

focus CLEAN HANDS

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 30, 2015

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Youth Sunday XXII Niedziela zwykła

August 30, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Psalm: Ps 15:2-5

One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Epistle: James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Intention: 9:30 - For all parishioners.

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- First Communion Class.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXIII Niedziela zwykła

September 6, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Psalm: Ps 146:7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Epistle: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Intention: 9:30 - 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 and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Exposition and Benediction for the intention of our Parish and Vocations
- First Communion Class.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

Let the hands be clean; and they will be so, if we wash them not with water only, but first with righteousness. This is the purifier of the hands. But if they be full of unrighteousness, though they be washed a thousand times, it avails nothing. Wash you, make you clean Isaiah 1:16, He says, but does He add, Go to the baths, the lakes, the rivers? No; but what? Put away the evil of your doings from your souls. This is to be clean. This it is to be cleansed from defilement. This is real purity. – St. John Chrysostom

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- 437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **August 30: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**
- **September 6: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**
- **September 7: Labor Day**
- **September 8: Nativity of the BVM**
- **September 9: National Webinar on Brotherly Love, 7pm**
- **September 11: 9/11 Memorial Prayer Service at 7pm**
- **September 13: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Special Breakfast**
- **September 14: Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.**
- **September 15: Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows**
- **September 20: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**

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The in and out of life.

He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.' You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

A few weeks ago, Jesus upset His listeners when He offered them His body and blood. To them, He was violating one of the most basic precepts of Kosher law.

Today, the Pharisees and some scribes confront Jesus. This was at a more basic level; Jesus disciples were violating traditional rules about hand washing. They confronted Jesus about this.

These Pharisees and scribes came from Jerusalem: They were an official delegation coming to evaluate the ministry of Jesus. A prior delegation had already

condemned Jesus so this one already made up their minds. They just had to see it to confirm their opinion. Their minds and hearts were not open to God.

As to the washings we do not mean getting rid of the yuck factor. The Pharisees rather meant elaborate ceremonial washings. The Pharisees had raised a small 't' tradition to the level of God's direct commands. In fact, by the time of Jesus, this oral law was being honored as at least equal to, if not more important than, God's Law. Jesus was trying to refocus Israel. Open your hearts and your whole selves to my Father. See in Me the goodness and generosity of your Heavenly Father.

It is easy for us to enter into the same kinds of error; to find salvation in outward practice, and in doing so to lose our way. We need refocusing too.

We can easily lose our focus and place trivial traditions in the way

of our relationship with God. These can even become roadblocks that discourage others from coming to God. We can think that we are close to the Lord by what we say and practice – having the image of being religious or spiritual, but actually be far from God. We should regularly ask ourselves some serious questions:

I attend church, read the Bible, pray, pitch in, minister, sing, even talk to others about Jesus but is my heart close to God? Is my entire being about being in Jesus?

If our entire being is one in God then all we do is about being part of His life. We worship in church, not to be exceptional or even to follow God's law, but because we need to be with Him and offer Him the worship He deserves. We read the Bible, pray, pitch in, minister, sing, and talk to others about Jesus because our hearts are His. We are truly and fully in love with God. Lord, refocus us so that all coming from us is Yours!

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Philippians 3:12

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 16:3
MONDAY: Matthew 24:13
TUESDAY: Hebrews 12:1-2
WEDNESDAY: Romans 12:2
THURSDAY: Luke 10:41-42
FRIDAY: Matthew 7:13-14
SATURDAY: Philippians 4:13

Pray

Lord Jesus, Grant that my entire life – my heart, soul, body, and mind – may be focused on You in love.

Solemnity of Brotherly Love Webinar

Just prior to the **Solemnity of Brotherly Love** Prime Bishop Mikovsky will host a webinar for our entire Church on **Wednesday – September 9th at 7 pm.**

The intent of the webinar is to bring as many PNCC members and others together to hear Prime Bishop's spiritual address and to prepare for the Solemnity through prayer, reflection, music, and meditation. This is the first time in the history of our Holy Church that such an event is taking place. **This is very important for our life in Jesus and our Church. I ask all parishioners to take part in this faith filled and historic event.**

Our neighboring parish, Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa has Internet connectivity and has invited us to take part with them. There will be a potluck dinner as well. Come down to 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham at 6pm. If it is impossible to make it there, you may register and take the webinar online. To register, visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1084478373868742145>.

Upcoming Events – Back to Church

September 11 – 9/11 Memorial Prayer Service at 7pm.
September 14 – Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm.
September 20 – Back to Church Sunday.

We will be participating in **Back to Church Sunday** once again on **Sunday, September 20th**. This campaign is strategically designed to help us reach out and invite everyone to try church again. We empower you (part of our democratic tradition) to invite your neighbors, friends and loved ones to enjoy a special Sunday service designed just for them. In 2014, we were once of 26,400 churches participated in this growing national movement! Let us continue to work together to bring spiritual renewal to our families and community through Back to Church Sunday!

Receiving the Holy Eucharist

We invited all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

Holy Mass Intentions

Reminder... you can ask Father Jim to offer Holy Mass for any intention. Just see Fr. Jim and let him know what you want.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is September 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, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzysinski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, 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, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Martha Fields, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Lisa Wilson, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox.

- 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 Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of Good Shepherd Parish, Łęki Dukielskie, Poland and its pastor Rev. Roman Jagiełło.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour begins again on September 13th. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week starting again September 13th.

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.

--- Please think of inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus ---