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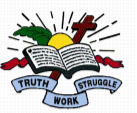
HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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Solemnity of the Presentation Święto Ofiarowania Pańskiego

February 2, 2020

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

First reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm: Ps 24:7-10

R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Epistle: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Intention: 10am for all for whom memory crosses were offered.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am Joe Kaczynski

- Prayers at 9:50am, Blessing of Candles, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3. Exposition/Benediction, Blessing of Throats
- Breakfast and Annual Parish Meeting

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

R. For He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. May the Lord give might to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Septuagesima Sunday Niedziela Siedemdziesiątnica

February 9, 2020

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.

First reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm: Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Intention: 9:30 for all current and former Scouts. 11:30am for all parishioners, youth, vocations, and the dearly departed.

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

Lector: 9:30am Lauren DeBlois, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Prayers at 9:20am, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

R. The Lord has eyes for the just and ears for their cry.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Upcoming...

- **February 2: Solemnity - Presentation of the Lord. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY with Blessing of Candles and Throats followed by our Annual Parish Meeting and Elections.**
- **February 3: Commemoration of St. Blaise of Sebastea.**
- **February 9: Septuagesima Sunday. Pre-Lent Begins. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **February 14: Commemoration of St. Valentine.**
- **February 16: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. 67th Anniversary of the Death of Prime Bishop śp. Francis Hodur.**
- **February 17: Presidents' Day. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.**
- **February 23: Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **February 24: Feast, St. Matthias, Apostle.**
- **February 26: Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 7pm.**
- **February 28: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**

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 Pastor Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Pastor Jim at 518-522-0944.

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.

The offering.

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

This is the Sixth and final Sunday after Christmas.

We have reflected over these weeks on the way Jesus had made Himself known to the world: To the Jewish people; To the poor and humble; To the world; and In His call to the disciples. In these weeks we have covered thirty years of Jesus' time on earth. Today, we take a step back.

After Jesus' birth, He and His mother would stay confined for forty days. She was considered ritually impure because of the blood associated with birth. This time of separation concluded

with a reappearance, a revelation, at the time of ritual purification.

The Holy Family goes up to the Temple, only a few miles away from Bethlehem, to perform this ceremony. We can imagine that their thoughts were on what they had to do. We know how it is when our focus is on the things we have to accomplish. Like the Holy Family, in the midst of our focus, we are taken by surprise.

The words of surprise are summed up in this statement: *The child's father and mother were amazed.* A very old and holy man sings praise to God for what he has been allowed to see - *the glory of Israel, the light to the Gentiles.* An elderly woman goes about speaking prophecy and praising God, talking to everyone who awaiting redemption.

For us Christians, each day must

be a new revelation, a new offering. Each is a chance to show who we are as a people, as a family, and as Church. Each day is a new chance to take the light of Christ that is in us, as symbolized by the candles we hold, and speak to those awaiting redemption. Each of our homes, that hold this light, needs to be a place of refuge and safety that is in some respects apart from the world. In these places we find our refuge and offer it to those we may meet.

On this day, let us consider how we might be taken by surprise by the way Jesus might appear at any moment. It may be in any encounter we might have. Let us allow ourselves to be pulled away from our focus to a new focus, the opportunity to bring Jesus' light to those who sit in darkness. This season of revelation was our beginning. We walk out of it holding a light and making an offering to the world.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 John 1:7
MONDAY: Psalm 119:105
TUESDAY: Ephesians 5:8
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 5:14
THURSDAY: 1 Peter 2:9
FRIDAY: Psalm 27:1
SATURDAY: 2 Corinthians 4:6

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant that I might bear Your light in all my interactions, that I might reveal You to those who are in darkness, and that my home be filled with Your radiance.

Valentine's Raffle Tickets Thank You

Thank you to all who purchased and sold tickets for our annual Valentine's raffle for youth. With 29 days in February this leap year, there are more chances to win. Prizes total \$1,220. **Please return all tickets today.**

Scout Sunday Next Week

Sunday, February 9th is Scout Sunday, Interfaith. We invite all Scouts both youth and adult members to wear their Scout uniforms. We will acknowledge the Scouts in uniform and also ask any former Leaders or Scouts who are present to stand and to be recognized. We also offer a reminder to all Scouts of the religious awards of the Polish National Catholic Church that can be earned. See Fr. Jim.

Celebrating Black Gospel Music

Come celebrate Black History Month with a return of the Black Diamond Performance Group to Schenectady, New York on stage at Holy Name on Saturday, February 29th at 4pm. See this retrospective on Black Gospel Music. Bring a canned or dry food offering as admission, which will be donated to a local charity. Feel free to also bring a dish to share with everyone for a potluck dinner. Come early! Celebrate!

College Stipends

College Stipend applications are now available. Please see Pastor Jim with any questions and to get an application.

Epiphany Visitation

Blessed chalk and incense are available in the front of the church. Fr. Jim would also love to visit your homes and offer a special blessing. Epiphany home visits began January 7th and continue through February 25th. See Fr. Jim to schedule a time.

SouperBowl Thank You

The SouperBowl Sunday soup pot is out. Thank you to everyone who dropped their loose change in over the past month. Souper Bowl of Caring was originally founded by a church youth group in 1990. The movement has expanded ever since. The SouperBowl of Caring assists those in need in our local community. We have participated since 1998 and have raised over \$2,200. Thank you for keeping it going in 2020.

Decennial Census & Tax Season

The decennial census of the United States is coming up. Please be sure to be counted. The IRS will begin accepting tax returns on January 27th. The IRS offers free online tax prep options for those who make less than \$69,000 per year. Details at www.IRS.gov/FreeFile.

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, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Jan Shufelt, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Jeanmarie Vollmer, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Kit Yarrow, Chris Gancarz, Wayne Wienclawski, Zach, Stanley Ordon, David Urbanski, Greg Kaczmarek, Dewey Rogers, Carla, Anita, Yvette, Polly, Joanne Houser, Ewelina Filyushchenko, Dave Micka, and all in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Garrett Grochowski, Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patricia 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 the people and clergy of Our Savior Parish, Woonsocket, RI.

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

Of note...

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. There is a sign-up sheet. Please take a week. We need your help.

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 reconstituted branch 140/168 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Pastor Jim.

--- "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." ---