



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 26, 2023

Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

March 26, 2023

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

First reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm: 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 all parishioners and our parish.

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. 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.

Palm Sunday Niedziela Palmowa

April 2, 2023

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

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Epistle: Philippians 2:6-11

Tract: V. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. **R. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."**

Gospel: Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Intention: 10am and Noon for all parishioners and our parish.

Celebrant: Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil

- Liturgy of the Palms, 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. Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters; Who is the King of glory? He is God, the mighty Lord.

R. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You Who has come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.

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 26: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon with Lenten Penitential Service. Bitter Lamentations/Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- **March 27: 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.**
- **April 3: Holy Monday. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **April 4: Clergy Conference and Chrism Holy Mass at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA.**
- **April 5: Spy Wednesday. Holy Mass at Noon. Private Confessions available until 2pm.**
- **April 6: Maundy Thursday: Reception of Oils, Holy Mass of the Institution, Procession to the Altar of Repose, and Stripping of the Altar at 7pm.**
- **April 7: Good Friday: Church opens at noon, Seven Last Words at 1pm. Bitter Lamentations at 2pm, Presanctified Liturgy 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.

“Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?”

Thank you for joining as we continue our journey together, now in Passiontide. We are drawing closer and closer to the days of Jesus’ arrest, trial, cruel murder, and burial. Our hearts (that is our whole selves) consider most somberly our Lenten accomplishment and what is to come.

Have these eight weeks helped us get rid of those hot stoves of sin in our lives?

In the second part of Bitter Lamentations which we sang together yesterday while on retreat, in the Lamentation Hymn, we hear the words: *They whipped His shoulders; for my sins they beat Him. Come, all you sinners, Jesus’ blood is readied. As soothing ointment for wretched hearts of sin; Well-spring of true life.*

In today’s readings and gospel we see exactly that wellspring of life, true life, cutting through doubt, confusion, worry, sadness, and finally death.

In Ezekiel’s prophesy God reveals that He will not only open people’s graves and have them rise – a physical fact, but simultaneously He

will place His *spirit in* [them] *that* [they] *may live*. His work is true life in its factuality as well as in our very being. We are not dead on any level. God brings us to a life that is throughout. The old stoves of sin are cast off and we really live.

St. Paul reminds the Romans that they are: *in the spirit*. So, we are. We already possess new life as dwellers in the kingdom, we have new life in Christ by our baptism and our witness.

Because of what remains in us of the flesh we have work to do. We need Paul’s reminder that we are in the spirit so we might set to work in getting rid of those stoves of sin, breaking away from the old fleshiness that we cling to.

Let us consider the gospel of Jesus raising Lazarus in part as a whole and in part as a series of vignettes – small stories, glimpses into human fleshy reality where we hold unto doubt, confusion, worry, sadness, and death.

If you will notice, Jesus does not say very much throughout. His statements are short and pointed solely to the revelation of God’s glory that is in Him, and the fact

that all this is being done to show Who He really is.

Think of these scenes as the overarching story unfolds: Martha, Mary, and certainly Lazarus too, were worried. They call for Jesus’ help. He does not arrive. Lazarus dies. The apostles are confused by all of this because Jesus is not helping and then He says they are going back to Judea where He is under threat of death. Martha and Mary are sad. Jesus arrives six days too late from our fleshy perspective. The crowds criticize. There is a dialog about these long off last days and the resurrection.

We see in these vignettes people’s doubt, confusion, worry, sadness, and death. All this is not just centered on hot stoves of sin and a failure to see clearly Who Jesus is. It is an exhibit of an entire hot kitchen of sin that is the old flesh.

Then something amazing: *“Take away the stone.”* Jesus shows Himself God, bringing life from death and the first glimpse of the life He will bring us from the cross. As we wend through this Passiontide let us focus on the new true life we have in Jesus. Jesus’ blood is readied for us.

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Galatians 5:24
MONDAY: Ephesians 6:12
TUESDAY: Matthew 26:41
WEDNESDAY: 1 John 2:16
THURSDAY: Galatians 5:17
FRIDAY: Romans 7:18
SATURDAY: Philippians 3:3

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You call us to live in Your spirit. Grant that I may focus myself on the devout life and Your will while in this life that I may rise at Your return to live body and soul in Your glory. Amen.

Praying for:

Today’s Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith.
- Gospel: R153, Fill Me Now.
- Offertory: B112, O Sacred Head.
- Communion: Deep Within (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B160, We Kneel Before You.
- Recessional: B113, When I Survey.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Seniorate Lenten Retreat Thank You** – Thank you to all who attend. It was indeed a prayerful time. Many became re-familiar with, or learned for the first time about, traditional Lenten devotions. Thank you to all who helped in the kitchen and with cleanup, providing wonderful hospitality. We thank all who joined from throughout our Seniorate.
- **PASIONTIDE.** Remember that Wednesday and Friday are days of fast/abstinence this week. We hold Stations of the Cross every Friday at 3pm and Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale every Sunday at 3pm. Today we begin Passiontide, a season of particularly deep recollection. Statues and gold items are covered in purple symbolizing Jesus’ stepping out of public view before His arrest, trial, and cruel death. Our inability to “see” and the starkness of this time recalls for us what life would be like without Jesus.
- **Easter Basket Needs:** We are sold out of Polish Easter Baskets. Orders may be picked up at church on Holy Saturday or can be delivered. 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.
- **Lenten Food Collection:** Thank you to all who are donating so beautifully. Please bring your items in as part of your Lenten sacrifice.
- **The Basket Social is only 5 weeks away!**

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, 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 Parish, West Allis, 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.

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