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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXIII Niedziela zwykła

September 6, 2015

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

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 - śp. Marcin Nowak, off. by the Konicki family

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

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 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 (Contemporary Rite)

Solemnity of Brotherly Love

Święto Braterskiej Miłości

September 13, 2015

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: 9:30 - For the Renewal of Brotherly Love in the World.

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 (PNCC Rite)
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It is, therefore, immediately obvious that we must toil with diligence and not think that our goal of piety offers an escape from work or a pretext for idleness, but occasion for struggle, for ever greater endeavor, and for patience in tribulation, so that we may be able to say: "In labor and painfulness, in much watching, in hunger and thirst." Not only is such exertion beneficial for bringing the body into subjection, but also for showing charity to our neighbor in order that through us God may grant sufficiency to the weak among our brethren, according to the example given by the Apostle in the Acts when he says: "I have shown you all things, how that so laboring you ought to support the weak," – 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 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...

- **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. BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**

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.

Getting to work.

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!"— And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

Tomorrow we celebrate Labor Day. Our Holy Church has a long history of support for the Labor movement. Our founders were in tune with the struggles faced by working men and women. They experienced the reality of exploitation by the powerful moneyed interests of our nation. Bishop Hodur spoke out for the respect that was due workers, for fair treatment, payment of proper wages, and a fair share of the profits they produced. He advocated for the same kind of

democracy in industry that was part of our Church. All worked against selfish interest and for the collective good of the community.

It would be one thing to advocate for workers from self-interest as an ends, but we well know that advocacy for the rights of workers and for the community comes from and is centered in our love for Jesus' way of life.

As we see in today's gospel, Jesus' healing takes physical form. He works to make the deaf hear and the mute speak. In John 9:5-7 we see Jesus again healing physically: "*While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.*" *When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came back seeing.*

St. Paul reminds us that we

cannot forego justice toward the weak, the downtrodden, the worker. We are not to make distinction, but look to the collective good of all— because Jesus showed no partiality: *show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?*

Our faith in Jesus requires that we work faithfully for the collective good. We must be unafraid of working to renew the world—to help those deaf to faith to hear; to help those who fear proclamation to cry out; to open streams of the life giving waters to the entire world; and to show no partiality, treating all as equal before God.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, 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: Acts 20:35

MONDAY: James 5:4

TUESDAY: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-13

WEDNESDAY: Luke 10:7

THURSDAY: 1 Timothy 5:18

FRIDAY Colossians 3:23-24

SATURDAY: 1 Thessalonians 1:3

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that all who work and labor may be treated with justice and equality. Grant work to all who seek it.

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!

Rummage Sale and Craft Fair

Fall is quickly approaching and that means getting ready for our Fall events – the Rummage Sale and Craft Fair. You may drop off items for the Rummage Sale in the parish hall. The Craft Fair along with our Polish Kitchen will be held on October 3rd from 10-5 at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center. Please sign up to help with each.

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 Radzynski, 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 St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Bałtów, Poland and its pastor Rev. Hubert Szryt.

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 ---