



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 31, 2021

Septuagesima Sunday Niedziela Siedemdziesiątnica

January 31, 2021

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

First reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

Psalm: 32:1-2,5,11

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Tract Response: **“Lord, if You wish, You can make me clean.”**

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Intention: 10am, for the health and healing of Sandra Tatlock. For śp. Louis Konicki. For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).

THIS WEEK’S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. There were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naman the Syrian.

R. Once I prayed, “Lord, have mercy on me; heal me, I have sinned against You.”

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.

Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiątnicy

February 7, 2021

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

First reading: Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22,24-25

Psalm: Ps 41:2-3,4-5,13-14

Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Tract Response: **In Him every believer is justified.**

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Intention: 10am, For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite). Exposition and Benediction for the intention of our parish on its 100th Anniversary.
- Annual Meeting follows Holy Mass.

NEXT WEEK’S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. O Lord, we are shamefaced, like our kings, our princes, and our fathers, for having sinned against You.

R. But Yours, O Lord, our God, are compassion and forgiveness! Yet we rebelled against You.

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...

- **January 31: Septuagesima Sunday.** Pre-Lent Begins. Holy Mass at 10am.
- **February 2: Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord.** Holy Mass at 7pm with Blessing of Candles/Gromnica.
- **February 3: Commemoration – St. Blaise of Sebastea, Bishop and Martyr.**
- **February 4: Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.**
- **February 7: Sexagesima Sunday.** Holy Mass at 10am. Annual Meeting.
- **February 11: Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.**
- **February 14: Quinquagesima Sunday.** Holy Mass at 10am.
- **February 15: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.** Also, President’s Day.
- **February 16: 68th Anniversary of the Death of Prime Bishop Francis Hodur.**
- **February 17: Ash Wednesday.** Holy Mass at 7pm with blessing and distribution of ashes.
- **February 18: Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 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.

Cleaning out.

He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Just prior to Holy Mass I noted that we enter the Pre-Lenten season of Septuagesima today.

This short two-and-a-half-week season is dedicated to preparation for our Lenten journey. It is a season of 'cleaning out the old' to make room for the new thing God has waiting for us.

The Hebrew term zara'at is traditionally rendered "leprosy" because of its Greek translation as "lepra." The Greek word for leper covers a wide range of diseases that produced scales including many non-contagious types. Greek lepra may have included true leprosy but was not limited to it. It is likely that the banished, like the man who approached Jesus in today's Gospel, were lifelong sufferers.

Leprosy was most often attributed to the sufferer's sin. In

scripture, whenever a reason is given for an attack of zara'at, it is in connection with a person challenging duly constituted authority. Miriam challenged the prophetic supremacy of Moses (Numbers 12); Gehazi disobeyed the will of his master Elisha (2 Kings 5); and King Uzziah challenged the exclusive prerogative of the priests to offer incense (2 Chronicles 26).

In this first week of Pre-Lent, let us consider our zara'at, the leprosy we carry from our challenges to God's duly constituted authority and that imparted to His Holy Church by the Holy Spirit.

Did our spines and muscles tense just then. What do you mean I have to listen and follow, give up my way of doing things and do what God and that Church are telling me to do? Are you kidding me? I am free to decide! And there is our zara'at. It lives in our rebellious natures.

From Lucifer to Adam and Eve to the people of Babel and Abraham,

to Miriam, Gehazi, and Uzziah, rebellion was the zara'at that needed to be cleansed in them.

Rebellion is the leprosy that needs to be cleansed in us. Rebellion is bitter, angry, violent, corrupt, and stubborn. It is contention and dispute, pridefulness. Rebellion defies God's will and is the enemy's bad fruit. It is the refusal to turn ourselves over to God.

We choose rebellion because we fear placing our complete trust in God. To solve rebellion in us, we must be wholeheartedly His. We must take the courage to step out and hand over everything to Christ.

Like the leper in today's Gospel, we must ask Jesus to cleanse us. We must throw away the idol within our heart that says, 'You cannot have me.' Yes, we must come to Him from wherever we are, with our whole being, and beg to be cleansed of our zara'at.

God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

Psalm 68:6

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 17:11
MONDAY: 1 Samuel 15:22-23
TUESDAY: Acts 5:29
WEDNESDAY: John 8:44
THURSDAY: Jeremiah 28:16
FRIDAY: Isaiah 30:1
SATURDAY: Isaiah 1:19-20

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant that I may turn over everything to You and in humility wholeheartedly follow Your will and Your word. Destroy all rebellion within me.

Our 100th Anniversary – Is Here

This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish. All ideas and input are welcome. Please contact our Anniversary Chairperson, Alyssa. Send your input to Alyssa.DePaula@gmail.com. We will have a full schedule of spiritual, liturgical, and social events planned for the celebration. Stay tuned.

Preparing Room

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SouperBowl Sunday

The SouperBowl Sunday soup pot is out. Please drop in your loose change to support local charities. We have participated since 1998 and have raised over \$2,300. Keep it going in 2021.

Annual Meeting

Please join us for our Annual Meeting and election of a new Parish Committee on Sunday, February 7th following Holy Mass. We will provide Zoom login information so those who must stay home may participate.

Together in Faith and Love

Join us each Thursday evening at 7pm for our Together in Faith and Love Zoom sessions. The winter months and continued social isolation challenge us all. These weekly virtual informal get-togethers are an opportunity where, with faith and love, we can face challenges together; share time, stories, or recipes; reminisce; or even sing songs. If you have a computer or smart phone you can login to Zoom (ask Fr. Jim for a link). If you do not use computers, you can just join by telephone.

Reminders

If you would like a home blessing (outdoors only) during the Epiphany season, please let Fr. Jim know.

Envelopes and tax statements for 2021 are here.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Ed Jakubiak, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan & Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Amber Tatlock, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Stanley Ordon, Greg Kaczmarek, Carla, Joanne Houser, Ewelina Filyushchenko, Dave Micka, Grace Lewis, Maggie, Susan, Fr. Sr. Don, Linda, Ed Casey, Virginia Rogers, Carolyn, Francine, Marjorie, Margaret, all suffering due to Coronavirus, 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, Timothy Olsen, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, and Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- 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 for any need or intention.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish National Catholic Church/Union of Scranton. This week we remember and pray for the members and clergy of the St. Willibrord Mission, in Warstein, Düsseldorf, and Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. One day we will gather again and give thanks.

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.

Of note...

--- For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ---