

# 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time XIX Niedziela zwykła

August 11, 2013 Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal First reading: Wisdom 18:6-9 Psalm: 33:1,12,18-22 **R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.** Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Intention: For all parishioners

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:25am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Blessing of New Parish Infrastructure

# 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time XX Niedziela zwykła

August 18, 2013 Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal First reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10 Psalm: Ps 40:2-4,18 **R. Lord, come to my aid!** Epistle: Hebrews 12:1-4 Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Intention: For all parishioners

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:25am with Matins. Blessing of flowers/herbs.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Parish Committee Meeting

"Who can describe in words thy divinely resplendent beauty, O Virgin Mother of God? Thoughts and words are inadequate to define thine attributes, since they surpass mind and speech. Yet it is meet to chant hymns of praise to thee, for thou art a vessel containing every grace, the fullness of all things good and beautiful, the tablet and living icon of every good and all uprightness, since thou alone hast been deemed worthy to receive the fullness of every gift of the Spirit. Thou alone didst bear in thy womb Him in Whom are found the treasuries of all these gifts and didst become a wondrous tabernacle for Him; hence thou didst depart by way of death to immortality and art translated from earth to Heaven, as is proper, so that thou mightest dwell with Him eternally in a supercelestial abode. From thence thou ever carest diligently for thine inheritance and by thine unsleeping intercessions with Him, thou showest mercy to all." – St. Gregory Palmas

**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...

- August 11: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Special Blessing
- August 15: Solemnity of the Dormition of the B.V.M.
- August 17: Central Diocese Diaconate Ordination, Holy Mother of Sorrows, Dupont, PA
- August 18: 20th Sunday in
   Ordinary Time, Parish Committee
   Meeting
- 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
- September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- September 2: Labor Day
- September 7: First Confession and Private Confession for all

#### Is it ok, to be different?

All these died in faith. They did not receive what had been promised but saw it and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth, for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

St. Paul speaks of Abraham and the Prophets. They lived lives of faith – holding onto the promise of what was to come, the fulfillment of God's promises in the coming of the Christ, the Messiah. Paul refers to these men and women as aliens and strangers on earth. Alien, stranger, and foreigner all carry the same connotation: being outside of or distinct from a group; one who does not belong to the group; a person with an emphasized difference in allegiance or citizenship.

All those who held unto faith in the coming of the Christ were that: aliens, strangers, and foreigners. They did not long for the place they had come from – looking back with regret and loss – but rather they looked forward to what was to come. *They desired a better homeland, a heavenly one.* 

Of course God blessed them for their faith. It may not even have been a blessing they saw – for some certainly suffered. Rather He blessed them with the promise of what was to come and how their names would be held in earthly and heavenly esteem for their part in bringing it all about. God promised to prepare a place for them in the kingdom where they would sit around Him in everlasting glory and joy. We saw

#### this last week in celebrating the Transfiguration – Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus resplendent in glory.

How does this apply to us? It applies in that it is more than ok to be different. We can and should live as aliens, strangers, and foreigners even among those who are closest to us. We are to set ourselves apart in the carrying out of God's will, in living the life Jesus asks us to live.

We have God's promise like the prophets and patriarchs did, plus something even greater knowledge of the promise fulfilled in Jesus' coming. We have the Christ with us. He lives in our bodies - from hearts that love and welcome to hands that serve, minds that ponder, voices that sing, pray, and praise. Fitting in with the world is for those who place their faith and citizenship here. Be different – only in being different do we show our faith and allegiance to God and gain His promise.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect

Romans 12:2

#### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 12:6 MONDAY: Galatians 3:28 TUESDAY: 1 Peter 2:9 WEDNESDAY: Genesis 1:27 THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 12:12 FRIDAY: Jeremiah 1:5 SATURDAY: Philippians 2:15

#### Pray

Lord Jesus, You set me apart and made me part of Your body. Grant me the grace to live differently because of You.

### **Dormition of the B.V.M.**

The Dormition of the Mother of God is a Great Solemnity of the Church. It commemorates the "falling asleep" or death of Mary, the mother of Jesus and her bodily resurrection before being taken up into heaven. It is celebrated on August 15th every year.

Mary, having spent her life after Pentecost supporting and serving the Church, was living in the house of the Apostle John, in Jerusalem, when the Archangel Gabriel revealed to her that her death would occur three days later. The apostles, scattered throughout the world, are said to have been miraculously transported to be at her side when she died. Mary died a natural death, like any human being. Christ received her soul upon death. In icons we see Jesus near the body of Mary holding her soul, which is portrayed as an infant.

We should reflect on this precious moment in the life of Mary. We too will die one day, die in our bodily form, but Christ will receive our souls, like Mary's. Let us picture our souls as infants being born into new and eternal life with Christ in heaven. This will be a day of joy for us. Church Tradition holds that Mary's tomb was found empty on the third day. Let us recall that one day our tombs will be empty as well. This is God's promise to all His faithful.

## **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.

# **Upcoming Events**

August 17th our Bishop Ordinary will ordain two men to the diaconate and elevate one man to he sub-diaconate at Holy Mother of Sorrows, Dupont, PA. Please pray for them. August 31st is the annual YMSofR Zlot/Track and Field Tournament. See Deacon Jim and sign-up. Please pray for the safety of all traveling to these events.

## FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next event is Sunday, August 25th. 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. 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, <u>Deb</u> Couns, <u>Judy</u> Palmer, <u>Ed</u> Jakubiak, <u>Rick</u> 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: Our Savior Parish in Woonsocket, RI its congregation and pastor, Rev. Henryk Wos.

Bless them, O Lord! Poblogosław 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.