



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXV Niedziela zwykła Spójnia Sunday

September 23, 2012
 Rite: Deacon Missal
 First reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20
 Psalm: Ps 54:3-6,8
 R. **The Lord upholds my life.**
 Epistle: James 3:16 – 4:3
 Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Intention: For an increase in love and respect for all people

Worship leader: Rev. Mr. James Konicki
 Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee hour
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXVI Niedziela zwykła

September 30, 2012
 Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal
 First reading: Numbers 11:25-29
 Psalm: 19:8,10,12-14
 R. **The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**
 Epistle: James 5:1-6
 Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

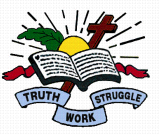
Intention: For all parishioners and benefactors.

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki
 Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
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Back to Church Sunday Thank You – To all of you who were brave and went out as missionaries to spread God’s word and welcome – God blesses you. To all who welcomed those who attended – God will welcome you. To all who were touched and accepted Jesus, making a commitment to Him – welcome into the body of Christ. To all who wonder, was it a success? – God will take the seed you have planted and will make it grow.

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Upcoming...

Month of September

Invite someone to church this week. God seeks a relationship with all people.

- September 23: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Spójnia Sunday
- September 29: Feast - St. Michael the Archangel
- September 30: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hey kids...

You get it.

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Why did Jesus compare receiving a child to receiving Him?

The key in this verse is the word "receive." It actually means to take by the hand. It means to take up. It means to befriend. It means to receive in hospitality. It means to accept into one's life.

Whoever does these things isn't just receiving a child, but they are also receiving Jesus because they no longer care about being pretentious, pompous, high-and-mighty, or arrogant. They are open, to not just the innocence of a child, but to becoming small themselves.

We all know that we can't act

like big shots around children. They see right through it and will call us on it. In relating to a child we have to let down our guards, open up, and soften ourselves.

We have to do the same to accept Jesus, and to accept and welcome His Father as our Father.

Jesus was showing the disciples, who were arguing about who's first that they had to let go of that attitude. They had to stop pretending after greatness because the only place they could find greatness, find heaven, was in being the servant or each other.

Jesus loved children because they weren't competing. They were open to love and plain teaching. They recognized Jesus' love – they got Him. While the men and women around Him, even His disciples were blinded by their own goals, children clearly saw God's goals for their lives – and they accepted God's goals as their

goals.

We will all be called to account for our approach to life – how closely our lives follow Jesus' way.

Did we treat our faith as something complex and hierarchical? Did we treat our faith as based on community and service to each other and the wider world?

Do we dwell on disputes and the competition to be greater than others? Do we focus on humility and self-denial so as to be most like Jesus?

St. James, having learned from Jesus during these days, points out that we tend to seek for ourselves, we focus only on our own passions, we ask wrongly. We need to listen to the child's voice. When we hear, "May I please have a glass of water?" our hearts should melt to become the servant who fulfills that child's need – for the water that brings both physical and spiritual life. Be a humble believer, accept that child, and receive Jesus.

"He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies."

Psalm 25:9-10

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 23:11
MONDAY: 1 Kings 8:58
TUESDAY: Luke 22:27
WEDNESDAY: Daniel 4:30-34
THURSDAY: Philippians 2:3-11
FRIDAY: James 4:6
SATURDAY: 1 Peter 5:3-5

Pray

Lord Jesus, renew my humility and openness so to receive You in my life.

School of Christian Living

We have an active and on-going Confirmation class. We are now signing students up for our School of Christian living, which begins this week. It is every parent's duty and obligation to see to the spiritual education of their children. Godparents are similarly obligated toward their godchildren. We are here to assist in delivering knowledge of the faith through SOCL. Also remember, no one is too old to learn or make one's confirmation. We welcome all students.

What's a Spójnia

The Polish National Union of America, also known as PNU or Spójnia, is a not-for-profit fraternal benefit society that provides life insurance protection, annuities, retirement plans and numerous fraternal benefits to its membership. Our late Prime Bishop Francis Hodur organized the PNU in 1908, eleven years after the organization of the PNCC. Since its inception the PNU has served its members. One of the initial purposes of Spójnia was to help people belonging to the PNCC and others who shared in the organization's goal, and who were being discriminated against by other fraternal organizations, to achieve financial security.

The PNU has lived up to Bishop Hodur's vision by providing material and spiritual security to the members and friends of the PNCC through insurance programs, a credit union, assistance in emergencies, loans, college stipends for youth members, and other benefits and programs.. The PNU has grown in membership to nearly 25,000 members, making it one of the largest fraternal organizations in America. The PNU is not just an insurance company; it is a fraternal organization, with a deep commitment to its members. As a fraternal, every insured member has a voice in the management and operation of the organization. Spójnia has grown by being financially secure, with assets of over \$23 million.

News

Diocesan Synod: October 12-13 is our Diocesan Synod. Elected delegates from every parish, clergy, as well as diocesan and national organizations will gather to review the accomplishments of the past four years and to plan for the future. Robert Dominy was elected as our delegate. He and Deacon Jim will attend. Share your ideas for the future with them so they can share those with our diocesan family.

Of note...

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is back. Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. 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. You and all who volunteer truly help to build the family of God as we gather for physical substance on Sunday morning.

Praying for...

Janimine 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 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, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, John Humme, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Prime Bishop Emeritus Robert Nemkovich, George Damouni, Kindlon Family, Carolyn Walker.

- 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: St. Stanislaus Elementary School, Scranton, PA, its students, teachers, and pastor Bishop Bernard Nowicki.

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

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? God calls us to work together for the good of our community, in support of each other, and for the needs of the Church. 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.

Serendipity Calendar: What a fun way to support the parish and potentially WIN! The Serendipity Calendar allows you to choose one or more numbers between 001 and 999. If your number is drawn in the day's NYS Lottery Daily Numbers game, you win. The cost for each number chance is \$20.