



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Quinquagesima Sunday Niedziela Pięćdziesiątnicy

February 14, 2021

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

First reading: Hosea 2:16,17,21,22

Psalm: 103:1-4,8,10,12-13

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Tract Response: **Hidden events of which you know not.**

Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

Intention: 10am, for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

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

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. I am the Lord, this is My Name; My glory I give to no other, nor My praise to idols. See now, the earlier things have come to pass, new ones I now foretell; before they spring into being, I announce them to you.

R. Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise from the end of the earth.

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 in Lent I Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 21, 2021

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

First reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm: Ps 25:4-9

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Tract Response: **It spans the heavens with its glory, this bow bent by the mighty hand of God.**

Gospel: Mark 1:12=15

Intention: 10am, For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).
- Parish Committee Meeting follows Holy Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Noah, found just and perfect, renewed the race in the time of devastation. Because of his worth there were survivors, and with a sign to him the deluge ended;

R. A lasting agreement was made with him, that never should all flesh be destroyed.

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.

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Upcoming...

- 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 Ś+P. Francis Hodur. House Blessings/Kolędy Visits End.
- 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.
- February 19: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
- February 21: 1st Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am. Parish Committee Meets.
- February 24: Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle. Bitter Lamentations at 7pm.
- February 25: Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.
- February 26: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
- February 28: 2nd Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am.

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.

Cleaning out.

“No, new wine is poured in new wineskins.”

We are in the final half-week of this short season 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.

In the first Sunday of Pre-Lent we recognized our likeness to the leper in the Gospel. We acknowledged the fact that we need Jesus to make us clean, clean from old idols and rebellion against God. We were asked to trust that He will indeed cleanse us.

Last week we saw Jesus forgiving sin and showing forth this authority to do so through the curing of the paralytic. Jesus came to cleanse us at an entirely different level – like with the paralytic a cleansing so deep it is complete. St. Paul reminded us that God’s promises are sure and firm. He will do what He

says, providing us complete cleansing, forgiveness, and healing. We need only trust.

Today we focus on the room we have made by cleaning out the old and by trusting in God to cleanse us. The room we have made prepares us for the new thing God has waiting for us.

Have you ever reflected on how amazing God is at doing something new? Who else but our God would do new amazing things like lead His people dry shod through the midst of the sea on their way to freedom? Who else would cause the walls of the world’s strongest city to fall before His people? Who would allow His servants to walk safely through the hottest oven ever built? Who would give victory to His armies in the face of overwhelming opposition? Who would send His Son to save us? Who would love a prostitute?

Wait, what? Yes, who else, beside our amazing God, would be bold enough to do what no one else

would do, love a prostitute.

The story of the Prophet Hosea is exactly that, God’s next new thing. Hosea was commanded to go out, find, clean up, and marry Gomer the prostitute. Hosea was commanded to go after her, even when she chose to leave him so she could go back to prostitution. In this relationship, God shows forth the depth of His love, a love ever new and renewing. A love deep, complete, and powerful to do new for Gomer and for us.

Jesus speaks of clothes and wineskins. Imagine your oldest most threadbare clothes. God’s ever new way is not to fix up your old clothes with patches, trying to cover the holes that leave us exposed. Rather, He has prepared new brilliant white clothes for us to wear into the kingdom. He does not want to fill the old us with His new wine, His word and His very self. If He did, we would burst. Rather He makes us new, in and

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Revelation 21:5

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Isaiah 43:19
MONDAY: Romans 12:2
TUESDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17
WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 4:22-24
THURSDAY: 1 Peter 1:3
FRIDAY: Lamentations 3:22-23
SATURDAY: Colossians 3:9-10

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You have clothed me in the new garment of salvation. You fill me each day with the new wine of Your grace. Grant that I may share Your ever new love with all those I encounter.

Celebrating Our Centennial

The next major celebration for our Centennial Year will be the Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the B.V.M. on Friday, March 19th. Holy Mass at 7pm. There will be no Stations of the Cross that day.

Prepared for Lent

Thank you for your dedication throughout this Pre-Lenten season. Having cleaned out and reflected upon Jesus’ merciful healing we enter the Lenten season prepared. Ash Wednesday Holy Mass with distribution of ashes will be this Wednesday at 7pm. Remember to sacrifice through gifts of food for those in need. Place your offerings by the Mary Altar. Recall that Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent are fasting days. No meat and reduce food intake. Stations of the Cross will be held Fridays at 7pm. We will also offer Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie żale on several Wednesdays. Watch the schedule for times.

SouperBowl Sunday/Annual Meeting Thank You.

Thank you for supporting our SouperBowl Sunday collection. \$95 was raised and will be donated to the Schenectady Community Ministries food program. Thank you also for attending our Annual Meeting whether in-person or virtually. Fr. Jim messed up some on the virtual end and a few people could not get in. We will remedy that for our annual financial meeting March 7th.

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

- Envelopes and tax statements for 2021 are here.
- Chalk and Incense and Blessed Candles/Gromnica are available.

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.

Of note...

out, and ready to receive His next new thing this Lent.

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 Oratory of the Way and the Mind of the Spirit in the United Kingdom.

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.

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