



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 16, 2025

2nd Sunday in Lent II Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

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

First reading: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Psalm: Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14 **R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Epistle: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Tract: “Come,” says my heart, “seek God’s face;” Your face, Lord, do I seek!

R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Intention: For śp Carolyn Opalka.

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. You, who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

R. Say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in Whom I trust.”

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: B86, O My Jesus.
- Communion: Jerusalem My Destiny (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B175, Lord, Forsake Us Not v. 2, 3.
- Recessional: R258, When I Survey.

+++ 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. Please begin bringing in your baskets and place them on the stage,
 - **Seniorate Lenten Retreat:** Saturday, April 5th starting at 11am.
- **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:** On March 21st Mr. Robert Grizzell will be Tonsured and receive Minor Orders. On the same day, Deacon Justin Daviault will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood. 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.
- **Sad News:** I received a call from Mr. Leonard Opalka yesterday. His dear wife Carolyn passed unto Eternal Life on Thursday, February 13th with her family at her side. Today’s Holy Mass is offered for her eternal repose. Please keep Leonard and their sons and grandchildren in your prayers through this difficult time. May Carolyn’s memory be eternal!

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.”* ---

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

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.

Last week we encountered the tremendous set of images where we saw with the eyes of our heart the fasting Jesus, tired and hungry in the desert. There He was put to the test by Satan. We saw the rocks – would they be turned to bread, the mountain top with a supernatural view of all the kingdoms of the world, and the parapet of the Temple high above Mount Zion in Jerusalem.

Today, the eyes of our heart are taken to another mountaintop, Mount Tabor, where Jesus is Transfigured, appearing in all His glory, and standing between Moses and Elijah. The Patriarchs and Prophets give testimony to God's Son come among us.

The three Apostles overwhelmed seek to react. We might have the same thoughts they did – what can we do and how will we do it.

Wait, let's build three dwellings right here, then we can stay here with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Indeed, *it is good that we are here*. I will leave everything else behind just to remain.

The linchpin in the Gospel is the statement: *they spoke of his exodus*. Jesus' path is made very clear. He is going to Jerusalem where He will be arrested, tortured, and killed, and on the third day rise.

The apostles wanted none of

that bad stuff. How much better to stay on this mountain then to descend into the coming chaos.

Brothers and sisters, in this place, in this church, we ascend the mountain, and we commune with Christ Jesus. We experience His glory and are safe from the chaos out there. How lovely it would be, and I often picture this, to remain here, to rest here, to be in the Lord's presence continually. Lovely yes, but not God's will for us.

St. Paul, as he always does, makes it real for us. We must go out into the chaos filled with the grace we have received here and be *those who thus conduct themselves according to the model [we] have in Jesus and His Apostles*.

Through our Lenten disciplines let us strengthen ourselves for the work we must do in the chaos, bringing light to overcome darkness.

Memory Verse

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 14:27

MONDAY: Isaiah 32:17-18

TUESDAY: Isaiah 26:3

WEDNESDAY: 2 Timothy 1:7

THURSDAY: Galatians 5:22

FRIDAY: Psalm 29:11

SATURDAY: James 1:2-4

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, grant that as I go forth, filled with Your grace to strengthen me, I may face the chaos and amidst it bring Your light and peace. May my Lenten journey produce the good fruits needed to do Your work. 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 Holy Cross Parish, Baltimore, MD.

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

Upcoming

- **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. Parish Committee Meets at 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.**
- **March 21: Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.**
- **March 23: 3rd Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- **March 24: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **March 25: Solemnity – Anunciation of the B.V.M. Tonsure and Minor Orders for Seminarians at 10am at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA.**