



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 21, 2021

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## Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

March 21, 2021

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

First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Ps 51:3-4,12-15

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Epistle: Hebrews 5:7-9

Tract Response: **Upon my back the plowers plowed; long did they make their furrows but the just Lord has severed the cords of the wicked.**

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Intention: 10am, For śp. Alexander Kokolis by the Angher and Sullivan families, for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Lenten Penitential Devotion and Confession, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).
- Parish Committee Meets after Holy Mass.

### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Do me Justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people; from deceitful and impious men rescue me.

**R. For You, O God, are my strength. Why do You keep me so far away? Why must I go about in mourning, with the enemy oppressing me?**

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

**R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.**

## Palm Sunday Niedziela Palmowa

March 28, 2021

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

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Ps 22:17-20,22-23

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Epistle: Philippians 2:6-11

Tract Response: **The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."**

Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

Intention: 10am, For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).
- Centennial Committee Meets after Holy Mass.

### NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters; Who is the King of glory? He is God, the mighty Lord.

**R. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You Who has come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.**

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

**R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.**

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## Upcoming...

- **March 21: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass with Lenten Penitential Devotion at 10am. Parish Committee Meets.**
- **March 23: National Lenten Retreat at 7pm – Simulcast Live in Church.**
- **March 24: Feast – St. Gabriel the Archangel. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie żale at 7pm.**
- **March 25: Solemnity – Annunciation of the Lord. Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.**
- **March 26: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.**
- **March 28: Palm Sunday. Liturgy of Palm Sunday with Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Holy Mass at 10am. Centennial Meeting.**
- **March 29: Holy Monday.**
- **March 30: Holy Tuesday. Chrism Holy Mass in the Cathedral, Scranton, 11:30am.**
- **March 31: Holy Wednesday. Day of Fast.**
- **April 1: Maundy Thursday. Day of Fast. Holy Mass with Reception of Oils, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Stripping of the Altar at 7pm. Church remains open afterward for private devotion.**

**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.

*In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, He offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and He was heard because of his reverence.*

So far in Lent we have focused on the change and reform necessary in our lives. We have been focusing on the various Lenten disciplines, the means and methods by which we achieve conversion, change and reform. These disciplines help us become more ardent and faithful liver

s of Jesus’s gospel way. The subjects of fasting, sacrifice (or giving), and study have been covered thus far. Next week we continue with the consideration of proclamation. Today, we focus on prayer.

This year we study from the Gospel according to St. Mark. In the first chapter of that Gospel, we hear that *Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary*

*place, where he prayed.* Prayer was a regular part of Jesus’ life. In Mark 11 we hear of Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple: ‘*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations.*’ In the same chapter Jesus reminded His disciples of the power of faithful and right prayer: “*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*”

Jesus’ time on earth was a time of “*prayers and petitions.*” These two words portray a life of constant and persistent supplication. Not only did Jesus pray constantly and persistently, He prayed fervently. “*Fervent cries*” could also be translated “loud crying” or even “powerful shouts.” It makes us think of Jesus in Gethsemane, where He was “*very sorrowful even to death*”: *And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And He*

*said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray...” And going a little farther, He fell on the ground and prayed.*

Yet all this still does not exhaust the agonizing depth of Jesus’ prayers, for He prayed “*with tears.*” Jesus sobbed as He prayed. He threw Himself completely into prayer.

Jesus knew every facet of human suffering. He groaned under the depth of it. Through all this agony, Jesus learned something: He learned what it was like to obey as a suffering human in a fallen world and for that faith He was heard.

We are called to the same constant discipline of prayer that Jesus lived. Our prayer must be faithful and right. Our prayer must not be limited. Our prayer, heartfelt even when it groans without words, must call out to God. With prayer, like Jesus, we learn and are given just what we need to endure and cross into glory

Pray without ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Philippians 4:6  
MONDAY: Jeremiah 33:3  
TUESDAY: James 5:16  
WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 6:18  
THURSDAY: 1 Timothy 2:8  
FRIDAY: 1 John 3:22  
SATURDAY: Luke 18:1

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant that my life be one continuous prayer. Help me in faithfully praying without ceasing and with the same passion and determination as with which You prayed.

Passiontide

Passiontide marks the last two weeks of the Lenten season. It is a deeply reflective time in which we should focus on the road the Lord traveled for our salvation. During Passiontide the Glory be... is replaced with the phrase: *Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.* The church is fully arrayed in somber purple to help us feel more deeply our Lord’s great sacrifice.

The Schedule for Passiontide & Holy Week

Place your offerings food gifts for those in need by the Mary Altar. Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent are fasting days. Holy Wednesday through Holy Saturday are also full days of fasting and abstinence.

- Tue. 3/23** - National Lenten Retreat simulcast in church.
- Wed. 3/24** - Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie zale, 7pm.
- Fri. 3/26** - Stations of the Cross, 7pm.
- Palm Sunday, 3/28** – Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Holy Mass at 10am.
- Holy Tuesday, 3/30** – Chrism Holy Mass in the Cathedral, Scranton, 11:30am.
- Maundy Thursday, 4/1** – Holy Mass with Reception of Oils, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Striping of the Altar at 7pm. Church remains open afterward for private devotion.
- Good Friday, 4/2** – Church opens at Noon for private devotion. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie zale at 3pm. Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 7pm.
- Holy Saturday, 4/3** – Liturgies of the day at 10am followed by the Blessing of Easter Baskets.
- Solemnity of the Resurrection (Easter), 4/4** – Solemn Resurrection High Holy Mass at 8am. Second Holy Mass at 10am.

Centennial So Far

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the B.V.M. was celebrated Friday as the second event of our centennial year. Thank you to all who attended this latest event. It was so beautiful, especially because of your participation live and virtually.

Together in Faith and Love

Join us each Thursday evening at 7pm for our Together in Faith and Love Zoom sessions. 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.

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. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.*

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

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, Maggie, Susan, Fr. Sr. Don, Linda, Ed Casey, Virginia Rogers, Carolyn, Francine, Marjorie, Margaret, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, 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 work of the Savonarola Theological Seminary.

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...