



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 26, 2023

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

Psalms: 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).

THIS 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.

2nd Sunday in Lent II Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 5, 2023

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

First reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Psalms: Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:8-13

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 17:1-9

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 Financial Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the righteousness of my own based on the law,

R. But that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith.

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 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 4: Youth Bowling Event at Noon.**
- **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.**
- **March 7: Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.**
- **March 8: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 9: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 10: Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.**
- **March 11: Women's Empowerment Group Meets at 10am.**
- **March 12: Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Bitter Lamentations/Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**

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.

How to Overcome.

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

Thank you for joining as we together journey through Lent, walking humbly before God and working out our salvation.

As I mentioned Ash Wednesday, we spent the weeks of Pre-Lent identifying the hot stoves of sin in our lives, those dangers we love to run toward, and planned our strategies for getting rid of them.

Those old, hot, rusty, greasy, ugly things in our lives must go, but unfortunately, for many Christians, we spend Lent praying more, sacrificing small things, perhaps giving more, fasting, abstaining, engaging in increased prayer and scripture reading as mere curtains. We close the inner curtain on that hot stove, never really getting rid of it, never allowing Jesus and His team to take it away, so that on Easter Monday we can tear open the curtain and get right back to that hot stove of sin.

Fine Pastor, you're right. I gave up M&Ms and one hour of TV, but that hot stove of sin remains, and even though I would prefer not to, I'll

probably go right back at it after Lent. You see Pastor, I do not know how to really get rid of that sin. Can the Church help me, give me some strategies to get rid of that sin?

Yes, and as with all the answers it begins with Jesus, looking to Him and what He faced.

We might see the temptations as something that happened at the end of Jesus' fasting and prayer in the desert, but it was far more than that.

Jesus, as is often said, was tempted in every way we are. As soon as He began to get hungry, thirsty, tired, motivated to give it all up and go home, the Tempter came. The Tempter accused Him of being weak, unable to finish His mission, a disappointment to His Heavenly Father. We can hear that can't we – because we face that Tempter all the time. He accuses and blames us – all directed at our giving up hope, giving up God.

The Tempter wanted Jesus to denounce His own Father. At the end of the forty days the Tempter hit Jesus with all he had.

It was not just bread for hunger, but the temptation to satisfy every craving of the body – food, drink, pleasure, quitting and being slothful. It was not just to throw oneself down from the parapet of the Temple, but to destroy oneself – quit and kill Your own body Jesus. It was not just rule over all the kingdoms of the world, but to surrender oneself and one's true power to the ruler of the world – the Tempter.

Jesus, having faced all we face, and far more, would be tempted throughout His ministry and on the cross, yet He was loyal to His Father's will and did not sin.

These are the tools He used: prayer, studying scripture, speaking about the kingdom, fasting, communing in relationship centered on the Father. Guess what – we can do all those things and have the same success.

Our success in getting rid of sin is that we will actually feel good, wonderful, fulfilled – and if we find we hate that feeling, know the stove is being removed.

For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:18

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Corinthians 10:13
MONDAY: Galatians 5:16
TUESDAY: James 4:7
WEDNESDAY: James 1:14
THURSDAY: Hebrews 4:15
FRIDAY: Ephesians 6:10-18
SATURDAY: 1 John 1:9

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, I have sinned in so many ways. Have mercy on me and by Your grace show me the way to go, the tools to use in overcoming my sin.
Amen.

Praying for:

Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn of Faith.
- Gospel: R155, Spirit Of The Living God.
- Offertory: B100, I Have No Fear.
- Communion: Deep Within (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B159, Jesus, My Lord And Savior.
- Recessional: B114, Forty Days And Forty Nights.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **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 – Is Here.** Thank you for all who came out on Ash Wednesday, including in the evening when travel was a bit more challenging. Remember that Wednesday and Fridays of Lent are days of fast/abstinence. We 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 need, for we have Jesus.
- **NUC Scholarships.** Music scholarship applications are available at <https://nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com>. PNU stipends and a new scholarship.
- **Easter Basket Needs and Orders:** We will once again be selling complete Polish Easter Baskets. These may be picked up at church on Holy Saturday or can be delivered. Baskets are \$50 each with an additional fee of \$10 for delivery. You can order by seeing Alyssa or online at the parish website www.holynamenc.org. If you could please, save your cardboard egg cartons – we need them for the baskets. Just bring them in and leave them in the parish hall.
- **CarePortal** – we continue to supply much needed items that help families stay strong and safe. Please take and fill out a CarePortal sheet and bring in.

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węgliński, 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, Lyle, 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 Our Savior Parish, Mosinee, WI.

• Bless them, O Lord! Pobjłogoslław 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."* ---