



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 2, 2025

Quinquagesima Sunday Niedziela Pięćdziesiątnicy

March 2, 2025

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

First reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Psalm: Ps 93:2-3, 13-16 **R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

Epistle: Corinthians 15:54-58

Tract: The honesty of the upright guides them; **the faithless are ruined by their duplicity.**

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Intention: For +Margaret Birmingham (1st anniversary)

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour / SOCL
- Annual Financial/Budget Meeting.

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Grant me justice, Lord! I have walked without blame. In the Lord I have trusted; I have not faltered.

R. Test me, Lord, and try me; search my heart and mind. Your love is before my eyes; I walk guided by your faithfulness.

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:** Please see Fr. Jim or Paul in relation to these events.
 - **Official Notice:** Our annual financial and budget meeting will be held today.
 - **Annual YMSofR Dues** of \$12 are due. Please see Paul.
 - **Basket Social:** Sign-up sheets are out. We will make pierogi again Wednesday morning. Thank you to all who worked on this project yesterday. It was wonderful fellowship and successful – over 300 were made.
- **LENT:** This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Great Lent. We will have two Holy Masses at Noon and 7pm with distribution of ashes. Every Friday we will hold Stations of the Cross at 3pm. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale will be held Sundays at 3pm. The faithful are reminded to abstain from meats every Wednesday and Friday. As part of personal sacrifice and increased charity, we ask for donations of dry and canned goods for those in need locally. They may be left at the Mary Altar. The Liturgical changes introduced in this Pre-Lenten season continue. 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.
- **Ordinations and Elevations:** Deacon Dr. Marcus Tinajero will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood this coming Saturday at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral in Buffalo. Deacon Justin Daviault will be ordained on March 21st. Several of our seminarians will be tonsured and will receive Minor Orders on March 25th. **Please continue to pray** for our seminarians and for a continued increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.

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."* ---

“A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

Welcome to the third Sunday of the 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.

I have noted that God uses imagery so we might clearly understand His intent for us, the picture He envisions for us. We will continue this study of God’s

imagery throughout the Great Lent. We will see God drawing all sorts of pictures that at the most basic of levels create for us a vision of where we are to be, the choices we have along the way, and the destination God desires we arrive at.

As we prepare to enter Lent, God uses imagery to call us to humility derived from self-reflection. We are asked to take account of ourselves and in all honesty to turn from those areas where we do not meet God’s vision for us.

Sirach reminds us that what we truly are will be revealed. It is a warning and an opportunity. Through Sirach, God calls us to take account and work to meet His vision so all we are lines up. If we do so, our words and actions, our character, integrity, and centeredness as we face troubles – as Sirach says - tribulations will show forth virtue. We must work to know God’s vision for us and work to bring it closer to completion.

St. Paul reinforces this call to taking account and the work of necessary change by telling us to *be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord*. In other words, to stay focused on meeting the painting God has created of us – the best image of ourselves.

Jesus words are a formula of opposites. Will we be a blind person trying to lead the blind or will we open our eyes to the work of necessary change? Will I pretend to be teacher in my pride or will I be a disciple and learn from Jesus’ vision. Will I have the humility to address what is in my life, the log in my eye, before I begin nitpicking others? Will I be a rotten tree with bad fruit, will what I produce be covered in thorns? Or will what I offer be good.

As we begin our Lenten journey let us take account of these questions and commit to meeting God’s vision.

Memory Verse

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience

Colossians 3:12

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Philippians 4:8

MONDAY 2 Peter 1:5-8

TUESDAY: Galatians 5:22-23

WEDNESDAY: James 1:5

THURSDAY: Romans 12:1

FRIDAY: Ephesians 4:25-32

SATURDAY: Matthew 5:48

Pray the Week

Lord Jesus, You call me to change so I might become the image You have for me, Your very image here and now.

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, Hazelton, PA.

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

Upcoming

- **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.**
- **March 5: Pierogi Making at 9am. 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.**
- **March 9: 1st Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- **March 10: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **March 11: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 12: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 13: Holy Mass at Noon.**