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PRAYER
CHANGES THINGS

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JULY 28, 2013

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVII Niedziela zwykła

July 28, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm: 138:1-3,6-8

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Epistle: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Intention: śp. Marlyn Martiniano

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

Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:25am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Parish Committee Meeting / Soup on Sunday

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVIII Niedziela zwykła

August 4, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Psalm: Ps 15:2-5

R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Epistle: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Intention: For Carson Hobson and his parents.

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

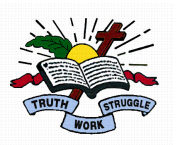
Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:25am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am, Baptism

“Christ has willed that [prayer] be operative for no evil: He had conferred on it all its virtue in the cause of good. And so it knows nothing save how to recall the souls of the departed from the very path of death, to transform the weak, to restore the sick, to purge the possessed, to open prison-bars, to loose the bonds of the innocent. Likewise it washes away faults, repels temptations, extinguishes persecutions, consoles the faint-spirited, cheers the high-spirited, escorts travellers, appeases waves, makes robbers stand aghast, nourishes the poor, governs the rich, upraises the fallen, arrests the falling, confirms the standing. Prayer is the wall of faith” – Tertullian

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...

- July 28: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Parish Committee, Free Lunch on Sunday
- August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen
- August 4: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Baptism of Carson Hobson
- August 6: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord
- August 11: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- August 15: Solemnity of the Dormition of the B.V.M.
- August 18: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- August 24: Feast – St. Bartholomew
- August 25: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Youth Sunday
- August 26: Solemnity of the B.V.M. of Częstochowa
- August 29: Solemnity of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- August 31: Track & Field Meet

Let me say this...

But what if?

Then [Abraham] said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." [The Lord] answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Today's first reading from Genesis is the story of Abraham's negotiations with God. Abraham didn't know what was coming in his discussions (prayer) with God. He was, however, open to listening to God. Abraham's ears were open to what God had to say. This is an essential aspect of prayer. Prayer is more than just words. We have to put ourselves in God's presence and be open to His promptings and invitations. Being he was open, God invited Abraham to the negotiating table.

The Lord was looking on the extreme wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah and was getting

ready to judge them. But before he did, he said; "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing?" God was giving Abraham the chance to be a great diplomat, negotiator, and arbiter.

We all know someone who can get the best deals. They can dicker at yard sales; resolve disputes; get a new car at a great price; negotiate contracts and come out on top.

They have the gift of words – and for some reason people just seem to say yes to whatever they ask. Weather or not we are good with those things; God gives all of us an opportunity to be great negotiators in our prayers.

Abraham started by listening to what God was saying. He considered God's voice, and thought out its implications. Abraham had self-interest in saving the city - his nephew Lot lived there. Abraham wanted Lot and his family to be protected and he could have asked for their safety - but he never mentioned it to the Lord. Instead, his

relationship with God gave him a heart of compassion, a heart that cried out for ANY person who was righteous and who would perish along with the wicked.

Abraham's relationship with God also helped him to understand God's character. He appealed to God's character – His justice: He said: "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?"

Prayer is most effective when we listen and understand the God we serve – knowing His nature and character. It is effective when it comes from a heart of love built up through prayer, worship, and service. It is effective when we keep pressing. Like Abraham we have to stay on it. The degree to which we press God for something reveals our heart. How much do we want God's will done upon the earth? Finally, like Abraham we must be willing to be used of God. Pray by listening to God, being loving, knowing Him, pressing Him, and doing what is needed. This is great negotiation – prayer!

See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Chronicles 16:11

MONDAY: Proverbs 15:29

TUESDAY: Psalm 4:1

WEDNESDAY: Romans 8:26

THURSDAY: Philippians 4:6

FRIDAY: 1 Timothy 2:8

SATURDAY: James 5:16

Pray

Lord Jesus, teach me to pray. Help me to listen to You in prayer and to carry out Your will. Grant the petitions I offer in love.

Patron Saints

What is a patron saint? A patron saint is chosen for us firstly by our parents. This past Thursday was the Feast of St. James the Greater – my patron. I also celebrate June 13th as my patron saint's day since my middle name is Anthony. My mother had a special devotion to St. Anthony of Padua.

In Poland, one's name day or *imieniny* is more important than one's birthday. Poles generally name their children for the saint whose feast day falls closest to the date of birth or baptismal date. The feast day date often became the "new" date of birth. Name days are a special time for family and friends to gather, to wish the person well and to offer a small gift of flowers, chocolates, or a little vodka for toasting.

Our patron saint is our special protector or guardian. Other saints are acknowledged as special intercessors over the areas of our lives: for our occupations, illnesses, parish churches, countries, and causes -- anything that is important to us. Our patrons can help us when we follow their example and request their intercessory prayer before God. *O Heavenly Patron, in whose name I glory, pray ever to God for me: strengthen me in my faith; establish me in virtue; guard me in conflict; that I may vanquish evil and attain to glory everlasting.*

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 meting 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.

Music & More

Next up - the annual YMSofR Zlot/Track and Field Tournament. See Deacon Jim and sign-up. Please pray for the success of these events and the safety of all traveling to them.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next event is today, July 28th. 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.

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, Virginia Rogers.

- 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 Trinity Parish in Fall River, MA its congregation and pastor, Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr.

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

Coffee Hour: This week we conclude our coffee hour for the months of July & August. 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.