

Free to be Authentic

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

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
- Coffee Hour, SOCL, Communion, and Confirmation classes

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XV Niedziela zwykła

Back to Church Sunday

September 21, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm: Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Epistle: Philippians 1:20-24,27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Intention: For all joining us, parishioners and for our Holy Synod

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

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

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But our soul, my brethren, is unlovely by reason of iniquity: by loving God it becomes lovely. What a love must that be that makes the lover beautiful! But God is always lovely, never unlovely, never changeable. Who is always lovely first loved us; and what were we when He loved us but foul and unlovely? But not to leave us foul; no, but to change us, and of unlovely make us lovely. How shall we become lovely? By loving Him who is always lovely. As the love increases in you, so the loveliness increases: for love is itself the beauty of the soul. "Let us love, because He first loved us." – St. Augustine

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 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, First Communion, Baptisms, HOLY MASS at 9am**
- **September 29th – October 3rd: HOLY SYNOD**
- **September 29th: Feast of St. Michael the Archangel**
- **October 2nd: Feast of the Guardian Angels**
- **October 4th: Commemoration of St. Francis**

What is authentic brotherhood?

A friend loves at all times. A brother is there to help in times of adversity.

As a young man in King Saul's court, David set himself apart by defeating Goliath. From that point on, in numerous victories over its enemies, David won the hearts of the Israelites and demonstrated that God was with him.

David had become such a hero that everyone expected him to marry into Saul's family and inherit the kingdom. Everyone, that is, except Saul. Saul's heart was set on making his son, Jonathan, king, and he was determined to keep David at a distance. On several occasions he tried to kill David.

Given this situation, we might expect Jonathan to take his father's side against David. But God had a different design. Right after the death of Goliath, David

and Jonathan became committed friends, true brothers. Scripture tells us: *"the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul."* Saul's murderous attempts could not overcome their brotherhood.

In brotherhood, Jonathan did everything he could to protect David from his father. Jonathan discovered his father's plan to kill David, and then warned him of it. In parting Jonathan says: *"Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the Lord."*

When Jonathan was later killed in battle, David revealed how valuable his friendship had been: *"My brother Jonathan, very pleasant have you been to me; your love to me was wonderful."*

In the same way, the Good Samaritan's care for a stranger and foreigner were true signs of a brotherhood that surpassed religion, blood, and tribe.

Jesus is not just giving us a tale

about being charitable. It is not even about going above and beyond to do good or to be loving. His call is much deeper, much more important. He is calling us to faithfully live out our humanity, to recognize and express the image of God that is within us. He calls us to authenticity.

Authenticity is the degree to which we are true to our baptismal commitment.

We yearn to be true to our baptism, but we can become mixed up and confused. We sometimes fail to recognize God's spirit and call which He placed within us. Our souls constantly call us to become more like God, to grow closer to Him, and to exhibit His life in us by authentic brotherhood, but sometimes we ignore that call.

When authentic we come to terms with being in a material world where we encounter external forces, pressures and influences that misdirect us from our call. To be authentic is to live in God's model of brotherhood. This is true authenticity.

"Let brotherly love continue."

Hebrews 13:1

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalms 133:1

MONDAY: Malachi 2:10

TUESDAY: Matthew 25:40

WEDNESDAY: Romans 12:10

THURSDAY: Ephesians 6:23

FRIDAY: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

SATURDAY: 1 Peter 3:8

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant us the grace of authenticity so that we may show forth our baptismal commitment in true brotherly love.

Solemnity of Brotherly Love

This Solemnity of our church was instituted at the Special Synod of 1906 by the clergy and lay delegates. Even 108 years later, this is one of our most poignant celebrations. Too often hatred and separation are fueled by religious error. Today's Solemnity presents, instead, the religious message of brotherly love, which comes from true faith – faith that is founded upon Jesus Christ who calls us into a relationship of love with God and each other.

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.

Please think about telling a friend or relative about Holy Name of Jesus.

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. Severin's Abbey, Kaufbeuren, Germany its brothers and clergy Right Rev. Michael Maier OPR, Abbot.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour resumes. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and all who will assist with this ministry of hospitality over the coming seasons. All are welcome to join with us each week!

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...