



## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time XV Niedziela zwykła

September 22, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm: Ps 113:1-2,4-8

**R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Intention: For all parishioners, members of Spójnia, and for Derek and his family

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

Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:25am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am, Baptism
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Class

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVI Niedziela zwykła/Spójnia Sunday

September 29, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Amos 6:1,4-7

Psalm: Ps 146:7-10

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Intention: For all seeking Christ in His Church

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

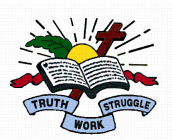
Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:25am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Class

*“They have been entrusted with worldly wealth by the merciful permission of Almighty God: according nevertheless to His intention they have been appointed stewards for the poor. But they discharge not their stewardship rightly, in that they scatter, so to speak, what has been given them of the Lord: for they waste it solely on their pleasures, and purchase temporal honours, not remembering God, Who says, ‘You shall open wide your mercy unto your brother, even to him that has need of you.’” – St. Cyril of Alexandria*

**Sick Calls and Hospital Visits** – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health 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 22: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Spójnia Sunday**
- **September 29: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/SOCL Classes begin**
- **September 30: Feast - St. Michael the Archangel (translated)**
- **October 2: Feast - Guardian Angels**
- **October 4: Commemoration - St. Francis of Assisi**
- **October 6: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Blessing of Pets**
- **October 7: Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary**
- **October 13: Solemnity of the Christian Family**

#### BTCS – Thank You

Thank you to all who joined us on Back to Church Sunday. The journey has only begun. Now we get to move forward, learning how Church supports us in becoming the people God has designed us to be. Remember too – we must continue to invite our friends, neighbors, and relatives to Church. It takes at least 7 invitations before many accept. Keep at it!

## We are called to be shrewd stewards

*And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light."*

Today's story is an intriguing tale of master and servant, and money and sly dealing. A steward who is about to be fired carries favor with his master's debtors by forgiving some of their debts. Jesus seems to be commending dishonest behavior.

Jesus' target audiences are two groups of people who he had been addressing over the three passages from Luke we have listened to over the past three weeks – one that was despised and frowned upon by society and another that enjoyed much honor and respect. Both shared this common love— amassing wealth.

The openly corrupt tax collectors Jesus had been spending time with are referred to as 'children of this world;' the Pharisees who fanatically kept the Law, believing it to be the 'Light of Life,' are described as 'children of light.'

The taxmen had no qualms about adopting dishonest means but were known for their liberal spending habits and for using ill-gotten wealth freely to gain favors and friends. The Pharisees amassed wealth through legally right ways but were known to be tightfisted with their hard-earned money.

The tax collectors are commended for their worldly shrewdness. Jesus is speaking to them about giving up dishonest ways - to be shrewd in a new way, so they would receive heavenly treasures. The latter are commended for their honesty and advised to freely use money to gain the friendship of saints who would welcome them into 'eternal dwellings,' when their legalistic righteousness fails

to gain them salvation.

Jesus calls both groups to break free from the love of money and seek God with an undivided heart. *The Pharisees who loved money heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.* Though there is no mention of how the taxmen responded, we have reasons to believe that the likes of Matthew and Zacchaeus, both tax collectors, were converted by this teaching.

The lesson is clear. The servant who is about to lose his job knows exactly what he needs to do to get himself into another job and a secure his future.

The steward was shrewd in taking care of himself. Jesus commends his shrewdness to us.

We are to be shrewd in taking care of our faith. We need to reflect on our failings, our sin, and be shrewd in doing what is necessary to gain heavenly treasure. We need to avoid legalism and scrupulosity and truly live generously in the light of Christ.

*"The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."*

2 Peter 3:9

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 10:16  
MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 14:20  
TUESDAY: Matthew 7:24  
WEDNESDAY: James 1:25  
THURSDAY: Matthew 25:1-4  
FRIDAY: 1 Timothy 6:12  
SATURDAY: Titus 3:14

## Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to be shrewd in seeking the treasures of heaven and in doing Your will.

## Welcome Emjai Rose

Yesterday, Saturday, September 21st, we welcomed Emjai Rose Dominy into the family of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. It was a wonderful occasion made extra special by the presence of family who were in town. In baptism Emjai joins us in living God's compelling over-arching story – a story in which we love, honor, serve, and sacrifice, supporting each other in living the life, the story, God calls us to live. God bless you Emjai.

## Spójnia Sunday

Today we celebrate and honor the work of Spójnia, our Church's sister organization that has worked for 105 years to financially support the work of the Church and provide financial security for the Church's members. Spójnia, also known as the Polish National Union, is our fraternal benefit organization. It provides scholarships, has a credit union, sponsors Church activities, and has great insurance plans for us. Ask Deacon Jim how his family has benefited.

## SOCL Classes begin

Next week we begin our School of Christian Living (SOCL) classes once again. Please ensure your children's attendance in these classes where we will learn about Jesus and all he does for us.

## Blessing of Pets

October 4th is the Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi. If you wish, please **bring your pets to church on Sunday, October 6th** during our regular worship. We will hold a special blessing for our furry, feathered, and scaled friends. If you wish, you may also bring in some pet supplies for donation to local pet shelters.

## Craft Fair this Fall

We will be holding a seasonal/holiday craft fair on Saturday, October 12th from 9am till 4:30pm at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St., Schenectady. At the present time we are seeking vendors for the fair, so if you know any crafters please invite them. Tables are \$25/\$30 or \$10 extra with electric. We will be serving food too. Stephanie Dominy, Gayle Clas, and Kelly Supinski are leading this effort. We will hold meeting every few weeks in preparation. Please feel free to join in. Also, in the fall, our SOCL student will be creating crafts that we will be able to sell at the fair in support of the SOCL program.

## FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next event is September 29th. 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.

Of note...

## Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, 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 Haberlan, Stanley Radzyminski, 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, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Jakub Kozina, 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 Scepkowski, Richard, Bishop John

- 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 who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: Holy Trinity Parish in Webster, MA its congregation and pastor, the Rev. Henryk Wos.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour returns now that it is September. Join us after worship every Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every 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.