

Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH - FEBRUARY 23, 2020



Quinquagesima Sunday Niedziela Pięćdziesiątnicy

February 23, 2020

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

First reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Psalm: Ps 62:2-3,6-9

Rest in God alone, my soul. Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

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

dearly departed.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki. Lector: 9:30am Joe Kaczynski, 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).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. I cry aloud to God, cry to God to hear me.

R. On the day of my distress I seek the Lord; by night my hands are raised unceasingly; I refuse to be consoled.

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.

1st Sunday of Lent I Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 1, 2020

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Psalm: Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Epistle: Romans 5:12-19 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Intention: 10am for all parishioners, youth, vocations, and the dearly departed.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am Lauren DeBlois

 Prayers at 9:20am, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3. Exposition and Benediction with prayers for the parish, youth, and vocations.

Breakfast, Annual Financial Meeting.

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress, my God in Whom I trust."

R. Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

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.

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.

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Upcoming...

- 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.
- February 29: Retrospective of Black Gospel Music at 4pm.
- March 1: 1st Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Breakfast and Annual Financial Meeting Follows.
- March 4: Commemoration St. Casimir.
- March 6: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.
- March 7: Seniorate Lenten Retreat at Holy Cross Parish, Syracuse, 10am.
- March 8: Solemnity of the Institution of the P.N.C.C. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- March 13: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.
- March 15: 3rd Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.

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

You have heard it said.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life'

As we discussed over the past two weeks, this Pre-Lenten season's readings are taken from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus' teaching takes the Commandments of God and instruct us in the way we are to understand and live them. Jesus commandments, His way, His fulfillment of the old Law, His right interpretation is for us, so we can truly live.

We have been reminded, in this season of preparation, that we are to turn and focus on living in the way Jesus defines. This great The home is cleansed of earthly opportunity moves us not just into unity with life as God designed, for unity with that way of life is not enough. Rather, we are called to dive headlong into the fulness of God's way.

At the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus demands more of us than His words alone describe. He calls us to complete integrity of life. If we live His call to integrity, the reward is great. The reward is fullness of relationship and inheritance. It is a joy without compare or equal. However, if we do not surrender to Jesus' way, if we are not all-in, the caution is, we grow ridged and cold. Sin creeps in and puts the frost on. The cold goes deeper and deeper and we lose touch with God and with our very selves.

This season of preparation, with only today plus two more days to go, has been a wakeup call. In the Orthodox Churches the Sundays before Lent are days of clean out. things like meat, fish, dairy, and eggs. This clean out symbolizes the call to detachment from distraction, from the things that may hold us back from jumping in headfirst.

Hearing Jesus' words today remind us of this necessary detachment.

Jumping in headfirst requires an act of faith and trust, complete trust in God. It requires trust that says nothing we have, nothing we desire or value outside of God, is of any consequence. They are things here today, gone tomorrow. Seemingly beautiful in the now but only fuel for the fire, or the dumpster, or the landfill tomorrow.

Faith and trust in God, in His word: "do not worry about your life," is a surrender. As we enter into the Great and Holy Lent this Wednesday let us recognize that proclamation is not enough, worship is not enough, setting aside food, and place, and wealth for a time not enough. Rather, we are to value God above all, setting aside what the world says for what Jesus says, and surrendering fully.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 3:5 MONDAY: Psalm 37:4-6 TUESDAY: Romans 8:28 WEDNESDAY: Mark 5:36 THURSDAY: Psalm 37:5 FRIDAY: Isaiah 41:10 SATURDAY: Hebrews 11:6

Pray the week

Lord Jesus. I trust in You alone. Help me to trust in You.

Remembrance Thank You

Thank you to all who attended and so actively participated in the Requiem Memorial Holy Mass for our good friend and longtime members and benefactor sp. Marilyn Hietala yesterday. The beauty of this time together was truly seen in everyone's active participation in the Holy Mass and reception of communion. Marilyn loved the Holy Mass and understood its power and value. We can trust that she was overjoyed by this alone. Thank you to Larry and Donna for the beautiful flowers and photo of Marilyn. Thank you to Larry, Donna, Linda and all who provided for the repast following Holy Mass.

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!

Annual Financial/Budget Meeting

Our Annual Financial/Budget meeting will be held next Sunday, March 1st (the First Sunday of Lent). There will be one Holy Mass at 10am followed by Breakfast and the meeting. Please join in and help in making the important decisions we need to consider for the year ahead.

Annual Lenten Retreat

Our Seniorate's Annual Lenten Retreat will be held Saturday, March 7th at Holy Cross Parish, 3690 Armstrong Rd., Syracuse (Lakeland), NY Lenten Retreat day. The retreat will start 10am with the reflective conference and penitential service. Holy Mass will be at 11am. The parish is providing food so please let Fr. Jim know by March 1st if you are going so adequate provision may be made. There will be a very brief Seniorate Meeting following lunch.

Lenten Discipline

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes will be held at 7pm.

With Ash Wednesday, we enter the Great and Holy Lent. Please be reminded that our discipline requires abstinence from meats every Friday of the year, except during the Easter Season, and in Lent, abstinence from meat and more rigorous fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7pm.

Lenten directed giving begins Ash Wednesday. Please take a guide sheet to assist you. Donations may be left by the Mary Altar.

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 Sczepkowski, 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, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Kit Yarrow, Chris Gancarz, Wayne Wienclawski, <u>Zach, Stanley</u> Ordon, <u>David</u> Urbanski, <u>Greg</u> Kaczmarek, <u>Dewey</u> Rogers, <u>Carla</u>, <u>Anita</u>, <u>Yvette</u>, <u>Polly</u>, <u>Joanne</u> 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, Pattric 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 Holy Cross Parish, Ware, MA.

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

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.