



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Quinquagesima Sunday Niedziela Pięćdziesiąticy

February 19, 2023

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

First reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Psalm: Ps 62:2-3,6-9 **R. Rest in God alone, my soul.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Tract: V. Because He is found by those who test Him not, **R. and He manifests Himself to those who do not disbelieve Him.**

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Intention: 10am and Noon, for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil

- 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).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. I cry aloud to God, cry to God to hear me.

R. On the day of my distress I seek the Lord; by night my hands are raised unceasingly; I refuse to be consoled.

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.

1st Sunday in Lent I Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

February 26, 2023

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

First reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Psalm: Ps 51:3-6,12-14,17 **R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Epistle: Romans 5:12,17-19

Tract: V. God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial He will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it.

R. Do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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. You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress, my God in Whom I trust."

R. Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

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 19: Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- February 20: Holy Mass at Noon.
- February 21: Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.
- February 22: Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at Noon and 7pm.
- February 23: Holy Mass at Noon.
- February 24: Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- February 25: Women's Empowerment Meeting at 10am.
- February 26: 1st Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Bitter Lamentations/Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.
- February 27: Holy Mass at Noon.
- February 28: Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.
- March 1: Commemoration of St. David of Wales. Holy Mass at Noon.
- March 2: Holy Mass at Noon.
- March 3: Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- March 5: 2nd Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Annual Financial Meeting. Bitter Lamentations/Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.
- March 6: Holy Mass at 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.

Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

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

Today we come near to the conclusion of this Pre-Lenten season.

Over two weeks we considered choices and consequences, the fact that hot stoves of sin are everywhere and so often seem like fun. If we chose that seeming fun, we get burned and must come to the realization that in doing so we abandon the promises of God.

We know that how we live now, how close the world grows toward the kingdom we are supposed to be building, and how we live in eternity depend on choices made here and now.

If we have lived up to our resolution by taking this Pre-Lenten season as an opportunity to identify the stoves in our lives and have planned our strategies for eliminating them this Lent, we have done well.

Um, but Father, I've been kind of

busy, got distracted, and lost the last two weeks.

I can empathize. I used to get all kinds of awards in grade school for "deportment." It means I carried myself well and was a 'good boy.' The part I did not do well in was use of time. I can still hear my mother saying – Your report card says that you did not make good use of your time. Too much daydreaming I suppose.

Jesus takes a two-pronged approach for those of us who have not made good use of our time, who have not focused.

Jesus' first approach is to remind us of the necessity to focus – to pay attention to God's way and to ensure He is indeed the Master of our life.

Whatever worldly/everyday stuff gets in our way should not be counted as consequential. Whatever seems important to us must pale against the glory of God and how our lives proclaim Him. Each moment needs to be dedicated to God – loving Him, devoted to Him, and serving Him. In short- pay attention to what is truly important and serve that choice.

Next, Jesus veers into reminders of God's care. He knows our weakness, He saw his disciples get easily distracted, so He speaks of the fact that our focus must not be given in vain, but rather is to be toward the One Who will see to our every need.

Jesus left no gaps. Faith in God and dedication to God, making choices for God and toward God leads to blessed consequences: *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.*

As we have been reminded, making choices for hot stoves and away from God leads to loss and eventually total destruction.

In these last two-and-a-half days, let us use our time wisely. See the distraction trying to pull you away, push the distraction away *for tomorrow will take care of itself.* Nothing is more important than the right now in our focus on what God wants this Lent and saying yes to where the Holy Spirit leads.

But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 12:2
MONDAY: Matthew 24:13
TUESDAY: Hebrews 12:1-2
WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 4:25
THURSDAY: Colossians 3:2
FRIDAY: Isaiah 41:10
SATURDAY: Luke 21:36

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to overcome all distraction so that my focus be ever fixed on You who cares for my every need and Who guides me to all good. Amen.

Praying for:

Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn of Faith.
- Gospel: Jesus Walked (handout).
- Offertory: Jesus My Destiny (handout).
- Communion: Deep Within (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: Tree Of Life (handout).
- Recessional: Somebody's Knocking At My Door (handout).

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- The Soup Pot:** This year's SouperBowl of Caring collection brought in nearly \$200, the best ever! Thank you!
- Youth Community Gathering** was held via Zoom this past Friday. Thank you to all who saw to their children's participation.
- Central Diocese Music Commission.** Fr. Jim, Liz, and Larry attended the Music Commission's presentation on singing the Ordinaries (the parts of the Holy Mass that do not change week-to-week. It was a wonderful event.
- Youth Bowling Event:** Our Seniorate is holding a youth bowling event, Saturday, March 4th from Noon till 2pm at Kingpin Lanes 375 Troy-Schenectady Rd, Latham with pizza and drinks too. The event is free for ALL parish youth.
- LENT – starts Wednesday.** We will have two Holy Masses with the blessing and distribution of ashes this Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, at Noon and 7pm. Remember that Wednesday and Fridays are days of fast/abstinence. We will hold Stations of the Cross every Friday at 3pm and Bitter Lamentations/Gorzkie Żale every Sunday at 3pm. By our fasting and participation in these devotions we meet two of the Church's recommended practices. The other is to increase our sacrifice and giving to charities we choose. May God bless our Lenten journey and take away all those old stoves we no longer want.
- 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 Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Sczepakowski, 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 Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Milwaukee, WI.

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

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."* ---