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HEAR THE GOD

*O give me Samuel's ear,
The open ear, O Lord,
Alive and quick to hear
Each whisper of Thy Word,
Like him to answer at Thy call,
And to obey Thee first of all. Amen.*

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 9, 2014

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

V Niedziela zwykła

February 9, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm: Ps 112:4-9

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Intention: For śp. Harold Bauer, śp. James Lucia, and śp. Richard Lawrence off. by the Dominy family

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
- Coffee Hour/SOCL Classes
- Community Meeting for Mont Pleasant M.S. at 2:30pm

Septuagesima Sunday

Niedziela Siedemdziesiątnica

February 16, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm: Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 9:30am, Rev. Mr. James Konicki

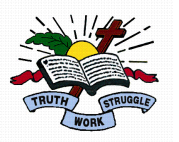
Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion, Blessing of Candles/Throats, Exposition/Benediction at 9:30am
- Breakfast/Annual Congregational Meeting

It is good to examine the Scriptures, but let your mind be enlightened from the search. It is impossible, beloved, that God should not speak truth. There is one God, one Lawgiver of the old and new dispensation, who "spoke of old in many ways to the patriarchs through the prophets, and in these latter times through His only begotten Son." Apply your mind with discernment.. – St. John of Damascus

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 Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **February 9th: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time at (9:30am. Community Meeting at 2:30pm.**
- **February 16th: Septuagesima Sunday, 61st Anniversary of the death of śp. Prime Bishop Francis Hodur, Parish Committee Meeting, Free Lunch.**
- **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**
- **March 9: 1st Sunday of Lent/Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC, Daylight Savings Time**
- **March 16: 2nd Sunday of Lent**
- **March 19: Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M.**

On who do we rely?

" I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

Paul’s first letter to the church of Corinth provides insight into the life of an early Christian community. Through it we see both the strengths and the weaknesses of Christians in the ancient world. These men and women had accepted the good news of Christ and were now trying to make their baptismal commitment real in their lives. Paul, who had founded the community and continued to look after it as a father, responds both to questions addressed to him and to the situations that existed in this community.

Paul tells the people that he is nothing special or extraordinary. He came as a man in *weakness, fear, and trembling*. He wants to impress on them two things that they can make applicable in their lives. First, that he had no special gifts other than those he received through the power of the Holy Spirit – that the Holy Spirit is the source of life and direction in the Christian community. Second, that Christians must rely on the power of the Holy Spirit in living out their baptismal commitment.

We are faced with all sorts of competing voices who wish to give us direction in our lives. We must use great care in discerning the voice of the Holy Spirit and commit to following that voice rather than all the others.

The voices of our personal desires (the heart can lead us into sin as easily as it leads us to God), the voices of government, and the voices of whatever is popular at the moment must not influence us.

In fact, we must be careful to ignore those voices in favor of sole reliance on the Holy Spirit.

God is not distant and apart from us. God does speak to people through the work of Jesus and the voice of the Holy Spirit. He is fully involved in our lives. God is close to us and is constantly ready to guide and help us in all things. We must grow in our ability to discern His voice, to recognize it more and more.

To hear Him we must grow closer to Him, to know what He is really like. Discernment of His voice comes from knowing God as our Father and friend. The word “discern” itself means to exercise judgment. With discernment, we are always faced with a simple choice: is it God acting or not?

By living in the family of faith, worshiping, praying regularly, and reading scripture we will grow in discernment, hear God’s voice, learn to rely on Him, and better live our baptismal commitment.

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world."

1 John 4:1

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 13:11
MONDAY: 2 Corinthians 4:4
TUESDAY: 1 Corinthians 1:30
WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 5:14
THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 1:18-19
FRIDAY: Philippians 1:9
SATURDAY: James 1:5

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the gift of discernment and ears that listen only to your voice.

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 started January 7th and continue through March 4th. See or call Deacon Jim to set up a time to have your home blessed.

OFFICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our annual budget meeting will take place on Sunday, March 6th. We will gather at this time to once again to hear our annual financial report, the report of our auditors, and exercise our democratic rights in voting for a new budget. Our Holy Church is unique because its funds are not controlled by the clergy, but by the people. We have a right to accountability for all we sacrifice for our Church.

STAR for Seniors

Renewal applications for Enhanced Senior School Tax Relief (STAR) exemptions for 2014 are due by March 1, 2014 in New York State. Seniors must renew their exemption.

Annual Meeting Thank You

Thank you and God bless you for turning out for our annual congregational meeting last week. We heard reports from the past year, elected a new Parish Committee and representatives to this year’s Holy Synod and to the Mohawk Valley Seniorate – congratulations to those elected – and planned for the events ahead of us. You honored the sacrifice of our forbearers who organized our Church and parish. As we press forward in this New Year let us keep our theme of family in mind – Church is being family to each other.

Community Action Afternoon

This afternoon 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. Remember that this is a Church and parish that is family to our community and its facilities are open to those with ideas for doing good right here in Schenectady.

Souper Bowl Sunday – Thanks

Thank you to all who donated funds and dry and canned goods for the people right here in our neighborhood on Souper Bowl Sunday.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch will be held February 16th. 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, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski.

- 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: Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish in St. Louis, MO and its congregation and pastor, Rev. Andrzej Bako.

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.