



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 5, 2023

## 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

Psalm: 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. What good is it my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **R. See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. So also faith without works is dead.**

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
- Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.

### 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.**

## Solemnity - Institution of the PNCC

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March 12, 2023

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: 10am and Noon, for our Holy Church.

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).
- Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.

### THIS 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.**

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...

- **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.**
- **March 13: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 14: Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.**
- **March 15: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 16: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 17: Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.**
- **March 19: 4th Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Bitter Lamentations/Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- **March 20: Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM. 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.

## How to Overcome.

*And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Him.*

Thank you for joining as we together journey through Lent.

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

Those old, hot, rusty, greasy, ugly things in our lives must go. With that in mind, we discussed the tools available to us that will help us get rid of that sin problem. They are the same tools Jesus used and exemplified for us. It is why the Church recommends them.

The tools He used: prayer, studying scripture, speaking about the kingdom, fasting, communing in relationship centered on the Father.

Seems easy enough until we set to doing them. Once we move toward that way of life, a deeper relationship with God, the Tempter enters., He comes with distractions, easy outs, and an appeal to our baser selves.

If we do stay on track, guess what? We will have the same success Jesus had.

We know we are being successful, that our relationship with God is growing and deepening when we start feeling good, wonderful, and fulfilled. At the same time the Tempter comes again and this time as the Accuser. He will tell us just how bad we should feel, how God cannot possibly be in relationship with us, and most particularly how we have no right to feel good.

That is the true mark of success and know that the stove of sin is being removed the better we feel and the more we are accused.

St. Paul, writing to Timothy, reminds us: *Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.*

Paul knew that those on the road to glory in God would face hardship, especially those brought on by the Tempter and Accuser. He also knew that if we ask, God will strengthen us in ignoring both the Tempter and Accuser.

Paul knew that each of us who

has come to Jesus by faith has been *saved and called to a holy life* because God made it so for us. He chose us. He picked us out for His team.

We need to remind ourselves of that and take strength from it. When the Accuser says: God doesn't want you! we can respond: Yes, He does, He chose me.

It may seem odd that we read the account of glorious Transfiguration of Jesus today. This grand event that fills us with joy and confidence doesn't seem very Lent like. But there is reason.

The glorious Jesus, our Lord and God to Whom the Law and Prophets pointed, Who the Old Testament predicts is here among us in glory.

Jesus overcoming all things for us, from the dessert to the cross, and is how we were chosen. Paul told us we are on the road to heaven (we just got a glimpse of it) and that in using the tools available to us can overcome all hardship and opposition by a holy life wrapped in God's glorious strength.

*He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*

**Hebrews 1:3**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Isaiah 60:1  
MONDAY: John 11:40  
TUESDAY: Philippians 2:9-11  
WEDNESDAY: Romans 11:36  
THURSDAY: Psalm 72:19  
FRIDAY: Habakkuk 2:14  
SATURDAY: John 17:4-5

## Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You have invited us to share in Your glory. Grant that through this Lenten journey I may set aside all that restrains me and enter into Your glory. Amen.

## Praying for:

### Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn of Faith.
- Gospel: R155, Spirit Of The Living God.
- Offertory: B86, O My Jesus.
- Communion: Jerusalem My Destiny (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B94, People, My People.
- Exposition and Benediction: B147-150.
- Recessional: B110, Cross Of Compassion.

### +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- Annual Financial Meeting is today.** Thank you for being here and taking part in the collaborative decision making that is part of the heritage of the pristine Church of the first centuries. Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. (Acts 4:32)
- Youth Bowling Event:** Due to yesterday's weather the event had to be cancelled. We will reschedule.
- LENT – Is Here.** 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.
- 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](http://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.

Of note:

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, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Carla, 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 Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Minneapolis, MN.

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."* ---