



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time II Niedziela zwykła

January 19, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

Psalm: Ps 40:2,4,7-10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Intention: For all parishioners

Celebrant: 9:30am, Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour/Free Lunch on Sunday

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time III Niedziela zwykła

January 26, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

Psalm: Ps 27:1,4,13,14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 9:30am, Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- SOCL Classes

Since, then, He takes away sin until every enemy shall be destroyed and death last of all, in order that the whole world may be free from sin, therefore John points to Him and says: Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world. It is not said that He will take it away in the future, nor that He is at present taking it, nor that He has taken it, but is not taking it away now. His taking away sin is still going on, He is taking it away from every individual in the world, till sin be taken away from the whole world, and the Savior deliver the kingdom prepared and completed to the Father, a kingdom in which no sin is left at all— Origen

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **January 19th: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9:30am. Free Lunch on Sunday**
- **January 18th – 25th: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**
- **January 26th: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9:30am. Music Scholarship Sunday**
- **February 2nd: Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord, Blessing of Candles and Throats, Annual Congregational Meeting**
- **February 9th: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**
- **February 16th: Pre-Lent Begins, Septuagesima Sunday, 61st Anniversary of the death of śp. Prime Bishop Francis Hodur**
- **February 17th: Presidents' Day**
- **February 23rd: Sexagesima Sunday**

Recognize your call and live it

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

St. John the Evangelist uses the figure of the lamb in his expression "*Lamb of God*" in his Holy Gospel twice. The Church fathers taught that this expression is in reference to the lamb offered at Passover. This expression, "*Lamb of God*," is only found in St. John's Gospel and signifies that the Lord Jesus Christ would be the true sacrifice, The Lamb that would atone for and take away the sins of the world.

It is important to reflect on how we know the Lamb of God. We need to recognize the fact that if it were not for people who listened, recognized their vocation, and took action we would not know Him.

John the Baptist points to Jesus and says: "*Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*" John's naming Jesus publicly as the Lamb of God is a remarkable act of recognition that tells us about the workings of the Holy Spirit and God's grace in the world as well as our necessity to respond.

John's testimony continues when he refers to himself saying: "*He who sent me to baptize with water said to me 'On Whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'*"

John stands as a superior example of recognizing God's grace, following the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and doing God's will.

St. John the Baptist sees and understands that God chose him for a specific purpose and he sets out to fulfill that mission. He works every day to fulfill the mission he was given. He prays, fasts, and lives a life in accordance

with the vocation he was given. He stays awake and aware and when the key moment of his ministry, his calling arrives – he recognizes it and proclaims it publicly: "*Behold, the Lamb of God.*"

All that happens in the kingdom of God depends on people, depends on us. Our testimony and witness depend on whether we, like the Baptist, allow grace to have its affect on us, and whether we choose to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit. If we listen, pray, and live regularly in accord with our calling we will be ready to give testimony. In fact, our entire lives will be witness to the Lamb of God.

Our God is a remarkable God. He came in the humblest of ways, as a lamb. He lived His human life with complete trust in the Father's will. As He began His public ministry He did not just stand up and say, 'here I am.' Jesus did not announce Himself. He needed to be recognized. It is now up to us. We must be His recognizers – announcing Him by our lives.

"No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him."

Revelation 22:3

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Exodus 12:5

MONDAY: Isaiah 65:25

TUESDAY: Revelation 5:11-12

WEDNESDAY: Revelation 12:11

THURSDAY: Romans 6:23

FRIDAY: John 3:16

SATURDAY: Revelation 21:3

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to recognize You and witness to You each day.

Epiphany Home Visits

Deacon Jim is available to visit with any parishioner who is hospitalized, homebound, or unable to get to church. He will bring Holy Communion – Jesus' extraordinary gift of love. Epiphany home blessings start January 7th and continue through March 4th. See or call Deacon Jim to set up a time to have your home blessed.

Ś+P Patricia Lewis

Our sister śp. Patricia entered into eternal life on Tuesday, January 14th and a Holy Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, January 18th. The parish family extends its deepest sympathies to Patricia's entire family and all her friends. May she rest in peace.

STAR for Seniors

Renewal applications for Enhanced Senior School Tax Relief (STAR) exemptions for 2014 are due by March 1, 2014 in the City of Schenectady and other locations in New York State. Seniors must renew their exemption. Applications are available at Schenectady City Hall, 105 Jay St., Room 8 or online at www.tax.ny.gov

Official Announcement CHANGE

Our annual congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, February 2nd along with the election of a new Parish Committee. If you or someone you know would like to be part of the leadership team, please write your name, theirs, or better yet, both of yours down along with the office (Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, Trustee) you would like to run for. Drop them in the collection basket in an envelope marked nominations.

Your help in this very important aspect of our Church governance is really needed and appreciated.

Music Scholarship Sunday

Music Scholarship Sunday in January 26th. Pray for the music ministry in our parish and Church. Your donations on this day supports the music scholarships that help to train musicians for the Church's future. Scholarship applications are available online at nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com

Food Collection Continues

Our collection of dry and canned goods will continue. We will also be placing our annual soup pot out for donations toward Souper Bowl Sunday, February 2nd. All of these efforts help people right here in our neighborhood.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday and Change

Our next free lunch will be held today. Please be sure to continue to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake every month. There is no cost or charge for this meal. This service opens our home to all in need of a little company, a warm meal, and the love of Christ. Starting this month our free lunch on Sunday program moves to the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Stanley Radzysinski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, Deb Couns, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Laverne Dowdell, Curtis Sczepkowski, Richard, Bishop John, Derek, Jocelyn, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski.

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: St. Hedwig Parish in Chicago, IL and its congregation and pastor, Rev. Michael Augustyn.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour has returned. Join us after worship every Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every week.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS - Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Deacon Jim.