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render unto Caesar what is Caesar's

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 19, 2014

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time XIX Niedziela zwykła

October 19, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Psalm: Ps 96:1,3-5,7-10

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Intention: For Edward Panfil

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

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion.
- Coffee Hour, SOCL classes, Parish Committee Meeting
- Free Lunch

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXX Niedziela zwykła

October 26, 2014

Rite: 9am Pew Missal, page 63

First reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm: 18:2-4,47,51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Intention: For all parishioners

Celebrant: 9am Rev. Rafał Dadełło

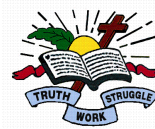
Lector: Claudia Bertasso

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

“Render unto Caesar the things which be Caesar’s, and unto God the things which be God’s.” What will be “the things which are God’s?” “Such things as are like Caesar’s denarius—that is to say, His image and similitude. That, therefore, which he commands to be “rendered unto God,” the Creator, is man, who has been stamped with His image, likeness, name, and substance.. – St. Justin Martyr

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 19th: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday**
- **October 24th: Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel**
- **October 26th: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **HOLY MASS at 9am**
- **October 28th: Feast – Ss. Simon & Jude**
- **October 31st: Vigil of All Saints**
- **November 1st: All Saints Day, Service at 5pm and reading of the names of the faithful departed**
- **November 2nd: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Cemetery Service in Amsterdam – time TBD.**
- **November 3rd: Observance of All Souls (translated)**
- **November 4th: Election Day**
- **November 9th: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Daylight savings Ends.**

Polish Food Available Today

What is it we worship?

Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Today our Holy Church calls us to recall and honor the heritage of our members and of all people. It is a celebration of who we are as people -- the gifts God has given us. More importantly, the Church calls us to properly order what is most important in our lives.

Whether our ancestors came to this country as immigrants, as indentured servants or involuntarily as slaves – we are called to honor their heritage and

innate human dignity. We are to remember the struggles they faced and the battles they fought to grasp the freedom, honor, and dignity they and we are all entitled to. Where we come from is important because it is a part of who we are. Each culture and heritage enriches our common life and we share in each other's heritage as members of God's family.

The early Church recognized the gifts the faithful brought to the Church. Most importantly, it recognized that in Jesus Christ we all have equal membership in the one family of faith regardless of background. Heritage is a gift to be shared in the one family of faith. Thus, St. Paul reminded the Church at Galatia: *There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

While we honor each person's heritage, we must remember that in Jesus we are equal members in His family and that we are called to properly order what we

worship.

What does that mean? It means that while we honor heritage and the gifts of each nation we must not make heritage or nation an object of worship.

Jesus is reminding the Pharisees of this proper ordering. Our first and foremost obligation is to give to God what is God's. When we let anything interfere with the proper ordering of our relationship with Him – politics, national affinity, or heritage – when we quibble over this or that being most important, we lose touch with that which must come first in our lives.

Jesus' response to His questioners offers us a guide to properly ordering our worship. The Roman coin – Caesar's – referred to him as a god. Jesus reminded them (and us) that we cannot give worship to both God and Caesar. We have to choose our focus of worship and properly order our priorities. We should choose only God as the sole focus of our devotion and worship. By placing Him first we clearly proclaim that He alone is our God.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people."

1 Timothy 2:1

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 33:12

MONDAY: Isaiah 60:12

TUESDAY: Proverbs 14:34

WEDNESDAY: Genesis 12:2

THURSDAY: Psalm 2:8

FRIDAY: Psalm 147:14

SATURDAY: Job 12:23

Pray

Lord Jesus, bless our heritage. Grant that all nations may praise and worship You without fear.

Craft Fair Update

Our annual Rummage, Bake Sale, and Polish Kitchen was held yesterday raising \$1,730.90. Thank you to all who worked so hard and donated so much to make this day a success. God bless Donna Panfil for her leadership and sacrifice for this effort and to Stephanie Dominy and her helpers for the great Polish food.

Heritage Sunday

Our Holy Church recognizes the third Sunday in October as Heritage Sunday. Let us take a moment today to give thanks for our immigrant ancestors who braved so much to give us opportunity and a better life. Their heritage, language, culture, and most especially their faith kept them strong in the face of so much. So too, let us give thanks for the myriad cultures that make up our Church. Thanks be for all they have shared with us and the way in which we are all enriched by honoring each other's heritage.

Times of Trial and Fear

There is much confronting our faith!

I could have said that we have much confronting our lives (terrorism, persecution of Christians, job and financial worries) and our health (flu, Ebola, Enterovirus). Other things too...

The fact is that all of these challenges, fears, and trials are first and foremost challenges to our faith. This is the work of evil, to cause us to focus inwardly – only on ourselves – and to forget about God's role in our lives. Should our first thought be: 'How can I protect myself?' or shouldn't it be "I place my faith in God?" God's role and place in our lives must remain in the forefront. If we confront these challenges, trials, and fears strong in our faith we will overcome them. When we get nervous, when we feel that sense of panic, let us place God front and center – where He belongs. Let us enter into prayer. Let us also take common sense steps – get a flu shot (4,500 people have died from Ebola worldwide while 50,000 people die from the flu annually just in the U.S.), wash our hands, eat healthier, exercise and even in doing those things, pray.

From plague, famine, war, and all misfortunes of the body and soul, Deliver us, O Lord.

Deacon Jim Will Be Away

Deacon Jim will be away from October 23rd-26th to attend his daughter Stephanie's wedding. Fr. Rafał will be celebrating Holy Mass at 9am on the 26th. In an emergency, please call Fr. Mark at 518-437-1889

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.

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 St. Charbel's Chapel, Lye, France and its pastor, Rev. Alexandre Nevejans.

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.