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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 5, 2014

## 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

## Solemnity of the Christian Family

### Święto Chrześcijańskiej Rodziny

October 12, 2014

Rite: 9am Pew Missal, page 63

First reading: Genesis 1:26-28,31

Psalm: 128:1-5

**R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.** Epistle:

Ephesians 6:1-9

Gospel: Luke 2:42-52

Intention: For all families and family faithfulness

Celebrant: 9am Rev. Rafał Dadełło

Lector: Marilyn Hietala

- Worship begins at 8:50am with Matins.
- Holy Mass at 9am

*And He sent His servants, that is, the prophets, to receive the fruit; that is, their obedience, the proof of it by their works. But they even here showed their wickedness, not only by failing to give the fruit, after having enjoyed so much care, which was the sign of idleness, but also by showing anger towards them that came. For they that had not to give when they owed, should not have been indignant, nor angry, but should have entreated. But they not only were indignant, but even filled their hands with blood, and while deserving punishment, themselves inflicted punishment. – St. John Chrysostom*

**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...

- **October 5th: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Bring your pets to church for a special blessing**
- **October 7th: Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary**
- **October 12th: Solemnity of the Christian Family**  
**HOLY MASS at 9am**
- **October 13th: Columbus Day (observed)**
- **October 18th: Feast of St. Luke, Rummage Sale 9am-3pm.**
- **October 19th: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday**
- **October 24th: Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel**
- **October 26th: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**HOLY MASS at 9am**
- **October 28th: Feast – Ss. Simon & Jude**

## Help me to remain faithful.

*Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.*

Today's readings from Isaiah and from the gospel are cautionary. We need to take heed of their many lessons, but most especially the need to remain faithful to God's call to live His way of life, to become more and more like Him, and to bear good fruit.

Both Isaiah and the gospel use analogy and parable to show what God had done for Israel. They also show that rejecting faithfulness will never lead to triumph.

The vineyard, hedge, wall, tower, and winepress represent God's work at building Israel. He brought it all it needed to be beautiful, sweet, and successful. He protected it by His strong arm. He gave it kings to lead it, and prophets to reform it. He looked for its people to live real, genuine, and pious lives filled with virtue, godliness and righteousness.

Jesus makes plain that the landowner, that is God, in His care for us does not require any works on our part to come to faithfulness. He does all the work (plants, hedges, digs, and builds) so that we might freely give ourselves over to Him in an act of faith. He wants us to take up His work in the world and asks us to commit to it. If we live faithfully, we will build upon what Jesus has taught. He will be the true cornerstone for our lives.

The importance of faithfulness is made clear by the absence of that faithfulness in Israel despite God continued call and presence. God's first chosen refused to be

faithful. They brought forth "*wild grapes*." This doesn't just mean sour grapes – but grapes that are poisonous, offensive, noxious, and deadly. A life without faithfulness is empty and spiritually dead.

So, we see the two extremes. One is total faithlessness, the other faithfulness. We know that our life is a mix of the two. We fall from time to time in sin. The key aspect is that we recognize what Jesus calls us to do. When we loose our faithfulness, we must re-recognize His generosity towards us. We must recall that God never abandons us, but rather continuously offers us another chance. As God did for Israel He does for us. He calls us back, to recognize His faithfulness towards us. He helps us, by His grace to be faithful. Will we live real, genuine, and pious lives filled with virtue, godliness and righteousness, our will we reject Him completely and end up spiritually dead?

We must continue to work at our faithfulness, to recall our commitment to Him.

*"And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth."*

Deuteronomy 28:1

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 28:20

MONDAY: Luke 16:10-12

TUESDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:7

WEDNESDAY: Luke 12:42-44

THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 10:13

FRIDAY: Galatians 5:22-23

SATURDAY: Psalm 91:4

## Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the gift of constancy and faithfulness.

## Craft Fair Success/Rummage Sale Next

A huge thank you to Stephanie Dominy for her leadership and to all who assisted with food and craft preparation, setup, and who staffed our craft fair. Thank you to our youth and their parents who created crafts. Thank you to all the crafters who supported us. Thank you to all who stopped by to support us. Though everyone's efforts we were able to raise over \$1,280, a nearly \$300 increase over last year's result.

Our annual Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, October 18th from 9am to 3pm. Please sign up to assist and get the word out. God bless Donna Panfil for her continued leadership of this effort.

## Holy Synod Concludes

The time you spent in prayer for the Church's XXIV Holy Synod was a real blessing – it made a real difference for the power of the Holy Spirit infused our Holy Church with new hope and realistic plans that will be accomplished. It was a week filled with much love and fellowship – people deeply dedicated to the growth of our Catholic Church where many may come to know God's great love. Thank you to Mr. Robert Dominy for representing us so well.

## Blessing of Pets

The bond between person and his or her pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye-to-eye, people with their dogs and or cats are creatures of love. For single people, a pet can be a true companion. Children learn about unconditional love and responsibility for their fellow creatures. Many people arrive home from work to find a furry friend overjoyed at their return. Many a senior has a lap filled with a purring fellow creature. No wonder people enjoy the opportunity to take their animal companions to church for a special blessing. Church is the place where the bond of creation is celebrated and we acknowledge God's gift to us in our animal companions. So today we celebrate these creatures of every type that mean so much to us with a special prayer. May our pet companions be blessed and protected. *All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures.* – St. Francis of Assisi

## Deacon Jim Will Be Away

On Sunday, October 13th and 26th Deacon Jim will be away. Fr. Rafał will be celebrating Holy Mass at 9am on those days. In an emergency, please call Fr. Mark at 518-437-1889

## 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.

## 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.

- 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 the Chapel of Our Lady, Ayssènes, 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.

Of note...

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