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# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 22, 2026

## Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

March 22, 2026

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Entrance Hymn: V. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. **R. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.** V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered. **R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.**

First reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm: Ps. 130:1-8

Response: **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Epistle: Romans 8:8-11

Tract: V. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. **R. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him.**

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Intention: For śp. Marianne Weglinski off. by Christine D'Amico

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am with Lenten Penitential Service (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.
- Word of God: R153, Fill Me Now.
- Offertory: B112, O Sacred Head.
- Communion: Deep Within (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: Jesus, Remember Me (7 refrains).
- Recessional: B101, Let Me Sing Lord.

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 helped dress the church in its Passiontide array.
- **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.
- **Next Sunday is Palm Sunday.** We will have a normal Holy Mass schedule with the blessing and distribution of palms at 10am.

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 ---

Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him."

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.

For me, this gospel reading is so emotional. It is conveyed in such a way that we feel every emotion.

We feel the disciple's confusion about what was happening. They are feel trepidation because going back to Judea

with Jesus was dangerous. He was an outlaw. Thomas, finding out that Lazarus had died, states that they should go with Jesus and die too. He was throwing up his hands in frustration.

We feel the meeting with Martha and her statement of faith. We recall that Martha was the one who stayed in the kitchen concerned with serving while Mary sat at Jesus feet. Her faith now calls her to run out to Him.

This time Mary is the one staying behind at home. She is summoned and then runs out. She repeats the exact same line Martha said: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

They were confused, astonished at the fact that He was not there.

All are weeping. Jesus

utters a loud cry of deep indignation out of His inner turmoil. He makes a sound like an agitated horse. Completely troubled amid this sadness, *Jesus wept*. This is the utter sadness of God at the state of death in the world.

Jesus goes to the tomb hearing the criticism of some and the confusion of others. The tomb is opened and He calls Lazarus to life.

In our focus on sacrifice and covenant we are called to sacrifice our doubt. We are called to not just see Jesus as someone who can heal from sickness, putting off death, but as the One who overcame death for all of us. His covenant promise is resurrection and life forever.

### Memory Verse

*Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

John 5:24

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 3:16  
MONDAY: Romans 6:23  
TUESDAY: Matthew 10:28  
WEDNESDAY: Acts 24:15  
THURSDAY: Proverbs 12:28  
FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:8  
SATURDAY: Revelation 21:4

### Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, You are the resurrection and life. Grant me the grace to live confidently in Your promise of resurrection and life eternal. Amid the sadness sickness and death bring, help me to see the light that is life in You. 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, Barbara Rogers, 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 Our Savior Parish, Mosinee, WI. Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

### Upcoming

- **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. Parish Committee meets at 5pm.
- 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.
- **March 29: Palm Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am with Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Noon with Distribution of Palms. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- March 30: Holy Monday. Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm. Fr. Jim at Seminary.
- March 31: Holy Tuesday. Holy Mass of Christ at St. Stanislaus Cathedral at 4pm. Fr. Jim attends.