

### 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 at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

### Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiątnicy

January 31, 2016

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

First reading: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

Psalm: Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 11:30am Rev. Mark Gnidzinski

Lector: 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

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

*For if God produced all things whatever out of nothing, He will be able to draw forth from nothing even the flesh which had fallen into nothing; or if He molded other things out of matter, He will be able to call forth the flesh too from somewhere else, into whatever abyss it may have been engulfed. And surely He is most competent to re-create who created, inasmuch as it is a far greater work to have produced than to have reproduced, to have imparted a beginning, than to have maintained a continuance. On this principle, you may be quite sure that the restoration of the flesh is easier than its first formation. – Tertullian*

**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 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 27: Bible Study at 7:30pm**
- **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 at 9:30 and 11:30am (with Blessing of Throats)**
- **February 10: Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass with Blessing at Distribution of Ashes at 7pm.**
- **February 14: 1st Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass & Confirmation at 10am ONLY. Annual Parish Meeting to follow in the presence of our Bishop Ordinary. Please join in!**

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.

Time for a gut check, really.

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gut check: an evaluation or test of a person's resolve, commitment, or priorities, typically with respect to a particular course of action.

Today we enter the Pre-Lenten season of Septuagesima. This is prime time to do a gut check. What do we believe and why do we believe it?

St. Paul confronted this with the people of Corinth.

Some people in the Church at Corinth claimed there was no resurrection from the dead. They

could not reason or see how dead people could possibly come back.

They were seeing with worldly eyes and were thinking with worldly reasoning.

Paul pointed out the fact that the faith they accepted was in the Jesus that was preached to them. Eyewitnesses to the resurrected Jesus preached to them. They were lucky enough to get a first-hand account from those who witnessed the resurrection; the resurrection of the One who also raised Lazarus, the widow's son, and Jairus' daughter from the dead. Logically, if Christ rose from the dead, so shall we. If resurrection was impossible then Christ did not rise from the dead. If He did not rise, what's the point of our belief? We are not saved, Jesus was nothing more than a common man, and dead is dead.

The very foundation of Christianity – the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus – is

make believe and we are wasting our time believing in Him, worshipping Him, and following His good news.

St. Paul emphatically states: *in fact Christ has been raised from the dead*. What we believe is true as seen and reported and worthy of belief. Not just that, but what we believe is also our destiny. It is the promise we hold onto.

As we begin the Pre-Lenten season let us also do a ‘gut check.’ When we kneel, what is that about? When we receive, Who do we receive? Who gave us the promises we hold onto? Our gut should tell us God made real in our lives.

We have this chance to check in, to reflect, and to see with heavenly eyes. Getting back to basics will make our Lenten journey more fruitful. Our ‘gut check’ brings us back to the most basic message of all. Jesus is real and all He said and did is real. His reality, His victory, His joy, like the resurrection is ours too – really!

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:14

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 1:20  
MONDAY: Job 38:36  
TUESDAY: Psalm 27:1  
WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 2:9  
THURSDAY: 2 Kings 6:17  
FRIDAY: John 13:16  
SATURDAY: Romans 5:5

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me Your graces in this season of preparation so that I might perceive Your reality clearly.

Music

The last Sunday of January is designated Music Scholarship Sunday. On this day the parishes of our Church are asked to take up a special collection for the National United Choir’s Music Scholarship Fund. These donations are then used to support scholarships for our musicians so that they may continue their training. If any of our parishioners are taking music lessons of any sort they are encouraged to apply for one of these scholarships. Scholarship applications are available at [www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com](http://www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com). The deadline for applying is May 15th. Please be generous in support of the Church’s music ministry.

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 27<sup>th</sup> this year, which means that Lent and the transitional season of Pre-Lent are very early on the calendar. The season of Pre-Lent – our remote preparation for Holy Week – begins today. The Gloria is no longer recited and the liturgical color changes to Rose. These practices are intended to help us make the transition to Great Lent that begins on Feb. 10th, Ash Wednesday.

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 is to support this 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 Sczepkowski, 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, Umar Abdur-Rahman.

- 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 Nativity of the B.V.M. Parish, Obórki, Poland and its pastor Rev. Antoni Kłonicki.

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 ---