

Honor the *Sacredness* of Work

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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 31, 2014

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXII Niedziela zwykła

August 31, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm: Ps 63:2-6,8-9

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Epistle: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Intention: For all parishioners and for our Holy Synod

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

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Communion and Confirmation classes

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXIII Niedziela zwykła

September 7, 2014

Rite: 11am Per Missal, page 63

First reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm: Ps 95:1-2,6-9

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

Epistle: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Intention: For all parishioners and for our Holy Synod

Celebrant: 11am Rev. Mark Gnidzinski, Deacon: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

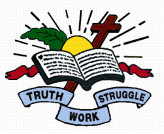
Lector: Marilyn Hietala

- Worship begins at 10:50am with Matins.
- Holy Mass at 11am
- Communion and Confirmation classes

Thus, in the midst of our work can we fulfill the duty of prayer, giving thanks to him who has granted strength to our hands for performing our tasks and cleverness to our minds for acquiring knowledge, and for having provided the materials, for that which is in the instruments we use and that which forms the matters of the art in which we may be engaged, praying that the work of our hands may be directed toward its goal, the good pleasure of God. – St. Basil the Great

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 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 31st: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and Youth Sunday**
- **September 1st: Labor Day**
- **September 7th: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
HOLY MASS at 11am
- **September 8th: Solemnity – Nativity of the B.V.M.**
- **September 11th: 13th Anniversary Prayer Service at 7pm**
- **September 14th: Solemnity – Brotherly Love/SOCL classes begin**
- **September 15: Solemnity - Exaltation of the Holy Cross (translated) and the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of Sorrows**
- **September 21st: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Back to Church Sunday**
- **September 22: Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist (translated)**

A call to be changed.

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Today we celebrate a call to be changed, to offer ourselves to God in all we do, and in doing so to make His kingdom a reality.

How will we make this change real? How will we respond and get to work? What will we do to be transformed into people completely focused on carrying out God's will for humanity?

Our Holy Church has designated this Sunday as Youth Sunday. Our youth will be returning to school. They will study and grow in knowledge so that they

may take their place in society, contributing their work and effort – but to what end?

If their studies are self-focused, if they are taken up without due consideration of God's call to be changed and to change the world, they will only make their lives small and self-serving. They may achieve earthly success, but in the process lose their souls. If however, their study and growth remain focused on God's call to change and affect change in accord with His call, their lives will be glorious and complete. They will use what they have gained to come into union with God and to carry out His will. We must help them by our example, prayer, and support. Our duty is to continually assist them in realizing that everything they learn and do is a gift from God and requires a response to His call to change.

This weekend we also celebrate Labor Day. Our work and labor must also be seen in light of the call to be changed and change the

world. Paraphrasing our organizer, Bishop Hodur: 'The time will come when our heroes emerging from the homes of farmers and laborers will sweat and sacrifice not for kings or the rights of the privileged or a single class, but will battle and work for freedom and the rights of man. Let us gather and strive to be first in good and last in wrong. Then shall we bring ourselves, our nation, and the whole world closer to happiness and salvation.'

We are thus called to change ourselves and the world, to transform life away from the money-driven values of this world to the bringing of the kingdom of God.

We are called to make change real in the lives of our youth and in our lives. This is true worship: "offer your bodies as a living sacrifice" Do not live the status quo. It is not enough! Jesus put His body on the line for us. So we must put our lives on the line, changing them for Him and working for the coming of His kingdom.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: James 5:4

MONDAY: Acts 20:35

TUESDAY: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-8

WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 4:28

THURSDAY: 1 Thessalonians 4:11

FRIDAY: Jeremiah 22:13

SATURDAY: Hebrews 6:10

Pray

Lord Jesus, bless the work of our hands. Grant justice to all workers! Grant that we may labor solely to serve You and each other.

Prayer for Labor Day

We dare to pray: God, let the world be changed, for we long to see the end of poverty; we dare to pray: God, let the laws be changed for we long to see all jobs pay a wage that enables a life of dignity and sufficiency; we dare to pray: God, let wealth distribution be changed, for we long to see an economy that brings justice to the poor; we dare to pray: God, let our life be changed, for we long to bring hope where Your good news is needed. In the strength of Your spirit and inspired by Your compassion, we make this promise to work for change, and wait confidently for the day when You make all things new. Amen.

Back to Church Sunday

On September 21st, over 30,000 churches across America, including ours, will join together to invite their communities back to church!

Back to Church Sunday is a campaign strategically designed to help churches reach out and invite everyone – your family, friends, and neighbors – to try church again. This powerful movement encourages church attendance by inspiring and empowering all of us to invite our neighbors, friends and loved ones to a special Sunday service designed just for them. In 2013, over 23,100 churches participated in this growing national movement and on average saw a 31% increase in their attendance on that day! This year we are praying for 30,000 churches to come together and bring spiritual renewal to their communities through Back to Church Sunday!

Holy Synod

The Church's quadrennial Holy Synod will be held from September 29th through October 3rd in Erie, PA. Mr. Robert Dominy is our parish delegate. The focus of Holy Synod is on the future of our Church. If you have ideas or concerns you would like discussed at Synod, please let Bob or Deacon Jim know. Come Holy Spirit, guide and protect Your Holy Church!

Doing good for all with the PNUA

The Polish National Union/Spójnia gives us the opportunity to do good for all. We cannot simply say we have faith, but must put it into action. By membership, we provide for those in need within our Church. It helps young families buy a home and it protects those who lose a loved one so they may remain financially secure. The PNU offers us this opportunity to do good. Contact the PNU Home Office at 1-800-724-6352 for more information.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is Sunday, September 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.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, 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 Haberman, 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, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Laverne Dowdell, Curtis Sczepkowski, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Beverly Ferguson, Edward Panfil, Alyssa DePaula, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Joseph & Vicki DiCocco

- 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 Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Union of Scranton. This week we remember: St. Patrick's parish, Karlstadt, Germany its congregation and clergy Rev. Thomas Doell and Rev. Mr. Dietholf Schröder.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour will resume in the Fall. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and all who assisted with this ministry of hospitality since last Fall. Enjoy your summer!

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.

Of note...