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SET ME AFIRE FOR YOU

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 18, 2013

## 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 and for our new ordained

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

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Youth Sunday XXI Niedziela zwykła

August 25, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm: 117:1-2

**R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

Epistle: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Intention: For all parishioners

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

*“The Sacred Scripture does, indeed, call our God ‘a consuming fire,’ and says that ‘rivers of fire go before His face’, and that ‘He shall come as a refiner’s fire and purify the people.’ As therefore, God is a consuming fire; what is it that is to be consumed by Him? We say it is wickedness, and whatever proceeds from it, such as is figuratively called ‘wood, hay, and stubble’ — which denote the evil works of man. Our God is a consuming fire in this sense; and He shall come as a refiner’s fire to purify rational nature from the alloy of wickedness and other impure matter which has adulterated the intellectual gold and silver; consuming whatever evil is admixed in all the soul.” – Origen of Alexandria*

**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 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

## That's one tough prophet

*Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"*

Jeremiah was one tough prophet. He made everyone angry – but not for the purpose of inducing anger.

Jeremiah was a priest born in Israel around 650 BC. The Lord spoke to him and told him that he would be His prophet. Jeremiah was afraid, but the Lord promised to make him strong. God gave Jeremiah the words he was to use.

Jeremiah did as God asked. Afraid as he was, and knowing God's message wouldn't be well received, he went and told the people what the Lord was asking of them. He did this for 40 years among great difficulty. Jeremiah was attacked by his brothers, beaten and put into the stocks by

a priest and false prophet, imprisoned by the king, threatened with death, as we saw today – thrown into a cistern by Judah's officials, and was opposed by a false prophet. The people mocked him.

God's words to the people called them back to faithfulness – they needed to worship God, and only God. God asked them to express sorrow for their unfaithfulness. If they would do this God would bless them once again.

We wish there might have been a happy ending, but there wasn't. The people continued to worship false gods. They would not listen to Jeremiah or God's other prophets, choosing instead to listen to false prophets because they gave the people what they wanted. Because of this continuing unfaithfulness, Jerusalem fell.

Jeremiah's experiences made him lament. The key to understanding how Jeremiah felt is in

understanding how much he loved God. He suffered primarily because of this love. He not only said what God wanted said, but felt God's anguish at the people's unfaithfulness. Jeremiah knew that even if he wanted to, he couldn't stop speaking out. He said: *"If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,' there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot."*

Jesus asks us to have that kind of closeness to Him, that deep and passionate love. God indeed is a burning fire – and Jesus wants us to be filled with His fire. This isn't just perseverance in faith, it isn't even a life dedicated to God – it is more. It is a life that is so in tune with God that we cannot hold it in. It is a life that has to bring God's fire into other's lives. It is a fire that burns away the words of today's false prophets. Faithfulness to God can be tough. We have to be that kind of tough.

*"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."*

Matthew 3:11

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Kings 19:11-13  
MONDAY: Hebrews 12:28-29  
TUESDAY: Exodus 3:2  
WEDNESDAY: Zechariah 2:4  
THURSDAY: Malachi 3:1-3  
FRIDAY: Luke 9:54-56  
SATURDAY: Jeremiah 23:29

### Pray

Lord Jesus, set me on fire for You. Fill my heart with love and passion for as well as dedication to Your will.

## Ordinations

This past Saturday, August 17th, I had the privilege of attending and assisting at the conferral of tonsure, minor orders, and the sub-diaconate on Mr. Anthony Prince of Holy Cross Parish in Syracuse, NY, the conferral of tonsure, minor orders, the sub-diaconate, and the ordination to the diaconate of Rev. Mr. Michel Seward of St. John the Baptist Parish in Hazelton, PA, and the ordination to the diaconate of Rev. Mr. Donald Wunderlich of Heart of Jesus Parish in Bayonne, NJ. Holy Mass and these ordinations took place at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish in DuPont, PA.

This was our bishop's first opportunity to ordain men into apostolic succession. The liturgies, Holy Mass, and music were beautiful and so meaningful. They brought to mind my process of progressing from tonsure – entry into the clerical state, to the orders of porter, reader, blesser, acolyte, sub-deacon, and finally my ordination to the diaconate. The prayer of the bishop and the laying on of hands – conferring the Holy Spirit is more than words and gestures; it is the power of grace in our lives and Jesus' continuing ministry among us through His ordained ministers – who baptize, who proclaim the gospel, who fulfill their sacred ministry. Let us pray for Don, Michael and Anthony as they go forth to carry out their ministries among us. Let us also pray for more vocations so God's Church may have the workers it needs.

## 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.

## Upcoming Events

**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.

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 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, 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: St. Casimir's Parish in Lowell, MA its congregation and pastor, Rev. Andrzej Tenus.

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.