



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent I Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

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

First reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalm: Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 **R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

Epistle: Romans 10:8-13

Tract: It was I Who made the earth, and man and beast on the face of the earth, by My great power, with My outstretched arm; and I can give them to whomever I think fit. **R. The earth is the Lord's and all it holds, the world and those who live there.**

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Intention: For all parishioners

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

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

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the elders, all who dwell in the land,

R. Into the house of the Lord, your God, and cry to the Lord!

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: R155, Spirit Of The Living God.
- Offertory: B100, I Have No Fear.
- Communion: Jerusalem My Destiny (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B159, Jesus My Lord And Savior.
- Exposition and Benediction: B147-150.
- Recessional: B114, Forty Days And Forty Nights.

+++ 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.
 - **Basket Social:** Sign-up sheets are out. Thank you to all who worked on the pierogi project. It was wonderful fellowship and successful – in total nearly 700 have been made.
- **LENT:** Every Friday we hold Stations of the Cross at 3pm. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale are 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.
- **Ordinations and Elevations:** Deacon Dr. Marcus Tinajero was 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.
- Institution of the PNCC: Today we also recall the Institution of our Holy Church in 1897. We remember the sacrifice of Bishop Hodur and the organizers who sought their full rights as Christians in the face of oppression. Because today is the 1st Sunday in Lent, that celebration takes precedence, and the celebration of the Solemnity is changed to a Commemoration.

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." ---

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

This past Wednesday we entered the Great Lent. I pray that the Pre-Lenten season has prepared each of you for this journey we are now on together.

As we have discussed, 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.

May God's imagery help us to achieve the vision He has for us and help us to arrive at Easter no longer ash, but light.

We see a tremendous set of images in today's Gospel. Jesus, having fasted for forty days and nights is put to the test by Satan. You see, all Jesus must do is give in just a little to gain bread for His hunger, power in the world, and ultimately provide a show for Satan by throwing Himself off the parapet of the Temple.

In resisting Satan, Jesus quotes Scriptures, "One does not live on bread alone." and "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve."

In the third temptation, Satan quotes back two consecutive verses of Psalm 91, verses 11 and 12. In resisting Satan, Jesus recalls the next verse of that Psalm, verse 13: 'You can tread upon the asp and the viper, trample the lion and the dragon.' By resisting, by not giving in just a little, Jesus is victorious over Satan's temptations. As the Gospel tells us, Satan will wait for another day.

Temptation is very real, and it gets redoubled during this holy season of the Great Lent.

Think of the many small compromises we may be tempted to make. Consider still more how we might use Holy Scripture to justify our compromises and forego our disciplines.

Lent calls us to an enhanced level of care in our lives.

In our first reading from Deuteronomy, Moses speaks about the obligation of the Israelites to worship, to bring the first fruits of the soil, recognizing that they were given to them by the Lord, and to literally recite out loud the history of salvation. This wasn't a mere exercise. It kept before the people of Israel the true center of their lives – God and His saving power.

The power of evil in this world calls us to forget God, to give in, to backslide, justify, and place God on the back back burner – out of sight.

This Great Lent calls us to overcome all that. We are, like Jesus, to resist and persevere. Ultimately, Psalm 91:14 gives us assurance. If we cling to God, if we resist giving in just a little, we will be delivered, we will be set

on high with Jesus.

Memory Verse

I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

Revelation 3:11

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 John 1:9

MONDAY: Luke 13:3

TUESDAY: 2 Peter 3:9

WEDNESDAY: Acts 2:38

THURSDAY: Matthew 3:2

FRIDAY: Acts 17:30

SATURDAY: Matthew 3:8

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, grant that I may turn, that I may see in every giving in to sin how deeply I break my relationship with You and my brothers and sisters. Grant that I may resist!

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 Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, McAdoo, PA.

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

Upcoming

- **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.**
- **March 14: Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.**
- **March 16: 2nd Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- **March 17: Commemoration – St. Patrick. Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **March 18: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 19: Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **March 20: Holy Mass at Noon.**