



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiąticy

February 4, 2024

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

First reading: Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22.24-25

Psalm: Ps 41:2-5,13-14

R. Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Tract: You must know, my brothers that through Him forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you. **R. In Him every believer is justified.**

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Intention: For śp. Benjamin Whimple.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Sung Litany, pg. 63). Blessing of Throats.
- Annual Parish Meeting.

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. O Lord, we are shamefaced, like our kings, our princes, and our fathers, for having sinned against You.

R. But Yours, O Lord, our God, are compassion and forgiveness! Yet we rebelled against You.

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.

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Today's Music

- Entrance: R258, When I Survey.
- Sacrament of the Word: B100, I Have No Fear.
- Offertory: Jesus Walked (handout).
- Communion: Jerusalem My Destiny (handout).
- Communion Reflection: B155, Hallowed Be Forever.
- Recessional: B110, Cross Of Compassion.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Valentine's Raffle:** Our first drawing is today. You can still get tickets. Thank you to all who have supported this effort and to Linda for leading it.
- **Formal Notice:** Our Annual Parish Meeting, Election of Officers, and Presentation/Vote on simplified cemetery rules and regulations will be held following 10am Holy Mass. We are blessed because we have the right to participate in this ministry of administration.
- **Souper Bowl Sunday** is February 11th. The soup pot is out for your donations supporting the work of Schenectady Community Ministries (SiCM).
- **Today is Scout Sunday.** We recognize and honor all Scouts and Scout leaders past and present. We remind those who are in Scouting of the religious awards of the Polish National Catholic Church. If you have questions in these regards, please see Fr. Jim.
- **Our Seniorate Lenten Retreat** is Saturday, March 16th in Syracuse. Please plan to attend as part of your Lenten observance.

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.

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

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us was not "Yes and no," but in him is "Yes." For however many are the promises of God, in him is the "Yes." Therefore also through him is the "Amen," to the glory of God through us.

In this second week of Pre-Lent, Sexagesima, we are presented with a view into the wonderful assurance of God.

In our gospel we see Jesus confronted by the hushed criticism of the Scribes. They were speaking to each other in whispers criticizing what Jesus was doing. They called His power and authority into question: "*Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?*" – something that would later be part of their pretexts for His arrest and crucifixion.

Jesus confronts their whispering and conniving by showing that He had power to forgive sin by curing the incurable.

That kind of grumbling also occurred in the early Church. Paul had planned to visit Corinth, but then had changed his travel plans. Luckily in changing his itinerary he didn't have to deal with trains and planes. What he did have to deal with though was grumbling among the Corinthians. They started to think he was fickle, couldn't make up his mind, and that led them to question all he taught about Jesus.

It seems silly, doesn't it? Even so, Paul confronts the grumbling, and their resulting lack of confidence head on. Paul does this in a remarkable way, not by laying out some record of all the great things he had done, the

accomplishments he had on his Apostle resume, but rather by going to the source of all assurance and confidence – Jesus.

He declares the absolute yes that is in Jesus. That is the yes of God Who does not vacillate or change in His declaration to us or in His promises. In Christ is also the Amen – which beside meaning 'so be it' also means 'steady' and 'trustworthy.'

As we continue in our Pre-Lenten journey of preparation let us be assured of the yes and amen that is in Christ Jesus who welcomes the contrite, grants grace for needed change, and who has the power to forgive. Again, let us resolve to meet Ash Wednesday and the Great Lent head-on going to the source of all assurance and confidence – Jesus – Who is ready and able to cure what we think incurable in us.

Memory Verse

And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you..

Psalm 9:10

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Luke 16:10
MONDAY: Proverbs 3:5-6
TUESDAY: Isaiah 26:3
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 56:3
THURSDAY: Psalm 111:7
FRIDAY: Hebrews 11:1
SATURDAY: 2 Samuel 7:28

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant that I may trust in You, that all Your promises are trues, and that in You there is no shadow of change. With this assurance help me to conquer my doubts and fears. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Sczepakowski, Joshua Moraski, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, Mary Walters, Tom Walters, and all in need of God's healing grace.

- 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.

This week we remember and pray for the work of the Spójnia Credit Union.

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

Upcoming

- **February 4: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am only. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Annual Parish Meeting.**
- **February 5: NO Holy Mass.**
- **February 6: Holy Mass at Noon. Infant of Prague Chaplet (in Polish).**
- **February 7: NO Holy Mass.**
- **February 8: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 9: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 10: Women's empowerment Meeting at 10am.**
- **February 11: Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **February 12: NO Holy Mass.**
- **February 13: Holy Mass at Noon. Infant of Prague Chaplet (in Polish).**