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Christ's Ethical Teaching

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 31, 2016

Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiątnicy

January 31, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.
First reading: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

Psalm: Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 11:30am Rev. Mark Gnidzinski

Lector: 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 11:20am and Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour

Quinquagesima Sunday Niedziela Pięćdziesiątnicy

February 7, 2016

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

First reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Psalm: Ps 92:2-3,13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Intention: for all parishioners

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite), Blessing of Throats.
- Coffee Hour
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

On all days and seasons, indeed, dearly-beloved, some marks of the Divine goodness are set, and no part of the year is destitute of sacred mysteries, in order that, so long as proofs of our salvation meet us on all sides, we may the more eagerly accept the never-ceasing calls of God's mercy. But all that is bestowed on the restoration of human souls in the various works and gifts of grace is put before us more clearly and abundantly now, when no isolated portions of the Faith are to be celebrated, but the whole together. For as the Easter festival approaches, the greatest and most binding of fasts is kept, and its observance is imposed on all the faithful without exception; because no one is so holy that he ought not to be holier, nor so devout that he might not be devouter. For who, that is set in the uncertainty of this life, can be found either exempt from temptation, or free from fault? – St. Leo the Great

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Father Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944. You may also call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518- 437-A1889.

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Upcoming...

- **January 31: Sexagesima Sunday, Music Scholarship Sunday, Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY**
- **February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation, Holy Mass at 7pm, intention śp Harold Bauer.**
- **February 3: Commemoration of St. Blaise**
- **February 7: Quinquagesima Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am (with Blessing of Throats)**
- **February 10: Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass with Blessing at Distribution of Ashes at 7pm.**
- **February 14: 1st Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass & Confirmation at 10am ONLY. Breakfast and Annual Parish Meeting to follow in the presence of our Bishop Ordinary. Please join in!**
- **February 15: President's Day**
- **February 16: 63rd Anniversary of the Death of śp. Bishop Francis Hodur.**
- **February 21: 2nd Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Free Lunch on Sunday.**

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 by intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

A series of principles.

"Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but every one when he is fully taught will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. The good man out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil man out of his evil treasure produces evil; for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."

Many remember the old adage – how do you know the proper spelling of the word principal? It is based on the context. A school principal is your pal. Principles are sets of moral rules, values, or guiding beliefs. Today we hear Jesus' call to live God's principles.

Today's gospel is an excerpt from

the Sermon on the Mount (actually in the Gospel according to St. Luke, delivered on a Plain). Last week, Jesus talked about the beatitudes, the way life should be lived – a set of values that are in touch and consistent with God's desires for our lives. Today, Jesus sets forth a group of principles – ways of conducting our life so that they exemplify and put the beatitudes into action.

The funny thing about principles is that anyone can develop them. There are all kinds of common sense sayings, adages, and aphorisms that people use every day. As the season of politics and elections drowns on we will regularly hear "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." We laugh, shake it off and move on. We don't put a lot of this into action by making essential changes in our politics.

We cannot do so with Jesus' principles. As we continue our Pre-Lenten journey we are called

to renew our effort to take Jesus' principles to heart and engrain them in our everyday lives. We need to make essential changes in our lives so that Jesus' principles are dearer to us than anything. Do not judge others' sins and speak good words to all. Pre-Lent will help us see where we fall short of the excellence Jesus calls us to so that in Lent we can work diligently to fix our life system. His call wasn't just a few words of common wisdom proclaimed on the Mount or on a Plain. His principles are so much more than adages – more than nice or instructive words. They are a direct key to be used so we live in oneness with God and obtain His promises, His blessings. So we *bear good fruit!*

Jesus' principles are not the way life "should" be lived, but the way His disciples (that's us) must live. Fixing our inner system leads to finding true joy on Easter – real blessing. We will then be found standing with those who are blessed in the Father's eyes forever.

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:9

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

MONDAY: Proverbs 1:5

TUESDAY: 2 John 1:9

WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 4:5-6

THURSDAY: Colossians 2:8

FRIDAY: Hebrews 4:12

SATURDAY: Psalm 25:4-5

Pray

Lord Jesus, You have taught us how we are to live. Grant me the grace to make Your way my way.

Music

The last Sunday of January is designated Music Scholarship Sunday. On this day the parishes of our Church are asked to take up a special collection for the National United Choir's Music Scholarship Fund. These donations are then used to support scholarships for our musicians so that they may continue their training. If any of our parishioners are taking music lessons of any sort they are encouraged to apply for one of these scholarships. Scholarship applications are available at www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com. The deadline for applying is May 15th.

Solemnity of the Presentation

The Solemnity of the Presentation is observed on February 2nd, forty days after Christmas and marks the end of the Christmas season. A part of this day's liturgy is the blessing of candles to symbolize the prophecy of Simeon who declared the child "a light for revelation." (Luke 2:32) Candles remind us that Jesus is our light. Holy Mass will be held at 7pm on February 2nd and candles will be blessed and available to everyone.

Food Collection

Our new food and money collection is for Souper Bowl Sunday, February 7th. Souper Bowl Sunday supports local charities feeding the hungry. God bless you for your spare change and generosity!!!

Pre-Lent to Ash Wednesday

The season of Pre-Lent is our remote preparation for Holy Week. The Gloria is no longer recited and the liturgical color has changed to Rose. These practices are intended to help us make the transition to Great Lent that begins on February 10th, Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass with the blessing and distribution of ashes will be held at 7pm on Ash Wednesday.

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

Please be sure to sell your tickets for February's Outrageous Valentine's raffle. Prizes total \$1,220! Each entry gives one multiple chances to win. Tickets should be returned today. Thank you for supporting this effort, which pays for our summer youth programs – Kurs and CONVO.

Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. Please stop by and join us to support this ministry. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, February 24th.

Holy Mass Intentions

Reminder... you can ask Father Jim to offer Holy Mass for any intention. Just see Fr. Jim and let him know what you want.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is today. Thanks to Emily for preparing it. 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. Our free lunch on Sunday program is on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Of note . . .

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzyminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Weglinski, Janet Spurck, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicki Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Dennis, Donnie Wright, Fr. Ray Drada, Umar Abdur-Rahman.

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones
- All those in Public Service, 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
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of St. Casimir's Parish, Poznań, Poland and its pastor Rev. Roman Skrzypczak.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is held every week after 9:30am Holy Mass. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week. If you can, please help out.

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 Father Jim.

--- Please think of inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus ---