



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time II Niedziela Zwykła

January 15, 2012

First reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
 Psalm: Ps 40:2,4,7-10 R. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**
 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20
 Gospel: John 1:35-42

Intention: For all parishioners living and deceased

Celebrant: Rev. Adam Czarnecki
 Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Holy Mass at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour – please join us.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time III Niedziela Zwykła

January 22, 2012

First reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10
 Psalm: Ps 25:4-9 **Teach me Your ways, O Lord.**
 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Intention: For all parishioners living and deceased

Worship leader: Rev. Mr. James Konicki
 Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour – please join us.

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Upcoming...

- Jan. 15: 39th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Memorial Service, 7pm, St. Francis of Assisi, 391 Delaware, Albany
- Jan. 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Jan. 29: Music Scholarship Sunday, Annual Congregational Meeting
- Feb 2: Solemnity – Presentation (Blessing of Candles)
- Feb 5: Pre-Lent begins
- Feb 16: 59th Anniversary of the death of Ś+P Prime Bishop Franciszek Hodur
- Feb 22: Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 26: Annual Budget Meeting

Can I have my zebra

UmMMM, ooops!

"*Speak, for your servant is listening.*"

Moriah was two and was on a cross-country flight home. She wanted her zebra, her favorite stuffed animal and comfort. Mom and dad packed it away. It was in the cargo hold of the plane, unreachable. Moriah cried and complained. Dad explained and explained. No use, the crying got worse. Everyone was looking. Then dad listened. He couldn't get Zebra, but could offer her the next best thing -- a father's comfort. "You wish you had Zebra now," he said to her. "Yeah," she said sadly.

Moraish’s dad was able, in the midst of all the turmoil, with all the passengers looking at his crying child, to do something very important. He stopped, took a breath, and listened to his child. Listening, he understood what she needed.

Like Samuel, like Moriah’s dad, we need to stop, take a breath, and listen to God who speaks to us daily.

For our part, we need to -- as is commonly said to young people -- put on our listening ears. God has been speaking to us for eons. Centuries of His word are with us. When we are fearful or confronted by difficult decisions

we need to know that we are not alone. God knows us and is with us. He is not an absent, far away father. He is our Father, and He is present to us. He knows the deepest desires we carry within us, as individuals and as a parish community. All we need to do is listen.

His words give us the keys to successful Christianity: Live as a community. Love one another. Don’t be the boss; rather serve all. Welcome the stranger. Speak His word. Offer Jesus to all who seek Him.

We cannot do any of this alone. That is what the Holy Polish National Catholic Church is about. It is ultimately about building a community in each place to listen to Jesus and follow Him.

Revelation 3:20

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Isaiah 54:10
MONDAY: John 3:16
TUESDAY: Romans 5:8
WEDNESDAY: John 15:13
THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 2:9
FRIDAY: Romans 8:38-39
SATURDAY: 2 Corinthians 13:14

Pray

Lord Jesus, we love each other because You dwell in all.

Prayer for Christian Unity

“We will all be changed by the Victory of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:51-58)

The material for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2012 was prepared by an ecumenical working group of Churches in Poland. The group focused on the transformative power of faith in Christ. This was based on St. Paul’s words to the Corinthian Church which speaks of the temporary nature of our present lives (with all its apparent “victory” and “defeat”) in comparison to what we receive through the victory of Christ.

The history of Poland has been marked by a series of defeats and victories; striving to overcome enslavement and the desire for freedom. Yet where there is victory there are also losers who do not share the joy and triumph of the winners. This year’s theme reflects on what it means to “win” and to “lose”, especially given the way in which the language of “victory” is so often triumphalist. Yet Christ shows us a very different way to win!

When Jesus’ disciples disputed over “who was the greatest” it was clear that the impulse to win was strong. But Jesus’ reaction was very simple: “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” These words speak of victory through mutual service, helping, boosting the self-esteem of those who are “last”, forgotten, excluded. For all Christians, the best expression of service is Jesus Christ, His victory through death and His resurrection. This “victory” is only possible through spiritual transformation and conversion.

There is room for everyone in God’s plan of salvation. Through His death and resurrection, Christ embraces all irrespective of winning or loosing, “that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” We too can participate in His victory! It is sufficient to believe in Him, and we will find it easier to overcome evil with good.

Of note...

Coffee Hour: Our weekly coffee hours are a warm and wonderful experience, a time to gather and speak with each other while we enjoy a wealth of good things to eat. If you are able, please help by signing up to take care of a coffee hour. Please see Ed Bertasso with any questions.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you. God calls us to work together for the good of our community, in support of each other, and for the needs of the Church. The YMSofR – Men’s Society of the Resurrection, ANS – Women’s Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Deacon Jim.

Serendipity Calendar: What a fun way to support the parish and potentially WIN! The Serendipity Calendar allows you to choose one or more numbers between 001 and

Praying for...

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, Art, Dee & Baby, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberlan, Jasimine Russo, Stanley Radzyninski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Derek, 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, Judy Palmer, Deb Couns, 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 Joan, Matthew, Brian, Shari, Adam, Peter Loss

- 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:

Annunciation of the B.V.M. Parish, San Antonio, TX its congregation and pastor, Rev. Charles Henderson

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

999. If your number is drawn in the day’s NYS Lottery Daily Numbers game, you win. Sign-ups have begun for 2012. Reserve your numbers early so you get your lucky numbers. Note that re-subscription notices will be mailed shortly. The cost for each number chance is \$20.

Epiphany and Home Blessings: The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th. There will be a worship service and the blessing of chalk, incense, charcoal, and gold that evening at 7pm. Fr. Adam or Deacon Jim are available to come to your homes for the traditional Epiphany home blessing. Please see them to make an appointment. Blessing appointments are available through February 21st (prior to Ash Wednesday).