



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 25, 2024

## 2nd Sunday in Lent

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First reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

Psalm: Ps 25:4-9

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

Epistle: Romans 8:31-34

Tract: His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of Him, Who called us by His own glory and power. **R. Through these, He has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire.**

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Sung Litany, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).
- Gorzkie Żale / Lamentations at 3pm.

#### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. The Lord, our God, has indeed let us see His glory and His majesty! We have heard His voice from the midst of the fire and have found out today that a man can still live after God has spoken with him.

**R. Lord, my God, You are great indeed! You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak.**

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: B1, Hymn Of Faith.
- Sacrament of the Word: R153, Fill Me Now.
- Offertory: B86, O My Jesus.
- Communion: Jerusalem My Destiny (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B175, Lord, Forsake Us Not (v. 2 and 3).
- Recessional: B113, When I Survey.

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Official Notice:** On Sunday, March 3rd, there will be only one Holy Mass followed by our annual financial and budget meeting. Please attend to engage in the ministry of administration given to each member of our Holy Church.
- **Lent:** 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 Lenten journeys 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."* ---

*Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."*

Welcome on this Second Sunday in Lent. We continue in our theme for this Lent – struggle.

We will consider the stories of those who have struggled to the point of giving up on God and faith in Him. We see in these stories moments where people may have given up for a time, and who, in the end, were fortified because of their struggle. We may not see these people ever overcoming their struggles, but still committed to overcoming.

Through these stories we will realize that our struggles are evidence of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. The Holy Spirit moves in us and because of that we struggle against the things that separate us from Christ. We are not abandoned.

Let us consider our readings and gospel.

Imagine the struggle of Abraham as he journeys to Mount Moriah to sacrifice his only son as God had asked him. Abraham's faith is sorely tested. Each step of the journey a torture and a consideration of the ultimate loss. Imagine Isaac's bewilderment as the realization of what is to happen sinks in. Yet they are there. They are there in a supreme act of trust. In the end, their faith is reaffirmed and rewarded – but the process of getting there impossible struggle.

Imagine the struggle of those three disciples on Mount Tabor with Jesus. They are given a glorious vision of Jesus, the Son of God. It is meant to strengthen their faith amid the impossible struggle coming up in Jesus' arrest, torture, death, and burial. As they descend the mountain the specter of death

is before them, and they live in confusion from that day forward. After Jesus' arrest and death, they forgot the lesson of the Transfiguration including God's voice: *"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."* All but John went into hiding and would not stay with Jesus.

St. Paul reminds us of the power of our God amidst our struggles. He tells us what he knew by experience, by the salvation he received on the road to Damascus. *If God is for us, who can be against us?*

God carried out what He stopped Abraham from doing. *He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all.* God gave His all for us and in that we have reassurance amidst our struggles. We can proclaim with Paul that God will give us everything else along with Jesus. Because of that we are free and secure even in our struggles.

## Memory Verse

*Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints*

**Ephesians 1:18**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17  
MONDAY: Ezekiel 36:26  
TUESDAY: Romans 12:2  
WEDNESDAY: Philippians 1:6  
THURSDAY: Proverbs 3:5  
FRIDAY: 1 John 4:1  
SATURDAY: John 16:33

## Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, in Your Transfiguration I see reason for my hope. Continually transform me into Your image. Amid my struggles grant me confidence in the freedom and security You won for me. 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, 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, Nedra & Rich Liebert, 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 Parrocchia Di Gesù Misericordioso, Torino, Italy.

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

## Upcoming

- **February 25: 2nd Sunday in Lent Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- **February 26: NO Holy Mass.**
- **February 27: Holy Mass at Noon. Infant of Prague Chaplet (in Polish).**
- **February 28: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 29: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 1: Commemoration – St. David of Wales. Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.**
- **March 3: 3rd Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil. Annual Financial Meeting. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- **March 4: NO Holy Mass.**
- **March 5: Holy Mass at Noon. Infant of Prague Chaplet (in Polish).**