



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 17, 2024

Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

March 17, 2024

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

First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: 51:3-4, 12-15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Epistle: Hebrews 5:7-9

Tract: V. Much have they oppressed me from my youth, let Israel say, Much have they oppressed me from my youth; yet they have not prevailed against me. **R. Upon my back the plowers plowed; long did they make their furrows but the just Lord has severed the cords of the wicked.**

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

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

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Do me Justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people; from deceitful and impious men rescue me.

R. For You, O God, are my strength. Why do You keep me so far away? Why must I go about in mourning, with the enemy oppressing me?

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

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Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith.
- Sacrament of the Word: B153, Fill Me Now.
- Offertory: B112, O Sacred Head Now Wounded.
- Communion: Jerusalem, Deep Within (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: Jesus, Remember Me (repeat 7 times – handout)
- Recessional: B101, Let Me Sing, Lord

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Thank You:** To all who attended our Seniorate Lenten Retreat.
- **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.
- **Holy Week:** Our schedule for Holy Week as follows: Spy Wednesday: Private Confessions after Noon Holy Mass until 2pm. Maundy Thursday: Reception of Oils, Holy Mass, Reposition, Stripping of the Altars starts at 7pm. Private Devotion follows. Good Friday: Church opens at Noon. Last Words at 1pm. Bitter Lamentations/Gorzkie Zale at 2pm. Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 3pm. Holy Saturday: Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and Blessing of Baskets at 10am. Church open until 2pm for basket blessings and private devotion.

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."* ---

Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Welcome on this Passion Sunday. We continue in our Lenten study of struggle.

Today we consider Jesus's struggle as He faces His impending death. We also consider the very struggles we ourselves face in our faith journey. Through struggle, we realize that the Holy Spirit is alive and working in us. The Holy Spirit moves to guide and gift us. Jesus walks with us as we journey toward the eternal life Jesus won for us.

In today's gospel message some Greeks arrive, find Philip, and make a request, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

It is interesting that this meeting with Jesus is not outwardly described. Rather, Jesus'

discourse is the very response to the request. If you wish to see Me, then this is what you will and must see – My suffering and death, the requirement to walk in My footsteps, our willingness to sacrifice, our complete focus on God's kingdom work, and allowing ourselves to go to Jesus crucified.

The call to all who want to see Jesus is to accept His very real presence in each aspect of our existence, in each experience of any or all of our human senses.

Sometimes the struggles we face are right there in our face, they are a very present experience that challenges us and gives us great examples of strong faith.

As you know, yesterday we went to our Seniorate Lenten Retreat. There was a lot of good accomplished in prayer and reflection. Of course we shared in a fantastic meal. Then this happened...

We got into our 'brief' Seniorate meeting. Everyone reported out on the activities in their parish. Then the meeting took on a negative tone. It was an awful struggle. Negativity is. The casting of blame on others or down-talking the way others find their way to Christ is no answer or help. It hurt.

That struggle may have made lesser people bitter or angry, yet brave people from those among us and others stood up and blew away the negativity. They remembered that the negativity of *the ruler of the world* has been driven out by Christ.

They reminded us of what is most important for believers. Problems – go to the cross with faith that God is God, that His promises are true, that we must act in all things with faith and hope – no struggle can overcome the Holy Spirit. Our call is to be there for all who struggle with exactly the hope, faith, and welcome Jesus calls us to offer. As Jesus faced His struggle so must we!

Memory Verse

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Psalm 84:2

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 8:18
MONDAY: Psalm 32:8
TUESDAY: 1 Peter 5:10
WEDNESDAY: James 1:2-4
THURSDAY: Hebrews 9:28
FRIDAY: 1 Peter 4:13
SATURDAY: Galatians 2:20

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, as we enter into this Passiontide, grant that we may fully conform ourselves to Your life. Show us the hope that is freely available to all who profess You with faith. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, 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, Dawn Main, 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 Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, Lancaster, NY.

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

Upcoming

- **March 17: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- **March 18: NO Holy Mass.**
- **March 19: Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM. Holy Mass at Noon. Blessing of the St. Joseph's Table (breads and pastries).**
- **March 20: NO Holy Mass.**
- **March 21: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 22: Holy Mass a Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.**
- **March 24: Palm Sunday. Traditional Blessing and Distribution of Palms. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**