



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 19, 2023

4th Sunday in Lent IV Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 19, 2023

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

First reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

Psalms: Ps 23:1-6. **R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

Tract: V. We feast on the rich food of Your house; from Your delightful stream You give us drink. **R. For with You is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.**

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Intention: 10am and Noon 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).
- 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. Lead out the people who are blind though they have eyes; who are deaf though they have ears. Let all the nations gather together, let the peoples assemble!

R. Pay attention to this, foolish and senseless people who have eyes and see not, who have ears and hear not. Should you not fear Me, says the Lord, should you not tremble before Me?

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.

Passion Sunday

Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

March 26, 2023

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

First reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalms: 130:1-8 **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Epistle: Romans 8:8-11

Tract: V. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. **R. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him.**

Gospel: John 11:1-45

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.

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

R. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

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 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 (trans). Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 21: Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.**
- **March 22: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 23: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 24: Feast – St. Gabriel the Archangel. Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.**
- **March 25: Solemnity of the Annunciation. Seniorate Lenten Retreat at 11am.**
- **March 26: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon with Lenten Penitential Service. Bitter Lamentations/Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- **March 27: Solemnity – Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 28: Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.**
- **March 29: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 30: Commemoration – St. John of the Ladder. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 31: Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.**
- **April 2: Palm Sunday. 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.

Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Thank you for joining as we continue our journey through Lent.

Over the past seven weeks we focused on the hot stoves of sin in our lives, those dangers we so often run toward. We have set to work at getting rid of them. Those old, hot, rusty, greasy, ugly things in our lives must go.

We discussed the tools available to us that help us get rid of those sin problems. They are the tools Jesus used and exemplified for us so like He did, we might live in continuous relationship with our Heavenly Father.

We studied the fact that the Tempter tries to dissuade us, to distract us, to call us to a laziness where we give in to our hot stoves and live complacently with them. He wants us to say: 'Yes, it is ugly and old, and awful, but I like it there.' If we do begin to achieve, the Accuser comes forward with blame. He doesn't want us to understand the goodness and mercy our God – a goodness and mercy that overcomes every sin, every failure. In God's eyes the past is gone, it is absolutely forgotten in the blood of His Son,

Jesus. We don't have to worry about it, but the Accuser wants us to worry and so remain complacent with our ugly stoves.

We have been called to spend this Lenten time, and indeed our entire lives focusing our efforts, our strengths and even our weaknesses on overcoming sins blindness and in turn to praise God Who gave His all to forgive.

There is a lot today in our scripture about blind spots and blindness.

Samuel and Jesse were into appearance, who they thought met God's requirements for a king, but God reminded Samuel: *"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart."*

Paul reminds the Ephesians to live in the light, for *"You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light."*

God places great emphasis on seeing rightly, but we must be careful to draw a clear distinction between seeing by God's light, by His vision for us, and our perceptions.

Perceptions are interesting. Look at our Gospel. The formerly blind

man perceives the Pharisees as erudite men, studied, knowledgeable, honest and informed. Yet he encountered men who were looking out for themselves and who refused to see by God's light. They missed the Messiah and lived in hatred of Him. The man's parents perceived the ulterior motives of the Pharisees was more important than honesty; so rather than own up, they threw their son under the bus (or chariot at that time).

The only person who saw by the light of God was the formerly blind man. He was amazed, saying: *"This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes."* Of course, he was thrown out, but instead of experiencing loss he followed Jesus.

If we perceive our hot stoves as other than what they are; if we perceive the work of the Tempter and Accuser as friendship, if we perceive darkness as light we must turn, repent, and start anew. Our opportunity to live as children of light, to see clearly, is here.

Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

Psalm 119:18

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:7
MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 13:12
TUESDAY: Matthew 5:8
WEDNESDAY: John 1:14
THURSDAY: Revelation 1:7
FRIDAY: John 14:9
SATURDAY: Acts 7:55-56

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You call us to see, not by our own perception, but by Your light and grace. Grant me the grace to overcome mere perception and so live by the sight You have blessed me with. Amen.

Praying for:

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 St. Mary's Mission Parish, Lublin, WI.

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.

Today's Music

- Entrance: B113, When I Survey.
- Gospel: R155, Spirit Of The Living God.
- Offertory: B112, O Sacred Head.
- Communion: Seek The Lord (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B87, Be Merciful To Me.
- Recessional: B86, O My Jesus.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Pizza and Game Night.** Thank you to Alyssa for coordinating and arranging everything. Thank you to all who came out for this excellent time of fellowship.
- **Seniorate Lenten Retreat** – Is this coming Saturday, March 25th starting at 11am. Our parish is hosting so everyone's involvement is needed. Lunch will be provided, so please let us know if you are coming so we have sufficient food and prayer resources.
- **LENT.** 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 sin.
- **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.

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