



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 3, 2024

3rd Sunday in Lent III Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

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

First reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: Ps 19:8-11

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Tract: For what the Law, weakened by the flesh, was powerless to do, this God has done; by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for the sake of sin, **R. He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous decree of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who live not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Intention: For our parish and all parishioners and benefactors.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Sung Litany, pg. 63).
- Annual Financial Meeting.
- Gorzkie Żale / Lamentations at 3pm.

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

R. The Lord your God shall you fear; Him shall you serve, and by His name shall you swear.

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: R155, Spirit of the Living God.
- Offertory: B92, Holy Cross.
- Communion: Seek The Lord (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B118, Were You There?
- Exposition and Benediction: B147-150.
- Recessional: B110, Cross Of Compassion.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Official Notice:** There will be only one Holy Mass today followed by our annual financial and budget meeting. Please remain to engage in the ministry of administration and accountability 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."* ---

He knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

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

We are considering the stories of those who have struggled to the point of giving up on God. We see in these stories people who, in the end, were fortified because of their struggle. We may not see them ever fully overcoming their struggles, but still committed to overcoming as God has asked. Through these stories we 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 God. We are never abandoned by Him.

Today's gospel focuses on conflict. Jesus drives out those doing evil in His Father's

House – with a whip. Jesus is angry at the mockery and self-serving going on under those who were supposed to serve God and care for His Temple.

First, let's allay any confusion we might have. We can all agree that Jesus was meek and humble, that He welcomed sinners, and that He cured and healed even to the point of raising three people from the dead. He was in touch with the grief others felt and He felt it with them. That said, He did not come to just leave things as they are, but to reveal His Father's will for all of us, and the way to His Father through repentance and belief.

Today we see Jesus' righteous anger at sin and profanity. Yes, righteous anger is a thing we are allowed to have when we see wrong. Yes, Jesus loved sinners – and so He never left them in their sin. Listen to Him saying – “*go and sin no more.*”

Again, and again repeating – repent, turn away from your sin.

I want to relate a current struggle that one of our potential seminarians is going through. Let's call him Jay.

Jay comes from a Christian background and is entering into the Catholic Church with us. He is studying at a Christian college right now. He let everyone know about his desire to be Catholic and a Catholic priest. For this he is being ostracized by his fellow students and the Dean and Chief Pastor of the college went before the entire school and publicly condemned Jay. Of course, Jay was hurt, and is struggling.

Once again, the Temple is being profaned. In the struggle Jay's solution is to remain resolute, to be a true Christian example walking in Jesus' footsteps following God's law and committed to prayer for God's strengthening grace in the struggle. Pray for Jay.

Memory Verse

God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.

Psalm 7:11

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Jeremiah 3:12
MONDAY: 2 Kings 17:18
TUESDAY: Mark 3:5
WEDNESDAY: Exodus 34:6
THURSDAY: Isaiah 48:9
FRIDAY: Psalm 30:5
SATURDAY: Romans 2:5

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, grant that by my Lenten observances I may reform my life, fully repent, and turn aside the righteous anger I deserve for my sinfulness.
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 Dello Spirito Santo, Sabaudia, Italy.

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

Upcoming

- **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: Commemoration – St. Casimir of Poland and Lithuania. NO Holy Mass.**
- **March 5: Holy Mass at 4pm. Infant of Prague Chaplet (in Polish).**
- **March 6: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 7: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 8: NO Holy Mass. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.**
- **March 9: Ordination of Cleric Sean Dodd to the Diaconate at St. Stanislaus Cathedral at 10am. Women's Meeting at 10am.**
- **March 10: Solemnity of the Institution. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**