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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 16, 2014

Septuagesima Sunday Niedziela Siedemdziesiątnica

February 16, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm: Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Intention: For the health and healing of Edward Panfil.

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

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, SOCL and Confirmation Class, Raffle
- Free Lunch of Sunday

Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiątnicy

February 23, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

Psalm: Ps 112:4-9

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

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
- Coffee Hour, SOCL and Confirmation Classes, Raffle

And thus a man who is resting upon faith, hope and love, and who keeps a firm hold upon these, does not need the Scriptures except for the purpose of instructing others. Accordingly, many live without copies of the Scriptures, even in solitude, on the strength of these three graces. So that in their case, I think, the saying is already fulfilled: "Whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away." Yet by means of these instruments (as they may be called), so great an edifice of faith and love has been built up in them, that, holding to what is perfect, they do not seek for what is only in part perfect. – St. Augustine

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...

- **February 16th: Septuagesima Sunday, 61st Anniversary of the death of śp. Prime Bishop Francis Hodur, Parish Committee Meeting, Free Lunch.**
- **February 17th: Presidents' Day**
- **February 23rd: Sexagesima Sunday**
- **February 24th: Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle**
- **March 2nd: Quinquagesima Sunday**
- **March 4th: Commemoration – St. Casimir, King and Confessor**
- **March 5th: Ash Wednesday**
- **March 9: 1st Sunday of Lent/Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC, Daylight Savings Time**
- **March 16: 2nd Sunday of Lent**
- **March 19: Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M.**

NOTE

COVO 2014 registration packets are now available!

How mature am I?

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

St. Paul is telling us that we are the mature followers of Jesus. We are ready to receive the wisdom of God. This is not wisdom as the world or today's rulers perceive wisdom, but something the immature cannot perceive.

Later Paul recounts that he began addressing us: *as babes in Christ. He fed us with milk, not solid food; for we were not ready for it.*

We must reflect on our spiritual maturity. Do we still need milk, to be spoon fed, or are we ready for solid food?

We begin at baptism, and our parents and the Holy Church, worked diligently to raise us up in the knowledge of God's mysteries. They worked to bring us from milk to solid food, but can we take that solid food?

This secret and mystery of God is not hocus-pocus. Rather it is the teaching of Jesus who shared with us every secret and mystery of His Heavenly Father. He recounts many of these mysteries in today's Gospel. Do not hate, don't even consider it. Reconcile with your enemies. Do not curse or criticize anyone. Do not lust for anything or for any reason. Don't even consider it. Respect the human dignity of every person. Do not bear grudges against your spouse, but put your spouse first. Value the dignity and sacredness of your relationship.

In all these things - which are

mysteries to the worldly - keep the commandments. Do not keep them as merely a law or a requirement, but keep them in a mature way - with love at the center: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

This is the great mystery. It is the mystery of loving fully and completely as Christians. It is our ability to accept and digest this solid food of love, to be mature followers of Jesus.

When we were immature we had to learn this slowly. We learned in the context of family and we learned in Church. Now we must assess whether we have matured; whether we are eating the solid food of God's love daily. If we are mature we live the mystery and secret of love at all times and in every circumstance. If we eat the solid food of love we will love even when the world says it is ok not to. Earing this solid food of love we will live forever.

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ"

Ephesians 4:15

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Peter 3:18

MONDAY: 2 Thessalonians 1:3

TUESDAY: Philippians 1:9

WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 2:2

THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 10:12

FRIDAY: Matthew 4:4

SATURDAY: 1 Timothy 4:7

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me growth to maturity in faith, hope, and love. Feed me with the solid food of Your truth.

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 started January 7th and continue through March 4th. See or call Deacon Jim to set up a time to have your home blessed.

OFFICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our annual budget meeting will take place on Sunday, March 6th. We will gather at this time to once again to hear our annual financial report, the report of our auditors, and exercise our democratic rights in voting for a new budget. Our Holy Church is unique because its funds are not controlled by the clergy, but by the people. We have a right to accountability for all we sacrifice for our Church.

Souper Bowl Sunday Results

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity on Souper Bowl Sunday and the weeks leading up to it. We raised \$221 and collected 114 pounds of food. The staff at Schenectady Inner City Ministries was very grateful noting that our small church gives more than a lot of the much larger ones that donate.

Community Action Afternoon

Last Sunday afternoon we hosted a community afternoon to discuss the issues facing Mont Pleasant Middle School. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the discussion. There are great challenges that must be faced, but together we can make a difference. All who attended were amazed at the generosity of our faith community in opening our facilities to the community. New partnerships for doing good are being formed thanks to our action.

Friend Sunday

Friend Sunday is March 30th. It is an annual day when churches join together and encourage their members to reach out and invite friends and family to a special service where friendship is honored and encouraged. The Friend Sunday movement hopes to reach every home in America with an invitation to church and ultimately into a relationship with Jesus. Our members are the most effective means of outreach. Why not honor a special friend to church on March 30th and let them know that you are praying for them in a very special way that day.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is today featuring chicken soup. 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, 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 Haberlan, 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 Sczepakowski, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Beverly Ferguson, Edward Panfil, Alyssa DePaula, Jane Kopec.

- 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: Our Savior Parish in Hobart, IN and its congregation and pastor, Very Rev. Andrew Meus.

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.