



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 30, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent IV Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

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

First reading Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm: Ps 34:2-7 **R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Tract: He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord. **R. Therefore, keep the commandments of the Lord, your God, by walking in His ways and fearing Him.**

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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).
- Gorzkie Żale / Lamentations at 3pm.

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. The Lord commanded the skies above; the doors of heaven He opened;

R. God rained manna upon them for food; bread from heaven He gave them.

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: R153, Fill Me Now.
- Offertory: B87, Merciful To Me.
- Communion: Seek The Lord (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B104, At The Cross Her Station Keeping.
- Recessional: B110, Cross Of Compassion.

+++ 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:** NEXT Saturday, April 5th starting at 11am. See the signup sheet for desserts. Please attend.
 - **Thursday Musical Club:** Spring Concert, April 12th.
- **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. **Passiontide** begins next Sunday. Please volunteer to help in the veiling of statues and crosses this week.
- **Seminary Donations:** The Parish Committee asks that we combine our donations which we will then send on behalf of the parish to the Seminary to support those who will be our priests in the future. A basket has been placed out for that purpose. Checks and cash are fine. The basket will be out for several weeks. Please be generous.

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."* ---

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.

God uses imagery so we might clearly understand His intent for us, the picture He envisions for us. May God's imagery help us to achieve the vision He has for us and help us to arrive at Easter as light.

This week God's set of images call us to reliance on His mercy. I, for one, can barely get through the proclamation of this gospel without breaking down because I see the image of God's infinite mercy as He welcomes me back over and over, embraces me again and again despite my failures.

The richness of God's imagery in this parable of the Prodigal makes it a sort of movie. We can see what is happening, how each person acts and reacts. Despite the things that are pretty evident, God as the perfect artist has inserted some

less obvious images.

In movies and games this is often referred to as an Easter Egg. The term was first coined around 1979 by Steve Wright at Atari Computers to describe a hidden message in a video game. Since then, creators, like our Creator, have inserted things we must search for in their creations.

Let's look at some Easter Eggs in the Parable of the Prodigal.

The younger son is unwilling to wait for his inheritance. He exhibits selfishness. Once he has wasted everything the Parable tells us he went to care for the swine. The slightly hidden thing is that the swine owner was probably a Gentile. If he were a Jew, he would have let his servants take a portion of the feed for themselves (a commandment in the Law), but here *he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any*. The son's selfishness is confronted by the owner's.

As the son returns, he has no need

to search for his father. The father is shown waiting. Imagine that, from the moment the son left the father stood in the road waiting for his return. Prodigal means extravagant – and the father's love was indeed extravagant.

Finally, the older son is upset. It is not just the father's extravagance. It is the fact that all that remains of the estate is his, yet he feels unable to enjoy it.

We are called to confront those areas where we are selfish, to seek the less than obvious ways God shows us where we fall short thus taking the lesson to heart. When we turn around and return, let us recognize God's extravagant love and accept His embrace. Finally, let us enjoy God's Kingdom here on earth and spend time rejoicing with all who find their way home. In all things let us seek Him so never giving up we may find Him.

Memory Verse

For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Matthew 7:8

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 8:17
MONDAY: Matthew 6:33
TUESDAY: Matthew 7:7-8
WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 11:1
THURSDAY: Psalm 139:23-24
FRIDAY: Isaiah 48:17
SATURDAY: Acts 2:25-26

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, grant that as I go forth, I may continually seek You. Help me with the humility necessary to turn back to You and to accept Your compassionate and extravagant forgiveness and love. 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 Our Saviour Parish, Lawrenceville, NJ.

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

Upcoming

- **March 30: 4th Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- **March 31: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **April 1: Holy Mass at Noon. Birth of Francis Hodur (1866)**
- **April 2: No Holy Mass.**
- **April 3: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **April 4: Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.**
- **April 5: Seniorate Lenten Retreat at the parish beginning at 11am.**
- **April 6: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- **April 7: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **April 8: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **April 9: Holy Mass at Noon.**