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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JULY 6, 2014

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time XIV Niedziela zwykła

July 6, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm: Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Epistle: Romans 8:9,11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Intention: For our parish, parishioners, and growth in the Church, for Mont Pleasant

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Marilyn Hietala

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

## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time XV Niedziela zwykła

July 13, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm: Ps 65:10-14

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Epistle: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Intention: śp. Joseph DiCocco, 22nd Anniversary

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

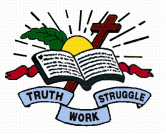
Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee hour, Communion and Confirmation classes

*All these grievous and heavy trials which [St. Paul] mentioned, did he very frequently and abundantly sustain; but in very deed the Holy Spirit was with him in the wasting of the outward man, to renew the inner man from day to day, and by the taste of spiritual rest in the affluence of the delights of God to soften down by the hope of future blessedness all present hardships, and to alleviate all heavy trials. Lo, how sweet a yoke of Christ did he bear, and how light a burden; so that he could say that all those hard and grievous sufferings at the recital of which as just above every hearer shudders, were a "light tribulation" – St. Augustine*

**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...

- **July 4th-11th: KURS**
- **July 6th: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **July 13th: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **July 20th: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **July 21st – 25th: CONVO**
- **July 25th: Feast – St. James the Greater**
- **July 26th: Commemoration – Ss. Joachim and Ann, Parents of the B.V.M.**
- **July 27th: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **August 3rd: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **August 4th: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen**
- **August 6th: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord**

## Joined to, Free in Jesus

*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”*

Our children’s bulletin this week has a puzzle with the following statement and question:

Sometimes you feel tired. Sometimes you feel as if people expect too much of you. When you feel like this, Jesus has some special words for you. What are Jesus’ words? \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_, all you who \_\_\_\_\_ and are \_\_\_\_\_, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_.

Can we find rest in Jesus when we labor and are burdened, when life itself seems to be throwing bad things at us? Jesus says so (and of course He’s God), but it seems very hard to find this rest.

St. Augustine makes an interesting statement:

And they consider that they who have fearlessly bowed their necks to this yoke, and have with much submission taken this burden upon their shoulders, are tossed about and exercised by so great difficulties in the world, that they seem not to be called from labor to rest, but from rest to labor.

If seems like Augustine is being sarcastic. People take on Jesus’ yoke, yet they get more work, labor, troubles, and are more tired. He went on to give proofs that those who have faith in Christ are not exempted from life’s trials, but overcome them. They overcome them mightily.

One problem is that we think that Jesus’ rest somehow equates to an easy life, to having no worries, to prosperity without cost. Have faith in Jesus and you will win the lottery! Hurray, give me more Jesus! Jesus’ statement is conditional. We have to take His

yoke. A yoke is a binding device. It hooks two animals together for the purpose of doing – WORK.

Anyone who has taken Jesus’ yoke, and who is bound to Him no matter what, finds out that God is always asking them to do hard and even practically impossible things

Jesus’ yoke, being bound to Him and living completely in step with him, means we will not be safe, respected, comfortable, and always prosperous. Jesus’ path is often reckless and risky. Being bound to Him means we give up being bound to other (often easy) things to follow where He leads.

We are called to do what God asks regardless of the cost and trust that God will cover us. The problem is that there is a cost to being bound to Jesus. It may be suffering, not enough money, inconvenience, danger, and even being unwelcome. God may not seem to be covering us. He is! For this is His revelation to us, His “*little ones*.” Trust that He is in charge, has a purpose, aids us in battle, and gives us victory.

*“And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.”*

Deuteronomy 28:1

## Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 1 Timothy 6:1  
MONDAY: Lamentations 3:27  
TUESDAY: Galatians 5:1  
WEDNESDAY: 1 John 5:1  
THURSDAY: 1 John 4:15  
FRIDAY: 1 Peter 1:3  
SATURDAY: 2 Corinthians 6:14

## Pray

Lord Jesus, bind me to You. Make my will Your will, my life Your life, my hours Your hours.

## Off to Camp

Our youth, Adam, Victoria, Christina, Nick, and Erica are off to Kurs Camp. Prime Bishop Anthony opened camp and celebrated Holy Mass for Independence Day and Bishop Paul offered the homily. Our young people settled into their rooms and we all enjoyed a great feast with Polish food and traditional picnic fare. Please keep our young people in your prayers so that their camp experience may enrich their faith, be the beginning of great friendships, and be safe.

## Did you know?

Did you know that our Holy Church is the only Catholic Church to have Holy Mass Propers for National holidays like Independence Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving? That is because we recognize the fact that our God is a God of nations. God chose a nation – Israel. Jesus commanded His disciples: *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* God endows each nation with particular blessing for the betterment of all of humanity. He calls all nations to come to believe in Him and to be guided by Him. Our Holy Church honors God’s commands in that we preach His Holy Word to our nation and continue to pray for it. May God bless our County and keep it free. *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!* Psalm 33:12

## Deacon Jim away

Deacon Jim and Renee will be in Las Vegas this week (don’t worry – we’re not taking the church mortgage). If an emergency should arise, please contact Fr. Mark at 518-437-1889 or Fr. Rafał at 315-823-0793.

## This Summer – Consider the PNUA

Summer is a time for many celebrations – like Weddings, Graduations, and First Holy Communion. What a great time to share the many benefits of the Polish National Union/Spójnia with your family and friends. Endowments, insurance policies, and annuities are just some of the many gifts ideas the PNU can offer to help you provide for those you care about. I can personally say that the PNU has been of benefit to my family. It is not just insurance protection, but college stipends, a great Credit Union, and being part of an organization that does so much for our Holy Church. Contact the PNU Home Office at 1-800-724-6352 for more information on their gifts of summer program.

## FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is Sunday, July 20th. 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 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, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Beverly Ferguson, Edward Panfil, Alyssa DePaula, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Faith Eldridge, Joshua Moraski

- 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 the Union of Scranton. This week we remember: St. John the Baptist Parish in Oslo, Norway and its congregation and clergy, Very Rev. Asle Ambrosius Dingstad, Rev. Arne Jens Mathias Sky, Rev. Eyolf Kirill Berg, Ven. Tom Hængsle, and Deacon Jan Per Haug Fossekallen

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour will resume in the Fall. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and all who assisted with this ministry of hospitality since last Fall. Enjoy your summer!

**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.