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WHEN THE GOSPEL MEETS REAL LIFE

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXIII Niedziela Zwyczajna

September 4, 2016

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

First reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

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

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Epistle: Philemon 9-10,12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am 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. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Exposition and Benediction
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

Solemnity of Brotherly Love

Święto Braterskiej Miłości

September 11, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 39, Canon, page 52.

First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Ps 85:9-14

R. Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

Epistle: 1 John 4:17-21

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for a spirit of love in our Church, community, country, and world

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

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Hodur Rite). 9/11 Remembrance Prayers
- Coffee Hour Resumes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Hodur Rite). 9/11 Remembrance Prayers

The perfect person does not only try to avoid evil. Nor does he do good for fear of punishment, still less in order to qualify for the hope of a promised reward. The perfect person does good through love. His actions are not motivated by desire for personal benefit, so he does not have personal advantage as his aim. But as soon as he has realized the beauty of doing good, he does it with all his energies and in all that he does. He is not interested in fame, or a good reputation, or a human or divine reward. The rule of life for a perfect person is to be in the image and likeness of God. – St. Clement 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...

- **September 4: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**
- **September 5: Labor Day**
- **September 8: Solemnity of the Nativity of the B.V.M.**
- **September 11: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Commemoration of the 15th Anniversary of 9/11/2001. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Coffee Hour resumes. Please sign-up to help.**
- **September 14: Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
- **September 15: Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows**
- **September 18: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Back to Church Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Welcome Back Brunch.**
- **September 19: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.**
- **September 21: Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

Remember Your Newsletter

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.

Relationship changed!

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother.

Today we encounter Paul's shortest letter. It is a letter to his friend and co-worker Philemon and his family. This letter is only one chapter containing twenty-five short verses.

Generally any letter from Paul deals with a crisis at hand. In this case the crisis is neither doctrinal nor a confused morality. Philemon and the fellow Christians that meet at his house seem to have their faith on straight. This letter is about one man and his relationship to another. Philemon's slave Onesimus had run away, perhaps guilty of theft in the

process. Onesimus ran off and found Paul in Rome. They had likely met during Paul's stay with Philemon. Paul brought Onesimus to knowledge of and faith in Jesus. Onesimus spent time helping and serving Paul during his imprisonment in Rome. Now Paul was sending Onesimus back as a changed man.

Paul knew that in sending Onesimus back, Philemon would have to confront the reality of his faith. Paul's lesson here, his teaching of the Gospel, is focused on getting relationships straight. For Paul, the essential fruit of the Gospel is transformed relationships. Who was Onesimus now – and how was Philemon supposed to relate to him?

Philemon and Onesimus were both to learn that being a Christian means being transformed and being part of a new relationship between oneself, God, the rest of humanity, and the world.

Faith in Jesus is to bring change to

our lives. It is not just an interior thing, but also an exterior one. The way we relate and interact with others is to demonstrate our faith – faith truly lived. This changed relationship often stands at odds with the surrounding secular order. Philemon could easily and rightly have Onesimus killed in dozens of horrible ways for even the slightest of offenses, much less running away. Thus the social conflict that emerges from being Christian in an anti-God world. Paul focuses on this interpersonal conflict and the way we must revise and reform our relationships. How will our relationships be changed despite the world's rules? How will Philemon react? Will Christ or the world rule our relationships?

Paul reminds Philemon of his encounter with the Jesus. So we must be reminded. The strength of our life in Jesus is tested in relationship. In daily crises let Jesus change our lives and our way of relationship.

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Philippians 2:3

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Hebrews 3:13
MONDAY: Romans 15:5
TUESDAY: Ephesians 5:21
WEDNESDAY: Romans 13:8
THURSDAY: John 19:26-27
FRIDAY: 1 Thessalonians 5:11
SATURDAY: 2 Corinthians 6:14

Pray

Lord, grant that I may live my relationships according to Your way of life. Preserve me from worldly and worthless relationships.

Help Needed

We need folks to step up for some of our Fall events.

- Our **Craft Fair** will be held at Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Hall, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham, NY on Saturday, October 1st. If you can, breads and cakes are needed for the bake sale. The bread and cakes should be delivered to Blessed Virgin Mary parish the morning of the event. Volunteers are also needed to assist with food preparation, to man the bake sale, and assist at tables. Please call Stephanie at 518-369-1346 or sign up at the parish.
- Our **Rummage/Bake Sale** will be held Saturday, October 15th. You can bring goods you wish to donate now and leave them in the parish hall. Help is needed for set-up the week before, the day of the sale, and for the bake sale (your yummy homemade baked goods are much appreciated). Please sign up at the parish.
- **Coffee hour** resumes next week. We ask that a person or family sponsor each week's coffee hour (don't worry, we will help). Please sign-up.
- Help is always needed for **SOCL** especially in instructing and encouraging our youth. Please see Fr. Jim.

Spojnia Social Memberships

Spojnia and the Polish National Union are offering social memberships which virtually guarantee insurability, including life insurance policies. See Fr. Jim for more details. As a member, you have access to the Credit Union, which hosts rates of loans that are rarely matched.

Brotherly Love

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Brotherly Love. This day also happens to be the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks against our country. Sadly, these attacks were motivated by a perversion of religion. By stressing Jesus' teaching of Brotherly Love we hope to stand-up for what is good and righteous in the practice of a lived faith.

Getting closer...

Back to Church Sunday – September 18th. Craft Fair – October 1st. National Webinar on the Christian Family – October 5th. Rummage Sale – October 15th. Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Dinner – November 19th.

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.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch coincides with our Back to Church Sunday on September 18th. 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, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepkowski, 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, Allyson Keyser

- 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 Trinity Parish, Woodlawn, NY, Rev. Gary Spencer.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjogoslaw im, O Boze!

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. Coffee hour resumes September 11th. Please volunteer to help.

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. ---