

The First Miracle

JOHN 2:1-11

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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 17, 2016

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time II Niedziela zwykła

January 17, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 92.

First reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm: Ps 96:1-3,7-10

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Free Lunch on Sunday 11:30am – 1:30pm

Septuagesima Sunday Niedziela Siedemdziesiątnica

January 24, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm: Ps 1:1-4,6

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17,20-26

Intention: for all parishioners

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour
- Holy Mass & Baptisms at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

This miracle was wrought by the same who made all those things. Let us not therefore wonder that God did it, but love Him because He did it in our midst, and for the purpose of our restoration. For He gives us certain intimations by the very circumstances of the case. I suppose that it was not without cause He came to the marriage. The miracle apart, there lies something mysterious and sacramental in the very fact. Let us knock, that He may open to us, and fill us with the invisible wine: for we were water, and He made us wine, made us wise; for He gave us the wisdom of His faith – St. Augustine of Hippo

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 Father Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944. You may also call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518- 437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **January 17: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Free Lunch on Sunday**
- **January 18: Feast – St. Peter's Chair in Antioch, Martin Luther King Day. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.**
- **January 24: Septuagesima Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 25: Conversion of St. Paul. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends**
- **January 31: Sexagesima Sunday, Music Scholarship Sunday, Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY**
- **February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation, Holy Mass at 7pm, intention śp Harold Bauer.**
- **February 3: Commemoration of St. Blaise**
- **February 7: Quinquagesima Sunday, Holy Mass & Confirmation at 11:30am ONLY (with Blessing of Throats)**

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist by intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

Yesterday was it easier?

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short...

I was listening to the song “Yesterday” by the Beatles. Paul McCartney wrote the lyrics.

McCartney wonders why his girl has gone away. Yesterday was so much easier, happier:

“Yesterday, love was such an easy game to play
Now I need a place to hide away
Oh, I believe in yesterday”

McCartney wants to go back to yesterday, fix his mistake. He blames his angst on having “said something wrong.”

Was that all there was to it, saying something wrong ruined a relationship? Based on experience we could all say that we doubt that. Certainly friends, husbands, wives,

children, and co-workers have said something wrong at one time or another. If that were all it took to destroy a relationship we wouldn’t have marriages, family members, friends, or co-workers. We would all be alone!

Looking a little deeper we see McCartney saying that love was a game to play – yesterday. Love was easy and fun.

Some would comment that since that song was written our concept of love has changed. It is supposed to be about romance, candlelight, fun in... all the easy games to play. When that ends, when the passion fades, when the candlelight is no more than melted wax, and the flowers have dried out we move onto the next game.

Perhaps that was McCartney’s mistake. His words weren’t a wrong statement, saying something wrong in and of itself. Perhaps, and likely, his words were just a bit too transparent and

shallow. Hey honey, this is fun, this is a great game – but I’m not serious.

Jesus is with a young couple. Certainly this was a joyous moment in their lives. They have entered into a lifelong commitment – not just a game. They had friends and family – all who cared were with them. All are celebrating. And, the problems didn’t wait until tomorrow – they were here today. The dawn would bring the realization that they had failed in their first task as hosts – tomorrow’s yesterday was turning into a failure. Then Jesus steps in. His Father’s plan is in action. His power was revealed to His disciples. Tomorrow’s yesterday was saved. The best wine was served.

Letting Jesus into our lives, our marriages and relationships makes each day more than a game. His first miracle becomes a recurring miracle. Each day in Jesus has true meaning, joy, and the fullness of real and eternal love – the best.

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

1 Peter 3:8

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Philippians 2:2
MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 1:10
TUESDAY: Colossians 3:14
WEDNESDAY: Romans 15:6
THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 13:11
FRIDAY: Romans 12:4-5
SATURDAY: Ephesians 4:3

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that all who follow You may join together in one faith and may continue to express Your gospel as the Spirit prompts.

Pray for Unity and Healing

On Monday we observe the Feast of St. Peter’s Chair at Antioch. Next Monday we observe the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. These are the bookend Feasts for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This Monday we also will offer our monthly Holy Mass for Healing. As we pray for personal healing in matters of health let us also pray for healing between Christian communities. We need to stand together as witnesses to the love of Christ Jesus and the true victory found in Him. Our inner divisions and stands based on ‘offices’ and ‘men’ give scandal to the world. Pray with Jesus – ‘may we be one.’

A Season of 40 Days & Home Blessings

Let us make a special effort to celebrate Jesus’ coming with true joy for each of its forty days (i.e., until February 2nd). If you would like to have your home blessed after the Solemnity of the Epiphany, please see Fr. Jim to set up a time. All home blessings must be concluded prior to Ash Wednesday, February 10th.

Food Collection

Our new food and money collection is for Souper Bowl Sunday, February 7th. Souper Bowl Sunday supports local charities feeding the hungry. God bless you for your spare change and generosity!!!

Pre-Lent to Ash Wednesday

Easter is on March 27th this year, which means that Lent and the transitional season of Pre-Lent are very early on the calendar. The season of Pre-Lent and our remote preparations for Holy Week begins on Sunday, January 24th. This means that we need to remove the Christmas decorations from the church after Holy Mass today. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Outrageous Valentine’s Raffle

Please be sure to sell your tickets for February’s Outrageous Valentine’s raffle. Prizes total \$1,220! Each entry gives one multiple chances to win. Tickets should be returned by Sunday, January 31st. Thank you for supporting this effort, which pays for our summer youth programs – Kurs and CONVO.

Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. Please stop by and join in to support this new ministry. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, January 27th.

Holy Mass Intentions

Reminder... you can ask Father Jim to offer Holy Mass for any intention. Just see Fr. Jim and let him know what you want.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is today. Thanks to Emily for preparing it. 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, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzyninski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Dennis, Donnie Wright, Fr. Ray Drada.

- All in need of God’s healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Pattric Jones
- 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
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- 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 of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Małomice, Poland and its pastor Rev. Ryszard Szykuła.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is held every week after 9:30am Holy Mass. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week. If you can, please help out.

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 Father Jim.

--- Please think of inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus ---