

# The Parables of Jesus

“Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” -Matthew 25:20-21

## Parable of the

# Talents

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 16, 2014

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XXXIII Niedziela zwykła

November 16, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Psalm: Ps 128:1-5

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Intention: For all parishioners

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

## Solemnity of Christ the King

### Uroczystość Jezusa Chrystusa, Króla Wszechświata

November 23, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Psalm: Ps 23:1-3,5-6

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Intention: for all parishioners and people in government.

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

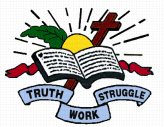
Lector: Marilyn Hietala

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*Knowing then these things, let us contribute alike wealth, and diligence, and protection, and all things for our neighbor's advantage. For the talents here are each person's ability, whether in the way of protection, or in money, or in teaching, or in what thing soever of the kind. Let no man say, I have but one talent, and can do nothing; for you can even by one approve yourself. For you are not poorer than that widow; you are not more uninstructed than Peter and John, who were both unlearned and ignorant men; but nevertheless, since they showed forth a zeal, and did all things for the common good, they attained to Heaven.*  
– 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...

- **November 16th: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Good Shepherd Cemetery Service.**
- **November 19th: Requiem Holy Mass for Edward Panfil**
- **November 21st: Solemnity – Presentation of the B.V.M.**
- **November 22nd: Installation of Father Senior Pociecha – Rome, NY**
- **November 23rd: Solemnity of Christ the King**
- **November 27th: Thanksgiving**
- **November 30th: 1st Sunday of Advent.**
- **December 1st: Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (translated)**
- **December 6th: Ordination of Deacon Jim to the Holy Priesthood, 10am, St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton**
- **December 7th: 2nd Sunday of Advent, Father Jim's First Holy Mass at 2pm, Dinner Follows.**

## What is our return on investment?

*His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.'*

So a person walks up to one of us and gives us a bunch of money and says, go do something with it. Now let's add to the scenario – this individual is someone we know and we know they can be really demanding. What do we do?

None of us may believe we are particularly shrewd or great investors. We may have worked for others all our lives, or we

worked in the home. We have never run a business. What do we do?

Let's add one more fact to this scene – the money this individual gives us is incredible – literally more than we could make in a lifetime. What would we do?

This is the situation Jesus was describing. A talent, as a unit of money, was the largest unit of currency at the time. Some calculate the talent in the parables to be equivalent to 20 years of wages for the common worker. Today, in New York, this would represent twenty times \$63,000, which is average yearly wage, paid in our state. One talent would be worth \$1.3 million. If we had ten, we would have \$13 million. What would we do?

God has invested richly in us, a value we cannot calculate or even estimate. He invested His life, suffering, and death for our salvation. He paid more than any money could measure and says to us: 'Here is my investment in you,

go do something with it.' He also told us that He is coming back to see what we have done with His investment in us.

Certainly the servants who doubled the investment were welcomed. They received even more because they were profitable (a 100% return isn't bad). The servant with ten talents came back with twenty (that's \$26 million to us). But, was it enough? Christians are called to measure their return on investment by Jesus' standards.

Certainly, the servant who receives all of Jesus' treasure and buries Him in the ground, ignoring Him and who returns nothing, is unprofitable, distanced from Jesus by his or her own choices and decisions.

For the rest of us, who are faithful and profitable, let us consider what we can do to up our return on investment. Can we return 200%, 300%, or more? It isn't even hard – bringing a friend to church. 1 friend = a 100% return. That is worth eternity for both of you.

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"*

1 Peter 4:10

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 6:19-21

MONDAY: James 1:17

TUESDAY: Ephesians 2:8-9

WEDNESDAY: Romans 11:29

THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 9:15

FRIDAY: Acts 2:38

SATURDAY: Matthew 28:19

## Pray

Lord Jesus, I praise and thank You for all the gifts You have given me. Grant that I may make a profitable return of Your gifts.

## Eternal Rest

Our faithful parishioner, śp. Edward Panfil, one of the brave who helped to build our church has been born into eternal life. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord!

## Ordination

Deacon Jim's ordination to the Holy Priesthood has been scheduled for Saturday, December 6th (the Commemoration of St. Nicholas) at 10am at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA. The future Father Jim's first Holy Mass will then take place on Sunday, December 7th at 2pm followed by a dinner sponsored by the parish. I invite all parishioners and friends to attend both events. Please let a parish committee member know if you would like to go to Scranton for the ordination. Please continue to pray for my family and me.

## Pampered Chef Items Have Arrived

Orders from Pampered Chef have arrived and are in the parish hall. Thank you for your support.

## Food Collection

We are taking up our annual food collection for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please bring in your offers of canned or dry goods and place them before the Mary altar. God bless you for your generosity and care for those in need in our local area.

## Father Senior Marian's Installation

Father Marian Pocięcha's installation as our Father Senior will take place at All Saints parish in Rome, NY on Saturday, November 22nd at 11am. Dinner will follow Holy Mass at Beeches Inn. Please let Deacon Jim know if you would like to go.

## Heritage

We continue to focus on rebirth: *The sophisticated modern man does not pay much attention to God nor to his own relationship with God. Although he professes to believe in God, and would become very indignant at any suggestion to the contrary, his daily life is not structured on a thorough comprehension of God. Nor is such comprehension a factor in his thoughts, words, or deeds. But the man who has been reborn acts in a very different way. God is his entire point of reference. He begins his work in God's name, he looks to God for a measure of its worth, and he finds his reward in God's approval of it. He lives with an instinctive awareness of the presence of God and the benefits of His grace.*

## 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, 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, Alyssa DePaula, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Jeremy Fish.

- 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 Polish Catholic Church. This week we remember the people and clergy of the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Potok Stany, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Waldemar Mroczkowski.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour is held after worship each Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. 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.

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