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Come boldly to the throne of grace

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 18, 2015

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXIX Niedziela zwykła

October 18, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalms: Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Intention: 9:30 – For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite),
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Free Lunch on Sunday (Goulash Today!!!) 11:30am – 1:30pm

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXX Niedziela zwykła

October 25, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms: 126:1-6

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Intention: 9:30 - For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
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Thus is it seasonable for us also now to say, Let us draw near asking boldly: let us only bring Faith and He gives all things. Now is the time of the gift; let no man despair of himself. Then [will be] the time of despairing, when the bride-chamber is shut, when the King has come in to see the guests, when they who shall be accounted worthy thereof, shall have received as their portion the Patriarch's bosom: but now it is not as yet so. For still are the spectators assembled, still is the contest, still is the prize in suspense. – 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 Father Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944. You may also call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **October 18: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Free lunch on Sunday.**
- **October 19: Feast – St. Luke (translated). Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.**
- **October 24: Feast – St. Raphael, Archangel/Rummage Sale 9am to 3pm.**
- **October 25: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Oath of Office for the Parish Committee.**
- **October 28: Feast – Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles. Bible Study at 7:30pm.**
- **October 31: Vigil of All Saints.**
- **November 1: Solemnity of All Saints, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Pampered Chef Party. Amsterdam Cemetery Service, 2pm.**
- **November 2: All Souls Day**
- **November 3: Election Day**

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist by intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

Our Lord gets us.

...let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

Today our Holy Church calls us to confidence. This call comes directly from scripture.

We start by understanding that we have reason to hold fast to our confession. Our confession is not something without an accompanying promise. In fact, the promise of God is that those who confess Him have a mansion waiting for them in heaven. We who confess Him have the promise of eternal life. We are entitled to call upon Him, and when we do so in faith all that we ask for will be given to us. Confess with confidence.

If this were not enough, the Letter to the Hebrews goes on to explain that our High Priest is also our Advocate. Jesus gets us. He intimately understands us. This isn't just because He is God, but because He has traveled the same paths we travel. He set aside and emptied Himself and took up our humanity. He ate and drank as we do. He laughed and cried as one of us. He was tempted, He was hungry, He was poor, He was betrayed, He was abandoned, He faced the desecration of His Father's house, and He suffered and died. He was *similarly tested in every way*.

As both God and man, Jesus has deep compassion for us. He sympathizes with us. He stands before the Father and claims ownership of us. He and His Precious Blood stand between the Father and us to invoke the Father's mercy for us. He pleads for us; and is ever ready to take up our cause. As such, we have reason to approach the *throne of*

grace. This is not a mercy-seat on earth such as the high priests of Israel approached with animal and grain sacrifices. It is rather the true throne of grace. A throne won through Jesus' High Priesthood and self-sacrifice for our redemption.

This throne was built for us, unworthy though we are – so that without qualification, pre-requisite, or preparation we may come, open our hearts, confess our sins, and obtain God's blessing. It is a throne of glory and beauty built to encourage us to come. It is a throne where grace is freely, frequently, and plentifully dispensed. Grace for pardon and sanctification so that we may be fit for God's service and praise. Grace is dispensed to us from this throne without money and without price.

Our Lord gets us. He needed the Father's grace and blessing to carry out His Father's mission. Thus He offers us the same chance to come to His throne of grace for all we need. Let us be confident, confess Him, and go to Him.

Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God

2 Corinthians 3:5

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 John 3:20-21
MONDAY: Isaiah 41:10
TUESDAY: Proverbs 3:26
WEDNESDAY: 1 John 4:18
THURSDAY: Philippians 4:13
FRIDAY: Hebrews 13:6
SATURDAY: Psalm 20:7

Pray

Lord Jesus, I place my trust in You. I am confident of Your grace and help.

Seniorate Thanksgiving Celebration

The parishes to the of the Mohawk Valley Seniorate will join together at Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa Parish in Latham, NY on Saturday, November 14th at 11:00 am for a Thanksgiving Holy Mass followed by a free Luncheon. The Holy Mass intention is Thanksgiving For Blessings Received. The Choir Lutnia invites all singers from Seniorate parishes to sing together. Please let Fr. Jim know if you would like to attend so we can provide a count for the lunch.

Rummage Sale Help Needed

Our Fall **Rummage and Bake Sale** will be held Saturday, October 24th from 9am till 3pm. You may drop off items for the Rummage Sale in the parish hall Monday and Tuesday from 6 to 8:30pm and Wednesday through Friday from 9:30am till 5pm. Stay and help set-up.

Heritage Sunday

Today our Holy Church sets time aside to honor the heritage of all its members. Heritage Sunday has a place of special importance to us. Immigrants who believed that the promise of our country was not something incompatible with the Church organized our Church. Indeed, freedom and democracy are essential in accepting our Lord and Savior. This freedom and democracy welcomed all our immigrant ancestors. On this day remember and celebrate them. Honor your heritage. Pray also for and support all immigrants and refugees.

Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. Please stop by and join us to support this new ministry. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, October 28th.

Month of All Souls

If you would like the souls of loved ones to be remembered during the Commemoration of All Souls and at every Holy Mass throughout November, please send the names of these loved ones to Fr. Jim by Sunday, October 25th. Alternately, you can E-mail the names of those you wish commemorated to Fr. Jim at frjim@holynamenc.org. We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Sunday, November 1st during our 9:30 and 11:30am Holy Masses along with the reading of the names of all the faithful departed. Fr. Jim will also celebrate the memory of the faithful departed interred at Good Shepherd cemetery on Sunday, November 1st at 2pm.

Holy Mass Intentions

Reminder... you can ask Father Jim to offer Holy Mass for any intention. Just see Fr. Jim and let him know what you want.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is today. 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, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzynski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Martha Fields, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Lisa Wilson, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Brittany Lawrence, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover.

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones
- 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
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Skarzysko-Kamienna, Poland and its pastor Rev. Krzysztof Pikulski.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is held every week after 9:30am Holy Mass. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week. If you can, please help out.

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 Father Jim.

--- Please think of inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus ---