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## Tune in to God

### 1 Samuel 3:1-10



WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 18, 2015

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### II Niedziela zwykła

January 18, 2015

Rite: 9:30am: Pew Missal, page 15, Canon, page 28, 11:30am: page 63.

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 remembered with Memory Crosses.

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

Lector: Marilyn Hietala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Holy Mass at 9:30am (Traditional Rite)
- Coffee Hour, Free Lunch on Sunday, SOCL
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### III Niedziela zwykła

January 25, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 15, Canon, page 28

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 our parish and all parishioners.

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

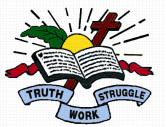
Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Holy Mass at 9:30am (Traditional Rite)
- Coffee Hour, Parish Committee Meeting, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

*For no other being had the power of revealing to us the things of the Father, except His own proper Word. For what other person knew the mind of the Lord, or who else has become His counselor? Again, we could have learned in no other way than by seeing our Teacher, and hearing His voice with our own ears, that, having become imitators of His works as well as doers of His words, we may have communion with Him, receiving increase from the perfect One, and from Him who is prior to all creation. – St. Irenaeus*

**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 18: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Free lunch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins**
- **January 25: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends**
- **February 1: Septuagesima Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. SuperBowl Sunday, Annual Parish Meeting.**
- **February 8: Sexagesima Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**
- **February 15: Quinquagesima Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**
- **February 18: Ash Wednesday, Great Lent Begins. Holy Mass with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 7pm**

### Home Blessings

Father Jim is available to visit your home for Epiphany home blessings through February 17th. Just call Father Jim to set up a time.

## Do they hear His voice?

*At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."*

A little background for today's Old Testament reading: Eli is the high priest of Shiloh, the second-to-last Israelite judge. He held the highest and most responsible position among the people of God.

While high priest and judge, he fails with his children. His sons are abusive and wicked. Eli knows what's going on, but does not properly correct his sons. He is supposed to be govern over

Israel but cannot properly govern his family. As a result God judges Eli and his family. Eli and his family were supposed to be an example to the people of God much in the same way we are called to be examples to the world. It is good to reflect on Eli's failings and his lack of proper judgment, to measure how well we carry out God's will and what kind of example we set.

Samuel is the son of Hannah. She prayed that God would give her a child and pledged that she would offer her child back to God. Her prayer was answered. Samuel is brought back and he is dedicated to the Lord and to be trained by Eli.

What's interesting is that for all the training Eli was to impart to Samuel, at the time of God's call Samuel was *not familiar with the LORD*. Did Eli fail to teach Samuel about the Lord, to help him hear the Lord's voice? Did he fail as an example and witness to God's presence for Samuel too?

The child Samuel remained true to Heaven and God came that night to call him as His witness. God went right past Eli to charge Samuel as a faith witness to His reality.

We have an important charge and choice. We are charged to witness to the Lord, to follow His word as the truth, and to judge rightly. We are to make the Lord's truth known through our words and actions, the way we live our lives. Will we choose to witness faithfully to the Lord, will we say with confidence that we have heard the Lord's voice and take His word seriously? Will we let others know about the Lord so He doesn't have to pass us by in order to relate to those who do not know Him? In short, will we be an Eli or a John the Baptist. John understood Eli's failure. John heard God's voice and pointed Him out to everyone: *as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."* People will not hear or see unless we remain true, witness, and like John and true disciples we make Him known to the world. They must hear from us.

*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*

**Romans 10:17**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 11:15

MONDAY: Galatians 3:2

TUESDAY: Isaiah 55:11

WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 3:7-8

THURSDAY: Luke 8:18

FRIDAY: Hebrews 4:2

SATURDAY: Ecclesiastes 5:1

## Pray

Lord, grant me a heart and ears open to Your word as well as the perseverance and courage to make it known.

## Christian Unity

January 18th through 25th marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Although competition between churches is less obvious in our day, it still lies beneath the surface of our lives and gives scandal to non-Christians. Jesus challenges us to acknowledge that while diversity is part of God's design, we must approach one another in trust, dialog to remove division, and see the face of God in every Christian.

## SouperBowl Sunday

Sunday, February 1st marks SouperBowl Sunday, an annual day of charity observed nationally. The charity we do on this day through monetary and food donations helps those in our local community through SICM. Your generosity for the past 13 years has been tremendous.

## Sunday Intentions

If you did not know, intention prayer requests on Sundays may be given to Fr. Jim. This is a beautiful thing to do. Holy Mass intentions may be made for a deceased family member or friend, for a personal intention such as health and healing, in thanksgiving for a blessing you have received, or in recognition of a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion. When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: To offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church; To offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for Its good; and To offer the Mass for a particular intention offered by someone. The effects of the Mass bring certain benefits or fruits. The special ministerial fruits of the Holy Mass are applied to the intention of that Mass, that is, "for whom the Holy Mass is offered."

## Time to Step-up

On Sunday, February 1st we will hold our annual parish meeting and election of officers and directors. Please commit to being present for this event. Only through your involvement and indication of interest will we remain strong. We need you to step-up and to make an act of charity through this work. The Lord and His family, the Holy Church, need your input, interest, and work.

## Reminders

+Our Outrageous Valentines Raffle is underway. Please remember to sell tickets and join in to support of our youth. Tickets are due next week.

+Parish Membership requires the payment of annual dues. Dues are now \$137 per year for adult members and \$112 for seniors 65 and over.

## 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, Edward Glover, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, 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, Pat Bruno, Bishop Bernard, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Fr. Sr. Thaddeus Dymkowski, Fr. Sr. Fryderyk Banas.

- 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 of Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Krzczonów, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Mariusz Gajkowski.

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 Father Jim.

*Please think inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus for Christmas*