



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiątnicy

February 23, 2025

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

First reading: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

Psalm: Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13 **R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Epistle: Corinthians 15:45-49

Tract: But I say to you, love your enemies, **R. and pray for those who persecute you.**

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour / SOCL
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by doing so you will heap burning coals upon his head."

R. Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.

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 v. 1, 2, 4.
- Sacrament of the Word: R141, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R319, Immortal, Invisible (vs. 1, 2, 3, 4).
- Communion: Deep Within (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B87, Be Merciful (v. 1, 2, 3).
- Recessional: B110, Cross Of Compassion (all verses).

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we continue through Winter into Spring (let's think Spring). Please see Fr. Jim or Paul in relation to these events.
 - **Operation SouperBowl:** The soup pot is out. Please share what loose change you may have to help feed the poor. This is the last day for donations.
 - **Official Notice:** Our annual financial and budget meeting will be held Sunday, March 2nd. There will be only one Holy Mass at 10am.
 - **Annual YMSofR Dues** of \$12 are due. Please see Paul.
 - **Basket Social:** Sign-up sheets are out.
 - **Epiphany Home Visitations:** Home blessings are underway. See Fr. Jim to make an appointment.
- Please continue to pray for our seminarians: Pray for a continued increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.
- **Pre-Lent:** Last Sunday we entered the Pre-Lenten season of Septuagesima. This period lasts for two-and-a-half weeks and brings us from the joys of the Christmas and Epiphany seasons and prepares us for the somberness and sobriety of the Great Lent. You will note several changes in the Liturgy. After the Entrance Rite we will sing the Penitential Litany (Sung Ordinaries, page 9, No. 1. We will sing a different Kyrie (Lord have mercy) (Sung Ordinaries page 13, No. 2). There is no Gloria and the Alleluia verse before the Gospel is replaced with a Tract. This time of preparation helps us to take account of God's vision for us and the picture we paint of ourselves so to see where change is necessary.

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."* ---

“Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

Welcome to the second week of this Pre-Lenten season.

The Holy Church gives us this season so we might not jump into the Great Lent unprepared, but ready for a spiritual journey of transformation. What we are at the end of Lent needs be quite different from what we are now.

This season is akin to the stretching exercises an athlete does before they head out onto the track. This season of stretching ourselves helps in preventing spiritual injury – regrets and disappointments – because we were unprepared for our Lenten walk.

Last Sunday I noted that God uses imagery so we might clearly understand His intent for us, the

picture He envisions for us.

In our first reading we see David presented with an opportunity to get rid of Saul who wanted David dead. Saul and his army was in search of David for that very reason. Saul’s anger was motivated by jealousy. Yet, despite what would have been expedient, David did the faithful thing, refusing to kill Saul.

David trusted that God would save him. David didn’t need to take matters into his own hands. We see a picture of faithful David on a bluff above the army holding Saul’s water jug and spear which made the point better than any other solution.

Which do we want for our self-vision? Will we be Saul, acting on negativity, assembling an army to do damage to another, or is our self-vision one of faithfulness and doing right even if the wrong is easier and speedier? How do we want God to see us as He looks at us? Who do we want to present before God on the day we meet

Him?

Jesus paints a strong picture of the people He wants with Him, the people He will welcome into eternity. He wants loving, forgiving, tolerant, and faithful followers. He wants the Church to be those who walk the long walk, take the hard road, and because they do are outstanding examples of what it means to be God’s children.

If we take this Pre-Lenten opportunity for reflection and for a re-evaluation of our self-vision, we take the first steps toward being true children of the Most High Who *is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked, Who is merciful* to all.

Jesus came to show us the road to life, and to remind us of what God desires we pursue. So let us set to work in meeting His vision for us and reap a full measure of blessings.

Memory Verse

And to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:24

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Genesis 1:27
 MONDAY Romans 8:29
 TUESDAY: 1 John 3:1-3
 WEDNESDAY: Psalm 139:14
 THURSDAY: Ephesians 2:10
 FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 3:18
 SATURDAY: Hebrews 11:6

Pray the Week

Lord Jesus, You call me to be Your image in my life and among all I encounter. Grant that I be a genuine representation of You and in word and deed draw many into the Kingdom. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Helen Spencer, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Nedra Liebert, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wieczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, and all needing 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
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All members of the Civil Air Patrol.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of St. John the Baptist Parish, Frackville, PA.

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

Upcoming

- **February 23: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **February 24: Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle. Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **February 25 - 28: No Holy Mass.**
- **March 1: Pierogi making, 10am till 1pm.**
- **March 2: Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Annual Financial Meeting.**
- **March 3: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **March 4: Holy Mass at Noon. Last day for home blessings.**
- **March 5: Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes at Noon and 7pm.**
- **March 6: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 7: Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.**