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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

## 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

## Solemnity of Brotherly Love Święto Braterskiej Miłości

September 14, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

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: For all parishioners and for our Holy Synod

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

Lector: Larry Panfil

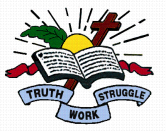
- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- SOCL, Communion, and Confirmation classes

*He does not say what he will suffer if he does not hear the church, but He taught that if he refused to hear the church, then he who had thrice admonished, and had not been heard, was to regard him for the future as the Gentile and the publican.*

*Therefore he is not altogether gained, nor will he altogether perish. But what at all he will suffer, who at first did not hear, but required witnesses, or even refused to hear these, but was brought to the church, God knows; for we do not declare it, according to the precept, "Judge not that you be not judged." – Origen*

**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...

- **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)**
- **September 28th: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **September 29th – October 3rd: HOLY SYNOD**

## Do I have to be responsible?

*Jesus said to his disciples: "Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*

There is a very close parallel between today's Old Testament reading, Epistle, and Gospel. They all speak of a set of inter-related obligations we have as members of the Church. It is our call and obligation to be responsible for our brothers and sisters, to hold them accountable, and to do all of this in the spirit of love.

This call and obligation originate in our baptism. In baptism we are regenerated and made members of the Holy Church, the Body of Christ here on earth. As members and parts of the Body,

we are responsible for taking care of the rest of the Body. As St. Paul tells us: *But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*

This responsibility extends to taking care of the parts of the Body that are sick – not just those who are physically or emotionally ill, but also those who are spiritually ill. This is one of the very hardest things to do, to encounter a Christian suffering in sin and to discuss it with them, to call them back to truth and faithfulness.

How hard is it to visit a sick person? That can make us feel uncomfortable. It reminds us of our human frailty. So much more is there fear in confronting a sinner. Not only is it

uncomfortable, it reminds us that we sin and fall; that one day we too may be visited by someone who will call us back to faithfulness.

We must work diligently and pray for the courage to reach out to those who persist in sin, who have fallen away, or who bring division to the Body. This is an obligation of love. When we take up our responsibility we must be very careful so that it does not turn to judgmentalism or arrogance. As St. Paul notes: *Love does no evil to the neighbor.*

As we pray, we are given the grace and courage to lovingly call to the sick members of the Body to do what is right and to return. We are reassured that just as we act on our responsibility in a faithful manner, others will act responsibly toward us and bring us back when we fall ill with sin.

As we strive to live out our responsibilities, Jesus assures us that He remains with us. This gives us the confidence needed to take the track of loving responsibility.

*"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

Matthew 22:36-39

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: James 5:19

MONDAY: Titus 3:10

TUESDAY: 2 Thessalonians 3:15

WEDNESDAY: Luke 12:47-48

THURSDAY: Galatians 6:1

FRIDAY: Leviticus 19:17

SATURDAY: Luke 17:3

## Pray

Lord Jesus, grant us a spirit of responsibility. Help us to guide those who fall in a spirit of love.

## 13th Anniversary of 9/11/2001

This Thursday, September 11th is the 13th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. We will recall the tragic events of 9-11-01 with a prayer service that evening at 7pm. These terrorist acts, and events more recently experienced, were and are inspired by a warped sense of religion. Because faith can be manipulated in evil and destructive ways, it is so important that we pray to God for the virtue of Brotherly Love.

## Help needed

We have signup sheets posted for assistance with our upcoming craft fair to be held Saturday, October 4th. We will need help with many aspects of this event that is a great benefit to our parish. Our SOCL youth will also assist by making crafts to be sold.

## 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 be evangelists. 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, Jo-ann Tatangelo.

- 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. Andrew's parish, Ebenweiler, Germany its congregation and clergy Rev. Gerhard Seidler OPR, Rev. Emmanuel Panzalovic, and Rev. Mr. Friedrich Hartmann OPR.

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...