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# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 29, 2026

## Palm Sunday

Niedziela Palmowa

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Entrance Hymn: V. Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters; Who is the King of glory? He is God, the mighty Lord. **R. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You Who has come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.** V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered. **R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.**

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Ps. 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

Response: **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Epistle: Philippians 2:6-11

Tract: V. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. **R. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."**

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

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

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Matins, Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Mass at 10am (Service Book and 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

- Liturgy of the Palms: Service Book.
- Entrance: R258, When I Survey.
- Word of God: B142, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R216, Strong Righteous Man.
- Communion: Hosanna (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B229, Just As I Am.
- Recessional: B110, Cross Of Compassion.

R=Red Hymnal, B=Blue Hymnal

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Holy Week Observances.** Thank you for your devotedness this Lent. Our Holy Week schedule is included in the bulletin and is in your newsletters. Remember that this Wednesdays, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are days of abstinence (no meat – beef, pork, chicken).
- **Thank You:** To all who helped make pierogi yesterday. We now have over 700. We will be making more on Saturday, April 10th 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 Easter.** Our Resurrection Solemn High Holy Mass starts at 8am. We need men to step up to carry the Symbols of the Resurrection and to lead the procession. Please help. We will have an Easter Repast / Święconka after each Holy Mass.

**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 ---*

*But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up His spirit.*

Our central theme for the past five weeks of Lent and Passiontide has been living sacrificially. We explored 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.

This is the work of our God and Father, to send His only Son into the world. His Son came to establish an everlasting covenant with us. He did this not through the sacrifice of

bulls, and goats, and other creatures but to be the sacrificial Lamb Himself.

His blood marks the boundaries of this new covenant, this place of being in which we His faithful live.

The Father, by this willing sacrifice of Jesus, tells us repeatedly, in each Holy Mass, that we are worth it. His Son comes to us and gives us His very flesh and blood under the appearance and taste of bread and wine so that we might receive Him, so that He could be literally within us.

His sacrifice and agreement to remain with us asks for our yes. He

asks us to live a devotional life, yes in Church prayer, but even more so in our homes, workplaces, and social circles. In our excursions, vacations, travel, when we shop, talk to others, go online, or merely relax. In our mornings, to wake with Him on our lips and in our hearts, as we go to sleep with Him on our lips and in our hearts.

Christ's sacrifice, made in accordance with His Father's will – God offered up for us – created a new reality, so must we work to bring that reality to all we encounter. As St. Paul says: He died for me so I might live for Him.

### Memory Verse

*And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.*

**Luke 9:23**

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Galatians 2:20  
MONDAY: John 12:24  
TUESDAY: Galatians 5:24  
WEDNESDAY: Romans 6:11  
THURSDAY: Romans 12:1  
FRIDAY: Galatians 6:14  
SATURDAY: Romans 6:8

### Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, You sacrificed Yourself in accord with the Father's will. I praise and thank You. I commit to You.  
Amen!

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, 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, 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 Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Minneapolis, MN.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjogostaw im, O Boze!

### Upcoming

- **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 Chrism at St. Stanislaus Cathedral at 4pm. Fr. Jim attends.
- April 1: Spy Wednesday. Private Confessions from 3pm until 5pm.
- **April 2: Maundy Thursday. Solemn Holy Mass with Reception of Oils, Procession, Reposition, and Stripping of the Altar at 7pm. Private Devotion until 9pm.**
- **April 3: Good Friday: Church Opens at Noon. Last Words at 1pm. Bitter Lamentations at 2pm. Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 3pm.**
- **April 19: Holy Saturday: Liturgies at 10am. Basket Blessings and Private Devotions until 2pm**
- **April 20: Solemnity of the Resurrection (Easter): Resurrection Liturgy, Procession, and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am. Second Holy Mass at 10am. Lector: Larry Panfil.**