



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 28, 2021

DISCIPLESHIP
2021 PNCC



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

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).

THIS 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.

3rd Sunday in Lent III Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 7, 2021

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

First reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: Ps 19:8-11

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Tract Response: **He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous decree of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who live not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

Gospel: John 2:13-25

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, vocations, and youth.
- Annual Financial Meeting follows Holy Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

R. The Lord your God shall you fear; Him shall you serve, and by His name shall you swear.

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 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 zale at 7pm.
- March 11: Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.
- March 12: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
- March 14: Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC. Holy Mass at 10am.
- March 18: Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.
- March 19: Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M. Centennial Holy Mass at 7pm.
- March 21: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass with Lenten Penitential Devotion 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.

Working to change.

As they were coming down from the mountain, He charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Lent calls us to change, to reform. Lenten discipline presupposes that we need reform. We may need reform because we lack an understanding of God's call, or our religious practice has become just habit, or we are just going through the motions without knowing why, or just maybe, we are comfortable and do not want to change or reform.

Throughout our shared Lenten journey, we are studying the means and methods by which we 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 liverers of Jesus's gospel way.

Last week we studied the discipline of fasting. We learned

that as we fast from what pulls us away from the gospel, we feel Jesus filling that space with new longing to live the gospel as well as His grace power to do so.

In the coming weeks we will continue with the subjects of prayer, study, and proclamation. Today we focus on giving, also known as sacrifice.

There is no more poignant call and answer to giving than Abraham's. As the Passover sacrifice of a lamb prefigures Jesus, so Abraham's offering of his son prefigures God's giving of His Son Jesus.

Sacrifice is a call and a response. Abraham could have easily said: No, I'm too busy, I don't feel like it, Your request goes too far, Moriah is too far. Yet, no matter how impossibly difficult it was for Abraham he answered yes, "Here I am!" In Lent we are called to answer yes to sacrifice and giving more than we normally would, to doing the harder things, and to permanently change the way we

answer.

In our sacrifice and giving, God recognizes our devotion. As He said to Abraham: *I see how devoted you are.* God recognized that Abraham did not quit or hold back. Even more, God recognizes the fact that Abraham did not grumble afterward, but rather saw the gifts around him and he gave them to God. Because of that, God promised His abundant blessing in terms of *descendants*, victory, and that others will find *blessing* because of Abraham's giving.

In Jesus dying and rising those gifts are carried forward for us. Because of Jesus' devotion to His Father's call and His giving response, we can call ourselves His *descendants*. We have the only victory that matters, and others find *blessing* in us.

Lent calls us to give and sacrifice. Let us respond recognizing that we are doing so from the storehouse of

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 12:1-2
MONDAY: Proverbs 21:3
TUESDAY: John 15:12-14
WEDNESDAY: Philippians 2:4
THURSDAY: Ephesians 5:2
FRIDAY: Psalm 51:16-17
SATURDAY: Mark 10:45

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, renew a sacrificially giving spirit within me. Grant that my giving 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 dates.

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:

- 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.

abundant blessings He gives us and as the legacy Jesus left.

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, Eileen, 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 Office of the Prime Bishop and the staff of the National Church Center.

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

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

Of note...

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. ---