



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Quinquagesima Sunday

Niedziela Pięćdziesiąticy

February 11, 2024

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

First reading: Hosea 2:16-17,21-22

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

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Tract: From now on I announce new things to you, **R. Hidden events of which you know not.**

Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Sung Litany, pg. 63). Exposition and Benediction for special intentions.
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. I am the Lord, this is My Name; My glory I give to no other, nor My praise to idols. See now, the earlier things have come to pass, new ones I now foretell; before they spring into being, I announce them to you.

R. Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise from the end of the earth.

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: Jesus Walked (folder).
- Offertory: Jerusalem My Destiny (folder).
- Communion: Deep Within (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: Tree Of Life (folder).
- Exposition and Benediction: B147-150.
- Recessional: Somebody's Knocking At My Door (folder).

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Valentine's Raffle:** Is underway. Thank you to all who have supported this effort and to Linda for leading it.
- Our Annual Parish Meeting, Election of Officers, and acceptance of simplified cemetery rules and regulations was a wonderful occasion. Thank you to all for attending. Your input, idea, and guidance are a blessing. Congratulations to all elected to parish offices.
- **Souper Bowl Sunday** is today. The soup pot is out for your donations supporting the work of Schenectady Community Ministries (SiCM). Let's fill it up.
- **Lent Begins:** The Great Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14th. Holt Mass with the blessing and distribution of ashes will be at Noon and 7pm. Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 3pm. Bitter Lamentations/Gorzkie Żale will be held Sundays at 3pm. You may leave your charitable and sacrificial gifts of food by the Mary Altar. May each of our journeys for which we have been preparing be blessed.
- **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."* ---

No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; And no one puts new wine into old wineskins.

In this third week of Pre-Lent, Quinquagesima, we consider the power of overwhelming love.

I remember my Kindergarten girlfriend, Donna, my 8th grade girlfriend Lori, and perhaps a few others before finally meeting and falling in love with Renee.

We may all recall that special person we were attracted to and perhaps fell in love with. If we really consider the difference between the girlfriends and boyfriends we may have had and perhaps the person we finally entered relationship with, we will note differences in the depth and breadth of our love. That is important to remember since we see today God calling out in love to His people, seeking

response.

God says He will give His beloved people everything. He pledges Himself to them. Not only that, but those who are His people will respond in love. What a beautiful vision of mutual love – deep love that knows no limit, where no sacrifice is too great – even to the sacrifice of Jesus for all of us.

I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you to me with justice and with judgment, with loyalty and with compassion; I will betroth you to me with fidelity, and you shall know the LORD.

Some may say: If I only had that kind of love in my life! Let us not forget that we already have that love in Jesus.

Paul reminds the Church in Corinth that the relationship of love within the Christian Church is a *letter, written on*

our hearts. The Holy Spirit writes God's love within us – within our entirety. That love written in us is to be *known and read by everyone.*

Our relationship with God, in the best way, is the model for our relationship with each other. God's model allows us to love not with mere infatuation or passion, not only on occasion, but with the totality of our being all the time.

The covenant relationship Jesus came to establish with us is one of total love. It is a call to mutuality. He tells us that something new is among us – new wine that will not work in old systems of relationship. Our way of life is not like anything of old. He tells the Pharisees to see things with new eyes, with new hearts open to love.

As we prepare to enter Lent, let us focus on the grandeur of God's love and offer Him our entire selves in love.

Memory Verse

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 John 4:16
MONDAY: Romans 5:8
TUESDAY: 1 John 4:8
WEDNESDAY: Galatians 2:20
THURSDAY: John 15:13
FRIDAY: Deuteronomy 7:9
SATURDAY: Ephesians 2:4-5

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant that I may love You and in doing so carry Your model of love into the world. May Your letter of love written on my heart draw many to salvation. 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 people and clergy of St. Stanislaw Kostka parish, Lucca, Italy.

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

Upcoming

- **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).**
- **February 14: Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes at Noon and 7pm.**
- **February 15: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 16: 71st Anniversary of the death of Bl. Francis Hodur. Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.**
- **February 18: 1st Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- **February 19: President's Day. NO Holy Mass. Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm.**