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## the POLITICAL CONTROVERSIES of JESUS

LUKE 20:27-38

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 10, 2013

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXXII Niedziela zwykła

November 10, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

Psalm: 17:1,5-6,8,15

**R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Intention: For all souls committed to our prayer

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

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:25am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Class, Parish Committee Meeting

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXXIII Niedziela zwykła

November 17, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm: Ps 98:5-9

**R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Intention: For all souls committed to our prayer

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

Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:25am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Class

*"And for men not to believe [in the resurrection], is worthy perhaps of the ignorance of the Sadducees; but altogether unworthy of those who love Christ. For we believe in Him who says, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." For He will raise the dead, "suddenly, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. For it shall resound, and the dead in Christ shall rise incorruptible, and we shall be changed." For Christ, our common Savior, shall transfer us to incorruption, and to glory, and to a life incorruptible: by Whom and with Whom, to God the Father, be praise and dominion, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen." – St. Cyril of Alexandria*

**Sick Calls and Hospital Visits** – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health 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...

- **November 10: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Parish Committee Meeting**
- **November 11: Veteran's Day/ Remembrance Day/Polish Independence Day**
- **November 17: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Breakfast and Pampered Chef Party after church**
- **November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **November 24: Solemnity of Christ the King/Free Lunch on Sunday**
- **November 28: Thanksgiving**
- **November 30: Feast of St. Andrew**
- **December 1: 1st Sunday of Advent**
- **December 6: Commemoration – St. Nicholas**
- **December 9: Feast of Divine Love/Conception of the B.V.M.**

### Keep Inviting...

Remember– we must continue to invite our friends, neighbors, and relatives to Church. Keep at it!

## We often wonder what if?

*But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. We are confident of you in the Lord that what we instruct you, you are doing and will continue to do. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.*

The Sadducees confronted Jesus intent on embarrassing Him so they could prove their political point of view. The party of the Sadducees believed that there would be no resurrection of the dead. The Pharisees believed in the resurrection.

The conflict over the resurrection was one of several between the Pharisees and the Sadducees. They had a conflict of class, wealthy versus the poor, priests and aristocrats versus ordinary people. Another conflict was cultural, between those who

avored Hellenization and those who resisted it. The Pharisees emphasized the importance of the Second Temple with its rites and services, while the Sadducees emphasized the importance of other Mosaic laws. They differed too on the Torah and how to apply it to Jewish life, with the Sadducees recognizing only the written Torah and rejecting oral tradition. The historian Josephus tells us that the Pharisees had the backing of the common people.

The problem of political and philosophical conflicts – as we know – aren't limited to the times of Jesus. It even rears its ugliness in conflicts between Christians. When will the end come, what will it be like, how should the Church be organized, who should lead, how should we worship...? It goes on and on.

Each political point of view tries to provide the answer to "what if." They try to ease our wondering and our wandering, but their answers are not the truth. Jesus is

the truth. Unfortunately neither the Pharisees nor Sadducees saw that – their politics got in the way. We still fail when we seek answers to "what if" from politicians and the world even though the answer of Jesus is within our grasp.

The Maccabees were certain. They knew that surety in God was more important than the "what ifs" of today. They suffered and died, not asking "what if," but saying, "I know." *the mother who, seeing her seven sons perish in a single day, bore it courageously because of her hope in the Lord.*

For us there can be no reliance on politics. We needn't question "what if," but rather need to stand strong and sure. Jesus never promised more questions but promised absolute certainty to His faithful – life everlasting.

Take confidence in the way of the Lord. Do not wonder "what if." Be sure only in Him Who guides us, is faithful, and gives us the answer we need.

*"Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you."*

1 Peter 5:7

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Joel 2:32  
MONDAY: John 10:7-10  
TUESDAY: Matthew 6:25  
WEDNESDAY: Luke 10:41  
THURSDAY: Romans 8:32  
FRIDAY: Philippians 4:6  
SATURDAY: Psalm 55:22

## Pray

Jesus, grant that I may cast all my uncertainties, fears, and doubts on You. Grant me certainty by my faith in You.

## Food Collection

Cuts to SNAP and WIC have resulted in hundreds of thousands of low-income women, infants, and children losing needed nutrition assistance. Vulnerable families are going hungry, and are now completely dependent on food banks. Recent articles show that local food bank shelves are empty.

We are responding by collecting dry and canned goods throughout the November and December for donation to those in need locally community. We will continue donations through Advent. Let us join in making a prayerful donation in thankfulness for the bounty God has provided in our lives. Please place your donation by the Mary altar in the church and bless you for your love.

## Our Dearly Departed

The Holy Church sets aside the month of November to commemorate those who have preceded us in holy death. We remember our dearly departed during the month of November according to age-old Catholic custom of commemoration and prayer...a custom known as "wypominki."



## Honoring

Monday, November 11th is Veterans Day in the United States, Remembrance Day across the British Commonwealth, and Independence Day in Poland. It is a day on which we honor those who are among us, who have served the cause of freedom and life; liberty for our words and our consciences. We reflect on the sacrifice they have made, recognizing that they have counted the good of their brothers and sisters as greater than their own.

On this Veteran's Day stop to pray for all our living servicemembers and give thanks for their having "greater love."

## FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next event Sunday, November 24th. 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.

Of note...

## Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, 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 Haberlan, 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, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Jakub Kozina, 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 Szczepkowski, Richard, Bishop John, Derek, Jocelyn

- 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 who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT its congregation and pastor, the Very Rev. Joseph Krusienski.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour has returned. Join us after worship every Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every 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.