



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 7, 2021

DISCIPLESHIP
2021 PNCC



3rd Sunday in Lent

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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. For śp. Patty McCormack.

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.

THIS 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.

Solemnity - Institution of the PNCC

Św. Zorganizowania PNKK

March 14, 2021

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

First reading: Wisdom 5:1-5

Psalm: 122:1-9

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:1-5

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Intention: 9:30 and 11:30am for our Holy Church.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

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

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name.

R. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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...

- **March 7: 3rd Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am. Annual Financial Meeting follows.**
- **March 10: Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie żale 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 17: Commemoration – St. Patrick of Ireland.**
- **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. Parish Committee Meets.**
- **March 23: National Lenten Retreat at 7pm – Broadcast Live in Church.**
- **March 24: Feast – St. Gabriel the Archangel. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie żale 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.

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.

But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

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. We study to help us reset our lives, right set our expectations, and get to the change and reform necessary to be ardent and faithful lovers of Jesus's gospel way.

In the first week of Lent, we focused on fasting. We learned

that as we fast from what pulls us away from the gospel, we feel Jesus filling the space we cleared with new longing to live the gospel.

Last week we studied giving. Giving or sacrifice is a call from God that awaits a response. If we respond without holding back and grumbling, God recognizes our devotion. He not only sees it, but also us blesses more than we could ever imagine.

In the coming weeks we will continue with the subjects of prayer and proclamation. Today we focus on study.

Study is a long-valued Lenten tradition. In these forty days we are called to increase our study of the bible, and beyond that to find worthy reading materials that help us to understand God better. That reading may be a work by a Church Father, a study on the life of a saint, strategies for growing the kingdom through evangelism (i.e., how to talk to others about Jesus), or perhaps a book on how a

person overcame a struggle we may face to become a more faithful follower of Jesus.

God had commanded the Jewish people to keep His word ever in their thoughts and before them. That is why faithful Jewish people recite the Sh'ma Yisrael twice a day:

"Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one" which references to the Ten Commandments we heard today. They place the Sh'ma on the doorpost of their homes fulfilling the command to, *"write the words of God on the gates and doorposts of your house."* The Orthodox wear Tefillin on their heads and arms, containing verses from the Torah.

Faithfulness requires us to do more than recite words or place them in our homes. We are called to go deeper into God's word, His direction for our lives, to cherish His word and to put it into action. Let us

An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

Proverbs 18:15

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 9:9

MONDAY: John 5:39

TUESDAY: Acts 17:11

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 11:29

THURSDAY: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

FRIDAY: Daniel 1:17

SATURDAY: Acts 8:30

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, renew my mind, clear it of distraction, and grant that I may meditate on Your word night and day. Help me to ingest Your word and to live it actively.

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 today following Holy Mass. For those joining us virtually it will be available via Zoom. If you need the link, please message us or post a comment.

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.

resolve to do so by our study this Lent, and by study know God's nature even better.

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 all who visit and work at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Waymart, PA.

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. ---