

GRACE

focus

GOD'S UNMERITED FAVOR

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JUNE 23, 2013

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time XII Niedziela zwykła

June 23, 2013

Rite: 9:00am Deacon Missal

First reading: Zechariah 12:10-11 to 13:1

Psalm: Ps 62:2-6,8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Epistle: Galatians 3:26-29

Gospel: Luke 9:18-24

Intention: For vocations to the holy priesthood.

Worship leader: 9:00am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 8:50am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9am
- Coffee hour – please join us
- Parish Committee Meeting

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time XIII Niedziela zwykła

June 30, 2013

Rite: 9:00am Deacon Missal

First reading: 1 Kings 19:16,19-21

Psalm: 16:1-2,5,7-11

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Epistle: Galatians 5:1,13-18

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Intention: For vocations to the holy priesthood.

Worship leader: 9:00am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 8:50am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9am
- Coffee hour – please join us

“Wages cannot be considered as a gift, because they are due to work, but God has given free grace to all men by the justification of faith..” – St. Hilary of Poitiers

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.

Contact



Holy Name of Jesus

National Catholic Church, PNCC

1040 Pearl Street

Schenectady, New York 12303-1846

Parish and Hall: 518-372-1992

In an emergency: Fr. Mark Gnidzinski,
518-437-1889

Deacon Jim Konicki:

518-765-2134 or 518-522-0944

On the Web: www.holynamencc.org

Upcoming...

- June 1-30: Sacred Vocations Month
- June 23: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Parish Committee Meeting
- June 24: Solemnity of St. John the Baptist
- June 26-29: Diocesan Acolyte Retreat, Waymart, PA
- June 29: Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul
- June 29: Kurs begins, Waymart, PA
- June 30: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- July 2: Solemnity of the Visitation of the B.V.M.
- July 4: Independence Day, Holy Mass and picnic at Waymart, PA
- July 6: Commemoration of John Hus, Martyr
- July 7: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All Sunday services in June will be at 9AM. Services return to 9:30am in July

The road

...taken or untaken.

On that day the mourning in Jerusalem shall be as great as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

Zechariah prophesies about Jesus' suffering and death, not as a prophecy for the purpose of sadness and regret, but for the purpose of motivating people to understand what that suffering and death would purchase.

In his time the people could choose to confront the mourning to come by wallowing in that mourning without seeing a way out, or they could choose to see the hope to come, the salvation that was around the corner – only 500 years away.

Thus says the LORD: I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace

Jesus gave His all, His life to

pour out God's graces on us, in fact on everyone. It is, as the catechism describes:

Grace is God's help. Grace is a gift God gives us through all that Jesus Christ did for our salvation.

God doesn't just want to offer us grace; He freely does offer us His grace – and we are free to choose it.

Zechariah is talking about two options. Since we live after Jesus' coming and His opening of grace, we can accept and take advantage on all Jesus did, of what the Father offers us. We can choose to accept and bathe away our weakness, mourning and sin in the fountain of those graces poured out. Graces open to us:

On that day there shall be open to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, a fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness.

We can choose to be cleansed of sin and live His way, or we can

simply choose not to accept, relish, and be changed by His gift of grace. We can choose to live as we are in mourning and sadness.

Robert Frost's poem, *The Road Not Taken* comes to mind. But, it really isn't a choice between two equally decent possibilities. Living a life that accepts God's grace, the life Jesus laid out for us, is the better choice. It is the choice that frees us from sin that makes us clean, that is full and that has endless –eternal – possibility.

The disciples were confronted with a question. *"Who do the crowds say that I am?"* and *"...who do you say that I am?"* They had an opportunity to stick with the road the crowds had taken or they could accept the other road, the untaken road of grace that would give them new insight. They chose the untaken road and recognized God. Then they went and shared that grace. It is up to us, the road chosen, and the road we lead others to choose. Choose to see and to share the hope we have in Jesus.

"And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all."

Acts 4:33

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: James 4:6

MONDAY: Romans 5:2

TUESDAY: Colossians 1:6

WEDNESDAY: Romans 7:4

THURSDAY: John 15:4

FRIDAY: Acts 14:26

SATURDAY: 2 Corinthians 9:8

Pray

Lord Jesus, I thank You for grace and the changes You have brought to my life through grace. Grant that I may freely share Your gift.

St. John the Forerunner

The glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist is also referred to as John the Forerunner because he was the forerunner of Christ. He was an ascetic and great prophet, who baptized Christ and became one of the most revered saints in the Church. John is a cousin of Christ through his mother Elizabeth. We honor his memory on June 24th as a solemnity.

Jesus himself testified regarding John that he was a "burning and a shining light" (John 5:35). But John was not "The Light." Rather as the last of the Old Testament prophets, he pointed to the Light of the World and served as a bridge between that period of revelation and Jesus, preparing the world for Jesus' coming.

Craft Fair this Fall

We will be holding a seasonal/holiday craft fair on Saturday, October 12th from 9am till 4:30pm at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St., Schenectady. At the present time we are seeking vendors for the fair, so if you know any crafters please invite them. Tables are \$25/\$30 or \$10 extra with electric. We will be serving food too. Stephanie Dominy, Gayle Clas, and Kelly Supinski are leading this effort. We will hold meeting every few weeks in preparation. Please feel free to join in. Also, in the fall, our SOCL student will be creating crafts that we will be able to sell at the fair in support of the SOCL program.

Need a career change?

The month of June is career change month - better known as Sacred Vocations month in our Church. Will a career change to the sacred ministry bring lots of wealth? Perhaps not in the sense most people think, but a kind of wealth and security that surpasses any other career. Do I have a vocation? In simple words, yes, we all do. God has a role for each of us in His kingdom. Yes, each person has a role in God's Kingdom. The role is clearest when we listen to God's plan for us. When we do this we can say to the Lord – "Here I am, I heard you calling" Feel called – see Deacon Jim.

Music & More

Applications are now available for the National United Choirs music workshop. Also remember the annual YMSofR Zlot/Track and Field Tournament. See Deacon Jim and sign-up. Please pray for our youth who will be traveling to Kurs this Saturday.

SOUP on Sunday

Our next event will be June 30th. 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. We need additional help for our next event as Stephanie and Bob will be away on vacation.

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 Radzyminski, 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, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley Bilinski, George Damouni, Chris, James McGrath, Brian Soos, Mary Ellen Hitchings, Frances Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb.

- 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: Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa Parish in Latham, NY its congregation and pastor, Rev. Mark Gnidzinski.

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

Coffee Hour: Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. 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.