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from DARKNESS

to LIGHT

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 25, 2015

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

Psalm: 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 – śp. Michael Dormin, śp. Theodore T. Zebrowski

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)
- Parish Committee Oath
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

Solemnity of All Saints

Uroczystość Wszystkich Świętych

November 1, 2015

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

First reading: Revelation 7:2-4,9-14

Psalm: Ps 24:1-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Intention: 9:30 – For all deceased parishioners.

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

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite), Exposition & Benediction.
- SOCL, Breakfast and Pampered Chef Party.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

If you say that a Christian cannot help others, you have insulted God and called him a liar. It is easier for the sun not to give warmth or shine than for the Christian not to shed his light. It is easier for light to be darkness than for this to happen. Do not say then that it is impossible. The opposite is impossible. Do not insult God. If we have put our affairs in order, these things will certainly come to be, and will follow as a natural consequence. The light of a Christian cannot escape notice. So bright a lamp cannot be hidden. – 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 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**
- **November 8: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Parish Committee Meeting at 12:30pm**
- **November 11: Veteran's Day/Polish Independence Day**
- **November 15: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Free Lunch.**

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.

This is how I respond.

He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

The restoration of Bartimae'us sight appears to be a rather ordinary. Yet understood within the context of the Gospel of Mark, it serves as a profound revelation about seeing rightly and living in discipleship.

Mark 8:22 tells of the healing of another blind man. In this case, Jesus has to try twice to bring clear sight to the man at Bethsaida. At face value it seems odd that Jesus cannot restore the man's sight the first time around, but when seen as a parallel to how Jesus deals with His disciples and us it becomes clearer.

Jesus doesn't give up on making

things clear to us. He tries over and over to help us see clearly by the light of faith. Later in Mark 8:29 Jesus asks His disciples their opinion – "Who do you say that I am?" The disciples finally see Jesus for who He is as Peter declares, "You are the Messiah." As soon as Peter has said that, Jesus begins to teach them about the suffering He must endure. Peter rebukes Jesus and tells Him how he thinks things should go. Jesus plainly tells Peter to get behind Him because Peter doesn't see clearly. Jesus teaches His disciples over and over that as Messiah he must suffer and die, yet the disciples repeatedly fail to see clearly. Like James and John they think that following Jesus will bring them glory and power.

Jesus repeatedly tries to help His disciples see. Thanks be that He does that for us too since we too can miss the fact that discipleship requires a radical change in our vision, in our way of seeing and understanding.

Now in Mark 10:46 we come across blind Bartimae'us. The blind man lights the way to discipleship and response as it should be. We see Bartimae'us doing all that is required of Jesus' disciples – a way of living and acting that is hope-filled and authentic.

Bartimae'us, the son of Timae'us, which means 'the honorable one and son of honor,' shows how we are to respond to Jesus' call. Bartimae'us hears that Jesus is near and calls out to Him. As Jesus' disciples we need to recognize when Jesus is near – indeed how near He is – and we must call out to Him in prayer and petition. The crowd attempts to shout Bartimae'us down yet he cries all the louder. As Jesus disciples we need to speak the truth regardless of the voice of the world. Bartimae'us responds to Jesus' healing not by going his own way, but by leaving behind his cloak, his all, to follow Jesus. This is the essence of discipleship: to see Jesus clearly and follow along His way.

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

Revelation 14:12

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Corinthians 4:4

MONDAY: Isaiah 44:17-18

TUESDAY: John 9:5

WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 10:24-25

THURSDAY: Matthew 6:33

FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 2:14

SATURDAY: Luke 17:21

Pray

Lord Jesus, heal my sight. Open my eyes to Your way and grant that I may follow You honorably.

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 Thank You!

Thank you to all who worked at, set up, donated items for, and supported our Fall Rummage and Bake Sale as well as our Polish Food sale. We raised about \$1,920. A special shout out to Donna Panfil for her organization and Stephanie Dominy for the great Polish Food.

Ś+P Theodore T. Zebrowski

śp. Theodore T. Zebrowski, 96, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, October 19, 2015, at Baptist Health Nursing and Rehab Center. Born in Schenectady, he was the son of śp. Lawrence and śp. Mary Zebrowski. Ted was the beloved husband of śp. Helen Koza Zebrowski for 70 years; loving father of Judy DiSorbo of Latham, and James (Janice) Zebrowski, of Guilderland; brother of the late Chester and Casmier Zebrowski, Mary Carbone, Regina Wiczorek, and Pauline Zebrowski. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may the Perpetual Light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. Please stop by and join is 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 this week. 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 November 15th. 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 Radzyminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, 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 Sczepakowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, 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, Sosnowiec, Poland and its pastor Rev. Adam Stelmach.

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 ---