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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVI Niedziela zwykła

September 28, 2014

Rite: 9am Pew Missal, page 63

First reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm: Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Intention: For Gabby and Skyler, Traviss, Erickaa, and Bella and their families

Celebrant: 9am Rev. Rafał Dadełło, Deacon: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 8:50am with Matins.
- Holy Mass, Baptisms, First Communion at 9am

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVII Niedziela zwykła

October 5, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm: Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

Epistle: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Intention: For all parishioners, our parish, and vocations

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

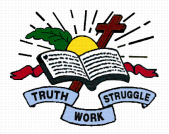
Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion and blessing of pets at 9:30am. Exposition and Benediction.
- Coffee Hour, SOCL, Communion, and Confirmation classes

*Human freedom, as evinced in faith and repentance, is also necessary to Regeneration. Being thrice dipped in the water is our earliest mortification; coming out of it is a forecast of the ease with which the pure shall rise in a blessed resurrection: the whole process is an imitation of Christ. The Eucharist unites the body, as Baptism the soul, to God. Our bodies, having received poison, need an Antidote; and only by eating and drinking can it enter. One Body, the receptacle of Deity, is this Antidote, thus received. – St. Gregory of Nyssa*

**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 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, Baptism, Craft Fair**
- **October 5th: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Bring your pets to church for a special blessing**



**Pick up your October Newsletter today – three days early believe it or not!!!**

## Ummm, let me think about it.

*A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first."*

This wonderful gospel reading is a great illustration of something each of us has done or has experienced. I can hear my mom asking me to do something. I can hear myself asking my children to do something. I gave and get both of the responses Jesus talked about. 'No, I won't' – then it gets done or 'Yeah, sure' – and it never happens.

We have two perspectives to consider and pray over today, that of the person being asked and that of the requestor.

Let's start from the point-of-view of the person making the request. Like the father in the parable, God asks and seeks a response. He hears both kinds of responses – yes and no, and then waits to see if there will be follow-through.

Jesus illustrates that all of the sinners who were coming to the kingdom had been saying no to God's requests for years, but finally they stood up to act. He convicts the Pharisees for saying yes, yes, yes for years, but then failing to act and follow-through.

All heard the request of the Father. What we often fail to recognize is that the requestor never stops asking. Unfortunately, our instinct it to think that the Father stopped asking after the first tries. But a deeper look at Jesus' encounter with the Pharisees reveals that God is calling to them once again – this time in the form of Jesus' parables and words. We can think over the fact that many of these may very well have turned around later in their lives – turning their no into action

consistent with God's request. Acts tells us: *And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.*

From the perspective of the person being asked we realize that God never stops calling us – and sometimes we say yes when we mean no, or no when we mean yes. We should take comfort in the fact that our failure to act will not cut us off from God's requesting heart. He continues calling to us in many ways. In the end, all He cares about is whether we follow-through.

Today we see so many following-through. Parents, godparents, and grandparents heard God calling, and they ended up taking action. They are doing their Father's will. They are entering the kingdom with their children and are blessed.

Whether we have said yes or no in the past, God never stops asking. He not only calls, but gives us the strength to respond. In His sacraments He gives us the grace we need to follow-through.

*"Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist."*

1 Corinthians 8:6

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Ephesians 1:10

MONDAY: Colossians 2:9

TUESDAY: John 1:3

WEDNESDAY: John 14:26

THURSDAY: 1 John 5:20

FRIDAY: 2 Peter 3:18

SATURDAY: Colossians 1:18

## Pray

Lord Jesus, in You is the fullness of all things. Help us to hear and follow-through. Bring us to completion and fullness of life.

## God Bless our children

Today we have the opportunity to celebrate so many special moments in the lives of our children. Two are making their First Holy Communion and three are being baptized. Their parents and grandparents have invested the time necessary to bring their children to Jesus, and to show how important Jesus is in their personal lives. They love their children so much that they desire to pass on a gift that is greater than anything the world can offer – the promise of eternal life for all who proclaim and live their faith in Jesus.

We thank God for each of these children and on this very special day we ask His blessings upon those who made their First Holy Communion: Skyler Dee and Gabriella Martineau and those who were baptized: Traviss and Erickaa Carroll Kelone and Bella Mojica. We pray for their parents, godparents, and grandparents and all their family members. May our dear Lord guide them in raising their children to know and understand that fullness of faith in Jesus, and owning all of His promises, is more than words and kind thoughts. It is a living expression of faith starting in the community of Church that then permeates their lives.

## Prayers for Holy Synod – Next 6 Days

Bob Dominy and Deacon Jim are leaving for Holy Synod after Holy Mass today. Please continue the prayers below and also for everyone's safe travels. May our Church come together so that a new evangelism may occur; that many may come to know, love, and serve Jesus through us; and that many may enter into service so that our community of faith may continue to grow.

Sunday, 9/28 - Father, without You we can do nothing. Send forth Your Holy Spirit and help our Holy Synod to know what is right and to be eagerly do Your will.

Monday – Friday, September 29th through October 3rd: Oh God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructed the hearts of the faithful, Grant, that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Bring your pets

On Sunday, October 5th our parish will hold its annual Blessing For All Animals during our regular weekly worship at 9:30am. Bring your dogs, cats, hamsters, gerbils, birds, fish, ferrets, turtles, lizards, for a special St. Francis blessing.

## FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is Sunday, October 19th. 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, 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 the people and clergy of St. Rita/St. Anthony Chapel, Rodez, France and its pastor, Very Rev. Alain Fraysse.

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.

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