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# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 15, 2026

## 4th Sunday of Lent

IV Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

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Entrance Hymn: V. Lead out the people who are blind though they have eyes; who are deaf though they have ears. Let all the nations gather together, let the peoples assemble! **R. Pay attention to this, foolish and senseless people who have eyes and see not, who have ears and hear not. Should you not fear Me, says the Lord, should you not tremble before Me?** 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.**

First reading: I Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

Psalm: Psalm 23:1-6

Response: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

Tract: V. We feast on the rich food of Your house; from Your delightful; stream You give us drink. **R. For with You is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.**

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Intention: For śp. John Hislop off. by Joanie Caska

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).
- Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.

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### Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith.
- Litany: Sung Ordinaries pg. 9.
- Word of God: R155, Spirit Of The Living God.
- Offertory: B86, O My Jesus.
- Communion: Jerusalem, My Destiny (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B161, Who O Lord Would Not Love You.
- Recessional: B113, When I Survey.

R=Red Hymnal, B=Blue Hymnal

### +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Lenten Observances.** Our Lenten devotions include Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 3pm and Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale on Sundays at 3pm. Your newsletter includes suggestions for Directed Giving of foods for Lent. Leave your donations by the Mary Altar. Remember that Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence (no meat – beef, pork, chicken).
- **Thank You:** To all who attended and participated actively in our Seniorate Lenten Retreat yesterday. A great time of spiritual upbuilding and fellowship.
- **Soup Sale and Pierogi Making:** Our next soup sale and pierogi making session will be March 28th starting at 9am.
- **Are you Veteran?** Do you have questions about services and benefits? As a VMF Congregation let us know, we can help.
- **Prayers Please:** Please keep our seminarians and the other 22 men seeking to serve in your prayers. Fr. Jim will be in Scranton all week for the Ordination of four of our seminarians to the 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.

--- Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed ---

*“This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where He is from, yet he opened my eyes... If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything.”*

Our central theme for this graced Lenten time of reflection and teaching is living sacrificially. We explore the fact that sacrifice is covenantal. In our sacrifices we enhance the pre-existing relationship we have with God. We accept our agreement with God’s plan and rule, find joy in that, reinforce our acceptance of it, and tear away at the things that stand in the way of a deeper union with God.

Tearing away is what today’s gospel is all about. In later years, St. Paul would reinforce that saying: *Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.*

What we once were is changed by each of us encountering Jesus. No matter how it happened, we opened ourselves to His presence. We accepted what He offers us, His wonderful promises, and the changes He brought to us.

Jesus has called each of us out of darkness. He opened our eyes and ears to life in His Kingdom. He set our feet in motion to do the work of the Kingdom.

The gospel shows the dichotomy of those open to the tearing away of darkness and those that cling to darkness.

Jesus asks the blind man, blind from birth, if he would be healed. He answered yes – key to what we must do in those areas of our lives where we are

blind. He heals him and watches his journey through the travails of the court of the Pharisees.

The Pharisees, seeing this amazing event, and getting witness testimony about it, would not allow their darkness to be torn away. They could see but would not see. They would not sacrifice their comfortable and staid lives for the Savior of their souls and the world.

The man’s parents unfortunately would not sacrifice their societal comfort for sight. The formerly blind man, with nothing to lose (aren’t we all in that situation), turns back to Jesus and follows Him saying: *“I do believe, Lord.”* Lord, this Lent, help us tear away our blindnesses and to fully believe.

### Memory Verse

*The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the Lord has made them both.*

**Proverbs 20:12**

### Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:7  
MONDAY: Psalm 146:8  
TUESDAY: Acts 26:18  
WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 11:1  
THURSDAY: Ephesians 1:18  
FRIDAY: Isaiah 5:21  
SATURDAY: John 8:12

### Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to tear away every area of blindness in my life. Open my eyes to Your way alone. Provide me with the courage to face Your light with hope and expectation. Amen.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepakowski, 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, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Daniel & Julia Byrnes, Steve Snyder, Susan D’Ameco, Ed Sargalis, Chip, Jacqueline Lawrence, Don Carpenter, Roni Bylina, 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. Andrew Tenus, Fr. Nadeem Yaqoob, Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk, and for all Veterans.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy 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 Name of Jesus Parish, Milwaukee, WI.

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

### Upcoming

- **March 15: 4th Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- March 16: Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm. Fr. Jim at Seminary.
- March 17 – 19: Fr. Jim at Seminary.
- March 19: Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM. Holy Mass and Ordinations to the Diaconate at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA at 10am.
- March 20: Stations of the Cross at 3pm. Decoration for Passiontide follows.
- **March 22: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- March 23: Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.
- March 24: Feast – St. Gabriel the Archangel. Holy Mass at Noon.
- March 25: Solemnity – Annunciation the BVM. Holy Mass at Noon.
- March 26: Holy Mass at Noon.
- March 27: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.