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TREASURE IN HEAVEN

THE LORD WANTS US TO STORE UP TREASURE IN HEAVEN RATHER THAN EARTHLY POSSESSIONS/REWARDS

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JULY 31, 2016

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XVIII Niedziela Zwykła

July 31, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23

Psalm: Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XIX Niedziela Zwykła

August 7, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalm: Ps 33:1,12,18-22

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

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In truth, to those who occupy their minds with the distractions of life, life becomes a painful thing, which, as it were, wounds the heart with its goads, that is, with the lustful desires of increase. And sorrowful also is the solicitude connected with covetousness: it does not so much gratify those who are successful in it, as it pains those who are unsuccessful; while the day is spent in laborious anxieties, and the night puts sleep to flight from the eyes, with the cares of making gain. Vain, therefore, is the zeal of the man who looks to these things. – St. Dionysius of Alexandria

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 Father Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944. You may also call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-453-2258

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Upcoming...

- **July 31: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen.**
- **August 6: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord**
- **August 7: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 14: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 15: Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M. Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm.**
- **August 21: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Picnic.**
- **August 24: Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle.**
- **August 26: Solemnity - Our Lady of Częstochowa.**
- **August 27: Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Deacon Donald.**

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist by intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

What's important to us?

Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Paul is advising the Colossians to be single-minded and to concentrate on the great gift they had received; something we all need to hear. We belong to Jesus. He is our treasure. He is greater than anything we could possibly acquire. We belong to heaven and Jesus deserves our total attention. Yet we get so distracted. That is what happened to the man who came to Jesus. The man wanted Jesus to resolve a family dispute over inheritance.

The man was not asking for advice. He wanted Jesus to stand on his side and "tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He wanted

Jesus to get the money for him, but Jesus saw the true problem in his heart – it was his focus. The man made money his priority even though he was standing in the presence of God. He could have asked any question, he could have asked for anything – healing, life, understanding, and a heart for God.

Jesus uses the opportunity to teach about priorities and the danger of misplaced priorities; of losing focus.

Look at Jesus' story of distraction. The farmer is a happy man - a rich man – with a great harvest. He likely felt blessed by God. He so enjoyed being successful and rich. Suddenly he is looking forward to more - "And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

In his happiness he lost focus. He allowed the good he received to consume him. The blessings now became the priority and he forgot the source of the blessing. Bigger

barns and enjoying blessings were his sole goal.

For the farmer everything was fine and good until he is confronted by the reality of God's dominion and his misplaced priorities. God takes account of our priorities and focus. "God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you.'"

God reset the farmer's perspective. In his misdirected focus the farmer only made plans for this life but not for what is to come. God was in his life but he ignored Him.

These moments, this scripture, is an opportunity for us. We can rejoice in the blessings we have but must keep our eye on their source. Jesus wants us to see things in the right perspective. He gives us eternal riches that must always be accounted for and tended to first. God wants us to enjoy life with Him as our most important priority.

Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.

Psalms 119:37

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Samuel 16:7

MONDAY: Matthew 6:1

TUESDAY: 1 Timothy 4:8

WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 13:5

THURSDAY: Galatians 5:16-17

FRIDAY: Matthew 16:26

SATURDAY: Philippians 2:2-3

Pray

Lord, Grant that I may keep my focus on You. May Your kingdom be my priority and Your way my wealth.

CONVO Blessings

What can be said – beautiful, powerful, blessed, fantastic, hope filled, joyful, and no one wanted to leave. My thought as we were walking to the car to leave – Lord, how good it is for us to be here. Thank you so very much to all our parishioners and friends who supported this event and allowed us to attend. You blessed the whole Church and us by your generosity. In 103 weeks we will be hosting CONVO 2018 in the Central Diocese. Please pray for all those working to plan including myself, your servant.

March Schenectady for Jesus

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the 11th annual March Schenectady for Jesus. There were so many blessings, so many wonderful faithful people we met and prayed with. We witnessed strongly to the power of Christ Jesus in our city. It was a great day and our Lord was faithful! The weather was just right. Cloudy and it did rain but no one even got damp. The marchers were fantastic and the entertainment after the march was exceptional. God bless all the churches that supported this event and all the volunteers that gave their time to make this an event that all will remember.

The Political Season

As Christ followers we are not bound to any ideology, party or even form of government. We are above those things and are citizens of His kingdom. During these days of political tension and conflict let us practice forgiveness and remember where our true home is. Don't get pulled in as no one is right or just except God.

Parish and Community Picnic

Our annual parish and community picnic will be held on Sunday, August 21st on the parish grounds. Please plan to attend. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church if you should wish to bring a dish. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. We look forward to spending the afternoon with YOU!

Upcoming

Back to Church Sunday – September 18th. Craft Fair – October 1st. National Webinar on the Christian Family – October 5th. Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Dinner – November 19th.

Come, let us reason together...

We continue to hold a unified Church bible study founded on the word of God and God has blessed this effort. This month's theme will be: Unity in the body of Christ led by pastors from Gathered Remnant Ministries. Join everyone on the last Thursday of every month. The next Bible Study will be held on August 25th at 6pm.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch coincides with our summer parish and community picnic on August 21st. 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, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Dennis, Donnie Wright, Fr. Ray Drada, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Muse En Lystrala, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam.

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones.
- 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
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember and pray for the clergy and people of Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral Parish, Lancaster, NY. Rt. Rev. John Mack, Rev. Gary Spencer.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. We are taking a break from coffee hour for the summer months.

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 Father Jim.

--- Share the Spirit and invite others to the Kingdom of God. ---