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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 15, 2015

Quinquagesima Sunday Niedziela Pięćdziesiątnicy

February 15, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Hosea 2:16-17,21-22

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

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

Intention: For all parishioners

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

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

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

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February 22, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm: Ps 25:4-9

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

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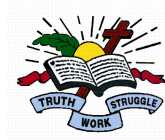
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This is the meaning of, the letter kills. The Gospel takes hold on thousands of homicides and robbers, and baptizing delivers them from their former vices. This is the meaning of, the Spirit gives life. The former makes its captive dead from being alive, the latter renders the man it has convicted alive from being dead. For, come unto me, you that labor and are heavy laden, and, He said not, 'I will punish you,' but, I will give you rest. For in Baptism the sins are buried, the former things are blotted out, the man is made alive, the entire grace written upon his heart as it were a table." – St. John Chrysostom

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...

- **February 15: Quinquagesima Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Free Lunch.**
- **February 16: 62nd Anniversary of the death of Š+P Prime Bishop Francis Hodur, President's Day**
- **February 18: Ash Wednesday, Great Lent Begins. Holy Mass with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 7pm**
- **February 20: Stations of the Cross, at 7pm**
- **Feb. 22: First Sunday of Lent, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**
- **Feb. 24: Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle**
- **Feb. 27: Stations of the Cross, 7pm**
- **Feb. 27 - Mar. 1: National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, San Antonio, TX**
- **Mar. 1: Second Sunday of Lent, Annual Budget Meeting. HOLY MASS at 10am**

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.

Time to get a new shirt.

And Jesus said to them, "No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; if he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; if he does, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but new wine is for fresh skins."

At the marriage in Cana the old wine ran out. The old wine was made with human effort, over a period of many years - but it could not meet the need – it ran out. This is a parable of life under the old way of doing things. The old wine runs out; no longer satisfies or is sufficient. The Lord has come to give us new wine, new life. He stands ready to fill us with His new wine.

Jesus came bringing a very powerful message. He promised

us spiritual gifts that go beyond everyday life experience. He offers us freedom from sin and a law that drew heavy penalties for sin – chiefly the penalty of death. Instead He tells us that He has paid the price once and for all. He promises us immortality, a future life liberated from death, sickness, disease, poverty, and isolation. He lets us know that no matter, there is a future for each of us. He gave more than a bunch of promises; instead He made co-heirs and true children of God, His brothers and sisters. We have power that goes beyond this world. This is His new wine.

This powerful message does not work on those beholden to the old ways. In fact it causes them to burst in anger and retribution (old wineskins). Old wineskins are hard and unyielding.

We must be those new wineskins, ready to receive the Lord's new wine. We must be people of His new way.

In the same way, Jesus draws the parallel to patching a garment. You cannot sew unshrunk cloth to a torn old garment; it will only make the tear worse. Jesus wants to clothe us with an entirely new garment of salvation, our baptismal robes. People beholden to old ways don't want to change their old shrunken and torn ways for new ones. We, on the other hand, have to be ready to receive Jesus' new ways – His garment.

As we come to the close of our Pre-Lenten season we have to ask ourselves whether we are ready to enter into the Great Lent ahead. It is not just being ready to give up chocolate, or meat, or acting angry toward a rude driver, but ready to be new wineskins – flexible and open to receiving Jesus' new wine – His message. Will we allow ourselves to be filled, changed, and molded by Him? Are we ready to put on new clothes? With commitment to following Jesus and living His way we will hold Him and wear Him into life everlasting.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules.

Psalm 119:105-106

Time to Study God's Word

- SUNDAY: Isaiah 43:19
- MONDAY: 1 John 4:18
- TUESDAY: Malachi 4:2
- WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah 29:11
- THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17
- FRIDAY: Deuteronomy 28:1-2
- SATURDAY: John 3:16

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me openness to the new life You want to pour into me and the new garments You want to clothe me with.

Thank God for Bishop Hodur

Tomorrow, February 16th we celebrate the 62nd anniversary of the death of Blessed Bishop Francis Hodur. It is also Patriots Day. Bishop Hodur was 86 at the time of his birth into eternal life, and still working for the good of the Church. This was not just an organization, a group of clergy, or a set of rules, but a living body of people joined together and led by Jesus Christ into His new and everlasting Kingdom. Bishop Hodur was its true patriot. Patriotism can be defined as attachment to one's homeland, devotion to one's country, and a willingness to sacrifice oneself for its good. Bishop Hodur's homeland was Jesus' Kingdom, his devotion was to its people and its good, and he willingly sacrificed all for the Lord and his people. He is a true confessor for the faith. Remember, honor, and cherish Blessed Bishop Hodur – may he pray for us.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Holy Mass with the blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at 7pm on the 18th. Please join us. Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday in Lent at 7pm. Also please recall that Wednesday and Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Please make the effort to abstain from meats on those days as an act of sacrifice. We also request your generosity through gifts of food offered in our directed giving program. Your sacrifice helps those in our local community.

Basket Social

It is time to get ready for our annual basket social to be held April 12th. We really need your help to make this year's Social a success. Can you donate a basket, or two, or three? They don't have to be huge - anything will do. Thank you for your continued help!!!

Friend Sunday

Friend Sunday is March 1st. It is an annual back-to-church event where we encourage you to visit church with a friend, neighbor, or co-worker. It might feel awkward to talk about spiritual things, but your friendship makes all the difference. Eight out of ten people say they would attend church if a friend invited them. Visit church with a friend and help them to meet the best friend ever... Jesus.

Music Scholarships

Please visit www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com to download a copy of the National United Choir's Music Scholarship application. Write to Cathy Bilinski at nucscholarship@gmail.com if you have any questions. The application deadline is May 15th.

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.

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 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 Weglinski, 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, Joan de Paz, Sue Rummel.

- 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 Holy Apostles, Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Wysokie, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Krzysztof Fudala.

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.

Of note...

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