



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 6, 2025

Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

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

First reading Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm: Ps 126:1-6 **R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Epistle: Philippians 3:9-14

Tract: Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. **R. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful. For He knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust.**

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am with Lenten Penitential (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour / SOCL
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

R. And all this is from God, Who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

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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: B112, O Sacred Head.
- Communion: Deep Within (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: Jesus, Remember Me (Handout. Repeated 7 times).
- Recessional: B101, Let Me Sing Lord.

+++ 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:** Thank you to all who attended and most especially to all who worked so hard in so many ways!
 - **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. Thank you for all who helped with the veiling of the altars.
- **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."* ---

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

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.

This week God's set of images call us to self-reflection and a merciful attitude toward all.

As many of you know, and occasionally see, I get emotional when I proclaim certain of the gospels. I mentioned this last week, and those who were at our Seniorate Lenten Retreat may have picked up on that as I led the Seven Last Words devotion.

We call this conviction. Conviction is the work of the

Holy Spirit where an individual is confronted with what God sees. We face the guilt we know we have and realize we are unable to save ourselves. Further, we get overwhelmed as we consider our guilt in light of God's tremendous mercy. His love overpowers the sentence we deserve.

In the Passion we see Jesus telling the good thief that he will be with Him in paradise. The good thief's effort to seek forgiveness is enough for Jesus to welcome him. In the parable of the Prodigal, we see both sons' sinfulness set aside by a father whose forgiveness and mercy is limitless. We see the image of our heavenly Father waiting for us as we return.

Today we see two sets of sinners standing before Jesus. The prostitute, obviously being manipulated as sex workers so often are, is used here to trap Jesus. That does not discount her sin, but it is minor compared to the allegedly

righteous who brought her there. The others, they are masters of manipulation, deceit, and an inner anger that causes them to hate God Himself. A stark reminder that we must not judge.

Jesus attempts to break through. By ignoring the accusers, He points out His knowledge of their evil. In His mercy He attempts to convict them of their sin, but they will not accept that conviction. They merely walk away. What a loss!

For the woman Jesus does indeed break through. He doesn't question or interrogate her. She does not make excuses. Rather, she accepts His mercy and His instruction: *from now on do not sin any more.*

Over this Passiontide, listen and allow Jesus in. Then accept His mercy. Finally, like St. Paul, forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead.

Memory Verse

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Acts 2:37

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

MONDAY: John 16:8

TUESDAY: John 3:19-21

WEDNESDAY: 1 John 1:9

THURSDAY: Titus 1:9

FRIDAY: Romans 6:23

SATURDAY: 2 Timothy 3:16

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, I stand convicted before You, the Just Judge.

Help me to perceive the outpouring of Your mercy amidst my guilt and help me not to fear. Grant that I may amend those things I am guilty of and sin no more. 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 St. Stephen the Martyr Parish, Reading, PA.

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

Upcoming

- **April 6: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **April 7: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **April 8: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **April 9: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **April 10: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **April 11: Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.**
- **April 12: Women's Empowerment Meeting at 10am. Thursday Musical Club Concert at 2pm at First Reformed Church, Schenectady.**
- **April 13: Palm Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am with the Liturgy of the Palms and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- **April 14: Holy Monday. Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**