

# THE MODEL CHURCH

1 Thessalonians

focus

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 2, 2014

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XXXI Niedziela zwykła

November 2, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Malachi 1:14 - 2:2,8-10

Psalm: Ps 131:1-3

**R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Intention: For all the growth of our parish and for vocations

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

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion, Exposition & Benediction
- Breakfast and Pampered Chef Party, SOCL classes

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XXXII Niedziela zwykła

November 9, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm: Ps 63:2-8

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Intention: For all parishioners

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

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

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

*The teacher ought to do nothing with a feeling of being burdened, that tends to the salvation of his disciples. For if the blessed Jacob was buffeted night and day in keeping his flocks, much more ought he, to whom the care of souls is entrusted, to endure all toils, though the work be laborious and mean, looking only to one thing, the salvation of his disciples, and the glory thence arising to God. See then, Paul, a man that was a Preacher, an Apostle of the world, and raised to so great honor, worked with his hands that he might not be burdensome to his disciples. – 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 2nd: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Cemetery Service in Amsterdam – time TBD.**  
**Daylight savings ends.**
- **November 3rd: Observance of All Souls (translated)**
- **November 4th: Election Day**
- **November 9th: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.**
- **November 11th: Veteran's Day**
- **November 16th: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **November 21st: Solemnity – Presentation of the B.V.M.**
- **November 22nd: Installation of Father Senior Pocięcha – 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)**

## Living the model Church

*But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children. For you remember our labor and toil, brethren; we worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you, while we preached to you the gospel of God. And we also thank God constantly for this.*

What is the model Church? Paul's letter to the Church at Thessalonica gives us some clues of what it means to live the model Church, to be part of it, to live lives as models of Jesus' call to discipleship.

This weekend also presents us with a vision of what will happen for those who have modeled discipleship in the model Church – they will become saints.

A model is an ideal. It may be a model practice, a model process – it is the best way of going about something so to reach success. In business we might

see model sales practices or model accountability processes.

So what does it mean to be model Christians in the model Church? As mentioned, Paul gave us some clues.

To live model lives of discipleship in the model Church we must allow the Gospel to make an impact on our lives as it did on the Thessalonians. They received and lived the Gospel faithfully and Paul had praised them for it. If we take up their model practices we will live faithfully, labor diligently, and remain steadfast in the love of the Lord. We will be fully convicted of the absolute truth of Jesus' way of life. We will imitate the lives of the saints. We will receive and proclaim God's way of life – the Gospel – even in the face of much suffering and opposition because our true joy is in the Holy Spirit and the promise of everlasting life (something we particularly remember all of November). The model Church proclaims and teaches all these things, is godly in

its conduct, and has its sole focus on leading people to God's truth, in no way 'watering it down.'

Paul himself lived a model life – calling non-believers to the faith, being gentle in teaching those new to the faith, working hard, not making a burden of himself, and boldly proclaiming the Gospel – never being ashamed of it; fully trusting in the Holy Spirit.

God has placed opportunity all around us. We meet people and are called to model Christ to them, to share the true faith, and to welcome them into faith. We are to work hard and even suffer by being counter-cultural - saying no to the sin of 'everything goes.' True and eternal freedom comes through Jesus, and faithfulness to Him. Model discipleship in the model Church, sainthood, calls us to live and work in such a way as to advance the cause of the gospel in our lives and the lives of others.

*We receive the word of God ... accept it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God. And, we put it to work.*

*"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."*

Amos 5:24

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Hosea 12:6  
MONDAY: Proverbs 21:15  
TUESDAY: Isaiah 30:18  
WEDNESDAY: Micah 6:8  
THURSDAY: Isaiah 1:17  
FRIDAY: Psalm 37:27-28  
SATURDAY: 1 Timothy 5:8

## Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to be just and to do good to all, especially to the members of our family in the faith.

## Month of All Souls

November marks the month of All Souls. All Souls Day envelopes are still available. You can still get them to Deacon Jim, or just E-mail him at [deaconjim@me.com](mailto:deaconjim@me.com) with the names of those you would like remembered throughout the month of November. Thank you to all who attended our All Saints Day service on Saturday. We will be reading those names every Sunday in November. An All Souls cemetery service will be held at Good Shepherd cemetery in Amsterdam at a time to be determined. Eternal rest grant unto them O lord and may the perpetual light shine upon them.

## Breakfast & Pampered Chef

We welcome all to our parish breakfast and Pampered Chef party today. Thank you so much for your support. Please see Stephanie Dominy with any questions.

## 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.

## Heritage

As we begin the month of November, recall the saints, and our forefathers and mothers, it is a good opportunity to place special focus on our faith heritage. This week we focus on rebirth: *Christ first introduced the idea of rebirth. But he never gave it a precise meaning, and so, to this day, we find various individuals and churches offering different interpretations of it. In the early Christian Church there were some who contended that man is reborn through baptism; others argued that it was through the martyrdom and resurrection of our Lord; and there were still others who claimed that it was through penance, holy communion, confirmation, fasting, or prayer. They believed that rebirth occurred through the working of Divine Grace, and they associated it with the notion of being reconciled with God and of being freed from sin through the power of faith. But this is not what rebirth means. Rebirth comes from a spiritual transformation which changes man into a new being. It begins with an understanding of our true relationship with God and moving into closer union with Him. This understanding and this union become sources of the great power which is needed to complete the transformation. This reborn individual becomes a completely different person. He has changed spiritually and morally. He has changed his attitude towards God, towards his fellow man, and towards his environment.*

## FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is November 16th. 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 Szczepkowski, 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, 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 Resurrection of the Lord Parish, Bydgoszcz, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Tadeusz Urban.

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.

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