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## JOHN 17

THE HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JUNE 1, 2014

## Seventh Sunday of Easter VII Niedziela po Wielkanocy

June 1, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Acts 1:12-14

Psalm: 27:1-4,7,8

**I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Intention: śp. Regina Zebrowski Wieczorek, off. by Ted Zebrowski

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

Lector: Marilyn Hietala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Lauds
- Asperges, Service of Worship and Holy Communion, Exposition & Benediction at 9:30am
- Coffee hour, SOCL and Confirmation Classes

## Solemnity of Pentecost Zesłanie Ducha Świętego

June 8, 2014

Rite: 9am Pew Missal, page 63

First reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: 104:1,24,29-31,34

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Sequence: Come Holy Spirit

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Intention: For vocations to the holy priesthood and diaconate

Celebrant: 9am, Rev. Rafał Dadełło

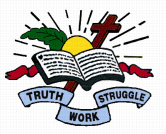
Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 8:50am with Easter Lauds
- Holy Mass at 9am
- Coffee hour

*Again He showeth us, that not unwilling He cometh to the Cross. For how could He be unwilling, who prayed that this might come to pass, and called the action "glory," not only for Himself the Crucified, but also for the Father? Since this was the case, for not the Son only, but the Father also was glorified. For before the Crucifixion, not even the Jews knew Him. "Israel," it saith, "hath not known Me;" but after the Crucifixion, all the world ran to Him. – St. John Chrysostom*

**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 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...

- **June 1st: 7th Sunday of Easter**
- **June 6th – 8th: 69th Annual PNCC-YMSofR Bowling Tournament in Sterling Heights, MI**
- **June 8th: Pentecost Sunday. HOLY MASS at 9am**
- **June 15th: Trinity Sunday. HOLY MASS at 9am**
- **June 19th: Solemnity – Corpus Christi**
- **June 22nd: Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi**
- **June 24th: Solemnity – St. John the Baptist**
- **June 27th: Solemnity – Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- **June 29th: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **June 30th: Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles**
- **July 2nd: Solemnity - Visitation**

## Pray, do accomplish

*I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you*

In the New Testament, Chapters 14-17 of John's Gospel is known as the Farewell Discourse given by Jesus to His apostles immediately after the conclusion of the Last Supper.

In the final part of the discourse, which we proclaim today, Jesus prays for His glorification, for His followers and for the coming Church. It is known as the High Priestly Prayer. In this prayer Jesus submits five specific petitions to the Father. The five petitions are: Verses 1-5: Petition for His glorification based on the completion of his work; Verses 6-10: Petitions for his disciples; Verses 11-19: Petition for the preservation and sanctification of "his own" in the world; Verses 20-23: Petition for unity of "his

own"; and Verses 24-26: Petition for the union of "his own" with Himself.

The prayer begins with Jesus' petition for his glorification by the Father: *I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you...* Note that Jesus is not just asking that His Father glorify Him 'just because,' but rather because He has as fulfilled the work the Father had sent Him to accomplish. Not just that, but He was moving toward the moment when that work would be completely accomplished in His passion and death.

Jesus sets the standard by which Christian life is to be lived. We are to seek only to do the will of God, to follow Jesus' teaching and the path of life He gave us. We are to do God's will in all things, whether it is easy or very difficult. Whether we feel great, or are suffering.

The world would tell us to run to sinful false gods and false saviors

for comfort, especially when the road gets rough. The world wants to bury us in its false hopes, to bury us in the false saviors of food, sex, possessions, alcohol, bitterness, and self-loathing, hopelessness, and depression. If we live our baptismal commitment, if we fully realize that we have been buried into Christ's death, death to the world, our living will be marked by continuously approaching God in prayer and doing all that is necessary to show accomplishment – a resume of doing God's will.

Jesus then prays for the success of the work of His disciples – all of us. Jesus refers to us as the people who accept that He was sent by His Father to reveal the Father's character and will. Jesus prays for us so that we might live in God with the very same love, affection, and glory that exist between the Father and Son. He prays that the Father accomplish this unity by keeping us steadfast in our baptismal relationship, persevering in faithfulness to accomplish God's will.

*"Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."*

Matthew 7:21

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Deuteronomy 28:1  
MONDAY: Matthew 10:32-33  
TUESDAY: Ezekiel 44:23  
WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 3:5-6  
THURSDAY: Ephesians 5:17  
FRIDAY: 1 Peter 2:15  
SATURDAY: James 4:13-15

## Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to accomplish all the things You ask of me.

## Memorial Day Services Thank You

Thank you to all who attended our traditional Memorial Day Service of Worship and Holy Communion at our parish cemetery. By your participation you honored the memory all those who have served and sacrificed on behalf of our country.

## June – Sacred Vocations Month

Our Holy Church sets the month of June aside and encourages the faithful to pray for the clergy of our Holy Church and for an increase of vocations. We also remember those who spent their lives serving God and His people, being now retired and in need of our financial support.

First and foremost, we must pray for vocations. A priest friend once told me that priests visited his parish from another country. They asked why his parish had so many vocations. He told them simply that they pray for vocations. God indeed answers our prayers, but we must pray and ask. If we focus on negatives and lament situations like dwindling congregations and the closing of churches we are not being faithful and trusting. Our Church's reality is far different. Throughout our nation, and all around the world, people are calling out to us, to our One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church, with its democratic form of governance, and are asking for priests and new parishes. The only thing holding us back from going out into the field and reaping this harvest is a lack of vocations.

The life of service within the Church is not without its occasional difficulties, but instead of focusing on temporary and occasional drawbacks, think rather to the blessing our God promises to those who pray and respond generously of themselves.

Also, during the month of June, we are asked to give generously to our Clergy Pension Fund. The Fund was established to aid our retired clergy who have given service to the Lord all their lives. A small stipend aids and adds to their Social Security benefits. So, on Father's Day each year the Polish National Catholic Church sets aside a second collection to be taken for the Clergy Pension Fund. Please donate generously to this worthy cause, but most of all pray and seek God's blessing of vocations with trust.

## Holy Communion

We invite all those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake of the Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute communion through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

## FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is Sunday, June 15th. 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, 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 Sczepkowski, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Beverly Ferguson, Edward Panfil, Alyssa DePaula, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski

- 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 Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- 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: Resurrection of our Lord Parish in Temperance, MI and its congregation and pastor, Very Rev. Jarosław Nowak.

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.