Holy Mass at 10am. Easter repast after each Holy Mass.**

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 5

“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”

We have to wonder if Dismas, as he was encountering Jesus on the cross, thought back to the words of the prophet Isaiah: *Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!*

As one who encountered death so often, and who perhaps murdered, who likely saw his criminal colleagues similarly crucified, he was certainly seeing and experiencing something new. In the midst of this horrific tortuous death, he found freedom and forgiveness. Outside himself, he saw Jesus take care of His mother and he saw the

executioners also pardoned by Jesus.

Paul’s words to the Philippians would have therefore rung true for Dismas, for this is what he experienced. *I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus... I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession.*

What happened to Dismas was beyond his comprehension. Dismas’ sinful and failed life was not his final testament. Rather, his testament is that of mercy, of a new way of life. It was something he had missed, he could not possess, yet here it was.

Dismas, just like the woman caught in adultery, was taken possession of by Jesus and was given the chance to respond. They were both set free by meeting Jesus. Neither

had a claim on mercy and freedom. They had no possession they could claim. Yet, they allowed themselves to be brought into the something new Jesus provides. They both allowed Jesus to fill their lives with His newness.

As we enter the Passiontide, the Holy Church offers us the great reassurance that is so apparent in these readings. Jesus is ever near to us, ready to take hold of us. He has new life for us - the past is no more. All we need do is respond as Dismas and the woman did.

In these two weeks, let us reflect on how unready we are, how lacking in perfection, and despite that, how much we want to draw ever closer to Jesus. We are His possession. Because of this, let us press forward growing in our discipleship and witness to Him

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Romans 2:1-5
MONDAY: 1 John 3:20
TUESDAY: John 3:17
WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 35:3-6
THURSDAY: Psalm 34:22
FRIDAY: John 3:18
SATURDAY: Romans 5:1-5

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, take possession of me fully. Grant me Your Spirit so that I may press onward in becoming more like You.

Basket Social –THANK YOU!

Our Basket Social was a huge success. It was our biggest fundraiser ever. Our Gross proceeds totaled over \$8,500 and our net income was \$7,814.39. This would not have been possible without Donna Panfil’s leadership and so many hands that joined together in work and prayer. To everyone who donated such beautiful baskets and gifts, the food makers, the cooks, dessert makers, set-up chauffeurs and workers, greeters - WOW!!! YOU ARE THE BEST! To all of our loyal patrons. THANK YOU. There will be a very brief recap meeting after Holy Mass.

Seniorate Lenten Retreat - Thank You

Thank you to the few who attended our Seniorate Lenten Retreat at Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa Parish. Each faith event we take part in helps us to grow in our discipleship. Going forward, let us recommit to taking advantage of these opportunities. Jesus lives beyond Sunday. Thank you to all at B.V.M. parish for their hard work and hospitality.

Passiontide and Holy Week

Today 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 threats 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. We no longer recite the doxology (Glory be...) and replace it with “Lord for us Your wounds were suffered. O, Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.” Today we celebrate our Lenten Penitential at the start of Holy Mass. Palm Sunday is April 14th. Please take note of our liturgical schedule in this bulletin and your newsletter.

Butter Lambs Available

We are selling butter lambs for Easter. We’ll take orders up until April 12 –via a church sign-up sheet or phone call to 518-605-8559. The butter lambs will be ready for pick up on April 14th during normal church hours OR on April 15th between 7-9pm. They are \$5 each. The money collected will go towards buying supplies to create a community garden on the church grounds.

Reminder - Stipends and Scholarships

Music Scholarship applications are due on May 1st. College stipend applications are due by April 15th.

Parish Census

Please return your parish census forms. In order for us to best communicate with you, and build the parish, we need your help in this regard. It is not difficult, and you can even complete it online.

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, 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, Beausejour, 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.

Of note... 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.

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