



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Septuagesima Sunday Niedziela Siedemdziesiątnica

February 5, 2023

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

First reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm: Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Tract: V. If you love Me, **R. you will keep My commandments.**

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Intention: 10am for all parishioners and our parish.

Celebrant: Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Mattins at 9:55, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
Exposition and Benediction for Special Intentions.
- Breakfast and Annual Meeting

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

R. The Lord has eyes for the just and ears for their cry.

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.

Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiątnicy

February 12, 2023

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

First reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

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

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Tract: V. However, if you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," **R. you are doing well.**

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Intention: 10am and Noon, for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski

- Mattins at 9:55, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. My brothers [and sisters], show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

R. But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

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, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

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Upcoming...

- February 5: Septuagesima Sunday. Pre-Lent Begins. Scout Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- February 6: Holy Mass at Noon.
- February 7: Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.
- February 8: Holy Mass at Noon.
- February 9: Holy Mass at Noon.
- February 10: Holy Mass at Noon.
- February 11: Women's Empowerment Group Meets at 10am.
- February 12: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- February 13: Holy Mass at Noon.
- February 14: Commemoration – St. Valentine, Martyr. Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.
- February 15: Holy Mass at Noon.
- February 16: 70th Anniversary of the Death of Prime Bishop śp. Francis Hodur. Holy Mass at Noon.
- February 17: Holy Mass at Noon. Youth Community Zoom Meeting at 7pm.
- February 18: Central Diocese Music Commission Workshop at BVM Parish, Latham.
- February 19: Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – If someone is in need, please let Pastor Jim know so he might visit, pray with, and anoint them. Call Pastor Jim at 518-522-0944.

The way of life.

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.

Thank you for joining as we testify, proclaim, and evangelize the great and Holy Name of Jesus.

Today we enter the Pre-Lenten season. I say that every year, and perhaps this year I have come to understand it even better because I better understand the nature of choices. We do that as we get older because, as some would say, we have wisdom. Others would say that we now see the long-term consequences of our decisions. Did that decision lead to good, or did it create a disaster.

Ben Sira of Jerusalem, or in short Sirach, shares various versus of wisdom with us, things learned from the Spirit of God for right living. Today, he presents us with some real age-old wisdom we totally connect with: There is a hot stove, don't touch it. As I just mentioned, wisdom comes from experience with choices made. I wonder how many times Ben Sira touched the hot stove

after his mom told him not to. Ben Sira knew, as wisdom, the fact that touching a hot stove leads to disaster while listening leads to good.

That is the way of God. We have a way of life before us. Will we reach out to His life or chose death?

St. Paul tells the Corinthians the practical truth: *What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.*

Paul is speaking from experience, i.e., the wisdom he had acquired from Jesus on the road to Damascus. Meeting Jesus caused him to pull his hand away from the stove and to choose life. He said to himself, Wow, I was about to be burned bad, I could not see it, I could not hear it, my heart was closed to it, but now I know what God has in store for me if I chose His way of life.

It is of note that the Corinthians were new Christians, for not more than three years. They were falling back into their former way of life in so many ways.

They were running headlong to each and every hot stove they could find. Paul is reminding them of that choice, the fact that they will be burned, and in being burned will reject all God has in store for them.

Jesus' commandments to us, His way of life built upon His Father's Commandments, may seem anachronistic to us.

Divorce is common. Treating people as sexualized objects, without humanity, is not just a way to sell music and products, but a commonplace way of life. Disrespect for others, calling them empty (raqa) or impious (foolish), basically non-human, most especially online, is easy. The stoves seem to be so much fun. Jesus' way of life so difficult. *But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

Let us then take this Pre-Lenten opportunity to identify the stoves in our lives, those areas of disaster we reach out to. Let us recall what will happen if we do not stop, and focus our Lent on eliminating them, choosing life with God.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

John 14:15

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
MONDAY: John 14:26
TUESDAY: Romans 13:4
WEDNESDAY: Malachi 3:6
THURSDAY: Proverbs 25:26
FRIDAY: Romans 13:9
SATURDAY: John 7:24

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, Grant that I perceive the dangers in my life, the ways that block my path to You and grant me the grace to overcome them. Amen.

Praying for:

Today's Music

- Entrance: R258, When I Survey.
- Gospel: B100, I Have No Fear.
- Offertory: B86, O My Jesus.
- Communion: Tree Of Life (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B155, Hallowed Be Forever.
- Recessional: B110, Cross Of Compassion.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Annual Meeting / Election of Officers.** Our annual meeting and election of officers is today. Please stay, enjoy breakfast thanks to the Bertasso and Olsen families, and take part in this important Ministry of Administration. You're going to hear some really great things.
- **The Soup Pot Is Out:** Over the past 21 years our parish has raised over \$2,600 as part of the SouperBowl of Caring. This year's collection will be held on **February 12th**. The soup pot is out. Please continue your generosity in this worthy effort which helps Schenectady Community Ministries in feeding the hungry..
- **Epiphany Visitations - Kołęda - House Blessings:** If you would like your home blessed in the traditional Epiphany home blessing between now and February 21st, please see Fr. Jim to make an appointment.
- **A Youth Community Gathering** will be held via Zoom on Friday, February 17th at 7pm. This is a national event, exclusively for youth, and will include online games, fun quizzes, and other fun stuff.
- **Youth Bowling Event:** Our Seniorate is holding a youth bowling event, Saturday, March 4th from 11am till 1pm with pizza and wings. Stay tuned for details.
- **YMSofR Dues:** Dues that are \$12/year are now due. Please turn them over to Paul Zawistowski or Fr. Jim.
- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **NUC Scholarships.** Music scholarship applications are available at <https://nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com>. PNU stipends and a new scholarship.

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węgliński, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Sczepkowski, 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, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Carla, Maggie, Susan, Linda, Carolyn, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Barbara Rogers, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Joe Horton, Roni Bylina, Dave Taylor, Ariel, and all in need of God's healing.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, 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 clergy and faithful of Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Chicago, IL.

• Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Of note:

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to support a week.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? See Fr. Jim.

--- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* ---