



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

III Niedziela zwykła

January 26, 2014
Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal
First reading: Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3
Psalm: Ps 27:1,4,13,14
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Intention: For the health and healing of Jim Lucia.
Celebrant: 9:30am, Rev. Mr. James Konicki
Lector: Deacon Jim

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour/SOCL Classes

Solemnity of the Presentation

Święto Ofiarowania Pańskiego

February 2, 2014
Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal
First reading: Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm: Ps 24:7-10
R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!
Epistle: Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

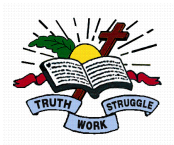
Intention: For all for whom memory crosses were offered
Celebrant: 9:30am, Rev. Mr. James Konicki
Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Breakfast/Annual Congregational Meeting

But mark both their faith, and their obedience. For though they were in the midst of their work (and you know how greedy a thing fishing is), when they heard His command, they delayed not, they procrastinated not, they said not, let us return home, and converse with our kinsfolk, but they forsook all and followed, even as Elisha did to Elijah. Because such is the obedience which Christ seeks of us, as that we delay not even a moment of time, though something absolutely most needful should vehemently press on us. – St. John Chrysostom

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health 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 Gniedzinski at 518-437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **January 26th: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9:30am. Music Scholarship Sunday**
- **February 2nd: Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord, Blessing of Candles and Throats, Annual Congregational Meeting**
- **February 9th: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**
- **February 16th: Pre-Lent Begins, Septuagesima Sunday, 61st Anniversary of the death of śp. Prime Bishop Francis Hodur**
- **February 17th: Presidents’ Day**
- **February 23rd: Sexagesima Sunday**
- **February 24th: Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle**
- **March 2nd: Quinquagesima Sunday**
- **March 4th: Commemoration – St. Casimir, King and Confessor**
- **March 5th: Ash Wednesday**

What does it mean to recognize the light?

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing

St. John the Baptist was now in prison. Jesus, fulfilling the prophesy of Isaiah, withdraws to Capernaum by the Sea – the land of the gentiles. Isaiah says of the people there, symbolizing all the gentiles: *the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.*

St. John Chrysostom points out two important facts – these facts of light and darkness are not the physical properties of light and darkness – but rather spiritual light and darkness. Further, the gentiles “*sat in darkness.*” In other words they didn’t “walk in darkness,” but sat – they were resigned to the fact that they had no hope of being saved. They

had given up. They couldn’t even put a step forward to walk because they did not know the way to go. They sat, overtaken by the darkness.

Jesus came to them to show them the light. He was the Light come into the world. *From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

When Jesus began teaching in Capernaum, the crowds immediately recognized that there was something different about Him. It was the way He spoke. They were amazed because He taught them *as one who had authority.* They recognized the fact that He could open their eyes and their hearts to all God wanted of them. He was the one who could pull them out of darkness and into the light. He was the One who could pull them up from their sitting in darkness. Now they could walk in the light. And walk they did, the crowds grew and grew as they followed Him. They

were filled with joy for being saved.

In the waters of regeneration we received the Light of the world. We were pulled up into the light so that we would never have to sit in darkness despairing that there is nothing for us but death. We accepted Him and were received into life everlasting. As we grew and studied we learned more about Him. While we may have fallen at times, we have listened to His call, have repented, and have come back to Him. We have, as we look at the trajectory of our lives, remained faithful to the Light we recognized and received into ourselves.

Recognizing the Light is exactly that – seeing that there is more to life than the place we sit. We acknowledge that there is only one way to go, one way to walk. That way is to grasp the hand of the One who speaks with authority, to stand and walk with Jesus, God who came to earth to pull us up on our feet and who shows us the way we must go each day.

“Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then every man will receive his commendation from God.”
1 Corinthians 4:5

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 1 John 1:5
MONDAY: Acts 2:17
TUESDAY: John 10:4-5
WEDNESDAY: Romans 10:9
THURSDAY: Exodus 3:1-3
FRIDAY: 1 Kings 19:10-12
SATURDAY: Daniel 1:17

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may hear Your voice and recognize Your light. Grant too that I may share Your light with courage.

Epiphany Home Visits

Deacon Jim is available to visit with any parishioner who is hospitalized, homebound, or unable to get to church. He will bring Holy Communion – Jesus’ extraordinary gift of love. Epiphany home blessings start January 7th and continue through March 4th. See or call Deacon Jim to set up a time to have your home blessed.

Music Scholarship Sunday

We celebrate Music Scholarship Sunday today. Pray for the music ministry in our parish and Church. Your donations on this day supports the music scholarships that help to train musicians for the Church’s future – like Victoria, Christina, and Derek Scholarship applications are available online at www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com

STAR for Seniors

Renewal applications for Enhanced Senior School Tax Relief (STAR) exemptions for 2014 are due by March 1, 2014 in the City of Schenectady and other locations in New York State. Seniors must renew their exemption. Please remember to do so.

Official Announcement CHANGE

Our annual congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, February 2nd along with the election of a new Parish Committee. If you or someone you know would like to be part of the leadership team, please write your name, theirs, or better yet, both of yours down along with the office (Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, Trustee) you would like to run for. Drop them in the collection basket in an envelope marked nominations. Your help in this very important aspect of our Church governance in really needed and appreciated.

Community Action Afternoon

On Sunday, February 9th at 2:30pm we will be hosting a community afternoon to discuss the issues facing Mont Pleasant Middle School. Educational experts will present on the power of community involvement in supporting our students. Extend invitations to community members.

Souper Bowl Sunday – Next Week

Our collection of dry and canned goods will continue. We will also be placing our annual soup pot out for donations toward Souper Bowl Sunday, February 2nd. All of these efforts help people right here in our neighborhood.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday and Change

Our next free lunch will be held 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. Starting this month our free lunch on Sunday program moves to the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Of note...

Praying for...

[Jasmine Russo](#), [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](#), [Angela Kaminski](#), [Carol Kosik](#), [Eddy Stutz](#), [Jim Kelly](#), [Phil Haberman](#), [Stanley Radzynski](#), [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](#), [Richard](#), [Bishop John](#), [Derek](#), [Jocelyn](#), [Daniel Springsteen](#), [Dolores Konicki](#), [Nellie Kucharski](#), [Jim Lucia](#).

- 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: St. John the Baptist/San Juan Bautista Parish in Chicago, IL and its congregation and pastor, Rev. José A. Rojas.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour has returned. Join us after worship every Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every 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.