



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 21, 2021

1st Sunday in Lent

I Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 21, 2021

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

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. For śp. Irene Maliszewski off. by Shirley Maliszewski and Dorothy Morrison.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

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

THIS 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.

2nd Sunday in Lent

II Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 28, 2021

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

First reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

Psalm: 116:10,15-19

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Epistle: Romans 8:31-34

Tract Response: **Through these, He has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire.**

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

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Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

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NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. The Lord, our God, has indeed let us see His glory and His majesty! We have heard His voice from the midst of the fire and have found out today that a man can still live after God has spoken with him.

R. Lord, my God, You are great indeed! You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak.

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 21: 1st Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am. Parish Committee Meets.
- February 24: Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle. Bitter Lamentations/Gorzkie żale 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.
- March 4: Commemoration of St. Casimir. Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.
- March 5: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
- March 7: 3rd Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am. Annual Financial Meeting follows.
- March 10: Bitter Lamentations/Gorzkie żale at 7pm.
- March 12: Stations of the Cross 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.

Working to change.

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

On Ash Wednesday we heard that Lent calls us to change, to reform.

Lenten discipline presupposes that we need reform at different levels. Perhaps we need to reform because we lack an understanding of God’s call. Perhaps our religious practice has become habit rather than challenge. Perhaps we are still doing things because mom or dad said so. Maybe, just maybe, we are comfortable and just do not want to change and reform.

Here we are and now is the time to convert, to change and reform. But how do I get there and do it?

Throughout the Lenten journey we are sharing together we will study the means and methods by

which we will achieve conversion, change and reform. This study will help us to reset our lives, right set our expectations, and get to the change and reform necessary to be ardent and faithful liver’s of Jesus’s gospel way.

Here is what we will study – the disciplines of the season: fasting, giving (sacrifice), praying, study, and proclamation – and how though these disciplines we come to conversion, change and reform.

Each of the Lenten disciplines are work. If any were easy to us, we need to find a way to make them a challenge. It may not be just in doing more of x, but in doing x in a different way.

Let’s say we love fasting; it is never that hard. Well, let’s fast in a different way, from a thing other than food, from a thing that pulls us away from living the gospel way.

Today we focus on the fast. As the hymn proclaims, these forty days of Lent O Lord, with You we fast

(and pray).

Fasting is a means by which we rend (i.e., break) our hearts, tearing them away from the attractions that trap us and hold us back and refocusing our time and attention on Jesus’ gospel path. In fasting we separate ourselves from the things that distract us from the gospel cause.

There is so much that tries to distract us, pull us away from the gospel way. Here is a great question to ask ourselves in relation to our fasting: I would be sitting here reading scripture or praying or doing good works except that I am _____. I would be reading scripture or praying or doing good works far more often if I wasn’t _____. There is our stop doing that.

As we fast from what distracts and pulls us away from the gospel way, we will feel Jesus filling that cleared space with new longing to live the gospel and the power to do so.

So we fasted and implored our God for this, and he listened to our entreaty.

Ezra 8:23

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 1 Corinthians 9:27
MONDAY: Ezra 8:21
TUESDAY: Isaiah 58:6-7
WEDNESDAY: Zechariah 8:19
THURSDAY: 2 Chronicles 20:3
FRIDAY: Deuteronomy 9:18
SATURDAY: Jonah 3:5

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, renew the fast within me. Grant that my fasting may open room for me to better live Your gospel and empower me to do so.

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.

Lent Now!

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.

Annual Financial Meeting

Our Annual Financial Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 7th following Holy Mass. It will be available for those who can attend in-person or virtually via Zoom.

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.

Lenten Reading

Some books recommended for you:

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- Cross-Shattered Christ: Meditations on the Seven Last Words by Stanley Hauerwas.
- Taking Jesus at His Word, What Jesus Really Said in the Sermon on the Mount by Addison Hodges Hart.
- Lord, Teach Us: The Lord's Prayer & the Christian Life by William H. Willimon.

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, Pattric 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 Mission of the Nordic Catholic Church in Palermo and Messina, Italy.

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. ---