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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 23, 2014

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

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

1st Sunday of Advent

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November 30, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 63:16-17,19 64:2-7

Psalm: Ps 80:2-3,15-16,19-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Intention: For all parishioners

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

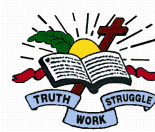
Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins. Blessing of Advent Wreath and Christmas Wafers/Opłátky
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion
- Coffee Hour, SOCL classes

For Christ's kingship over Israel was not for the purpose of exacting tribute, of putting swords into His soldiers' hands, of subduing His enemies by open warfare; but He was King of Israel in exercising kingly authority over their inward natures, in consulting for their eternal interests, in bringing into His heavenly kingdom those whose faith, and hope, and love were centered in Himself. Accordingly, for the Son of God, the Father's equal, the Word by whom all things were made, in His good pleasure to be King of Israel, was an act of condescension and not of promotion; a token of compassion, and not any increase of power. For He who was called on earth the King of the Jews, is in the heavens the Lord of angels." – St. Augustine

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 23rd: Solemnity of Christ the King**
- **November 27th: Thanksgiving**
- **November 30th: 1st Sunday of Advent. Parish Committee Meets**
- **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.**
- **December 14th: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Parish Vigil Dinner Follows**
- **December 21st: 4th Sunday of Advent. Greening of the Church**
- **December 24th: Vigil of the Nativity**
- **December 25th: Solemnity of the Nativity**

The best life can be.

I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal

Why did Jesus come to us? Why would the eternal Son of the Father give up the glory of heaven, His absolute power and Kingship to walk among us as a man, subject to all the temptations, pains, suffering, and sorrows we so often face as human beings?

Love! God's answer to us is always love. He came so we would know exactly how much He, as God, loves us. He came to give us the promise only love could give: I love you so much that I am willing to give it all up. I am willing to empty Myself of

everything and lay My life on the line, so you could have the promise of love – a life that will never end, in perfect joy and peace, with me in heaven. If I do not give up my life for you, you could never enter into heaven. Now you can, because I loved you enough to do all that for you.

This presents us with a challenge. How can we possibly respond to this enormous love? Our response is contained in the picture at the top of our bulletin: by making the rest of our life the best of our life. What does it mean to have the best life? Is it gathering goods, focusing on our personal successes, being satisfied in what we have and our pleasures? No, not at all! Making the rest of our life the best of our life means being changed, that we allow ourselves to be changed by the love of God and to be about the business of love.

To be engaged in the business of love starts with making love known. Jesus points out many

ways we can do this: *'I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'*

Of course, those are means – but what's the point? These actions only make sense, make a point, if they are the means by which we bring knowledge of Jesus' love to others and help them enter His love. We use human means to make Jesus known and as an invitation. This includes our charity, words and the way we act toward others. Making Jesus known and inviting others into His love is the point, the basis, of every Christian's life. It is the way we make the rest of our life the best of our life. It is the way we carry out His work and help people into the Kingdom. To make the rest of our life the best of our life let's set to work in helping people know how good and loving God is. The world is missing His love. Let us help them partake of His love.

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Matthew 6:33

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Hebrews 1:1-3
MONDAY: 1 Kings 8:56-57
TUESDAY: 1 Corinthians 4:20
WEDNESDAY: Romans 14:17-18
THURSDAY: Luke 1:33
FRIDAY: Psalm 145:13
SATURDAY: Philippians 2:8-11

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may witness to You as my Lord and King and through my life draw many to You.

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 (the Second Sunday of Advent) at 2pm followed by a dinner sponsored by the parish. We expect Prime Bishop Anthony to join us on this wonderful occasion.

We 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 let Mrs. Stephanie Dominy know if you will attend Father Jim's first Holy Mass and the dinner to follow. We would appreciate your R.S.V.P. by Sunday, November 30th so enough food may be prepared. Please continue to pray for Deacon Jim and his family as he prepares. Also pray for an increase in vocations so more men may respond to God's call.

Food Collection

We are taking up our annual food collection for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our Thanksgiving collection amounted to 125 pounds of food delivered to Schenectady Inner City Ministries. Please bring in your offerings 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.

Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of Deacon Jim, his family and the members of the Parish Committee we wish you the very best for Thanksgiving. No one should be alone on this day, and Deacon Jim invites you to join with his family if you wish. Just see him (he's a great cook too).

Heritage

We continue to focus on rebirth: *The reborn individual's basic attitudes towards life and towards his fellow human beings also change. The man who has not been reborn is often greedy, covetous, a seeker of sensual pleasures, and a pursuer of wealth and status. He desires recognition, accolades of applause and worldly fame. But the man who has been reborn does not care about any of these things. Neither wealth, nor fame, nor honors, nor fleshly indulgence have any significant or lasting value for him. He sees them as transient aspects of life, which are not worth the risk they entail to the spiritual treasures of the soul and to its share in eternity. This does not mean, however, that reborn man neglects his mundane affairs, becoming a poor citizen, worker, teacher, priest, or doctor.*

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 Weglinski, 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, Helen Pasiak.

- 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 Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Joseph's Parish, Długi Kąt, Poland and its pastor, Very Rev. Kazimierz Bonczar.

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.