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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 30, 2014

4th Sunday of Lent IV Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 30, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

Psalm: Ps 23:1-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Intention: For the health and healing of Jane Kopec and Edward Panfil

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

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, SOCL and Confirmation Classes
- Friend Sunday breakfast

Passion Sunday Niedziela Męki Pańskiej

April 6, 2014

Rite: 9am Pew Missal, Page 63

First reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm: Ps 130:1-8

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Epistle: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Intention: For our parish and all parishioners

Celebrant: 9am, Rev. Rafał Dadełło, Deacon: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

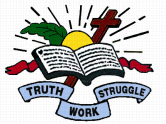
Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 8:50am with Matins
- Lenten Penitential Service, Holy Mass and Exposition and Benediction at 9am
- Basket Social

Among all these then there is one kind of love which is indissoluble, where the union is owing not to the favor of a recommendation, or some great kindness or gifts, or the reason of some bargain, or the necessities of nature, but simply to similarity of virtue. This, I say, is what is broken by no chances, what no interval of time or space can sever or destroy, and what even death itself cannot part. This is true and unbroken love which grows by means of the double perfection and goodness of friends, and which, when once its bonds have been entered, no difference of liking and no disturbing opposition of wishes can sever. – St. John Cassian

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 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...

- **March 30th: 4th Sunday of Lent, Friend Sunday, Breakfast**
- **April 1st: Anniversary of the Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur (1866)**
- **April 4th: Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.**
- **April 6th: Passion Sunday, Basket Social**
- **April 11th: Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.**
- **April 13th: Palm Sunday**
- **April 14th-19th: Holy Week Liturgies**
- **April 20th: Solemnity of the Resurrection (8am and 10:30am)**

NOTE:

CONVO 2014 registration packets and Music Scholarship applications are now available!

May my sight never falter

"We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue.

Jesus cures a man born blind.

Rather than being thankful for this tremendous miracle, the Pharisees argue about the nature of Jesus – is He good or evil. They formed arguments to refute the goodness and holiness of Jesus, to show that He was not from God. They went so far as to summon the man's parents, hoping they would testify that their son wasn't really blind, or that this wasn't their son. They testified that it is their son and he

was indeed born blind.

The parents wouldn't go so far to admit that Jesus had cured their son; they were afraid of losing their social standing.

The Pharisees were trying to disprove what had happened. The parents were trying to avoid what happened. Everyone was closing his or her eyes before the man born blind, a man who could now see.

The man born blind gives solid testimony and states the facts: I was born blind. Jesus made mud, told me to wash, and now I see. Jesus is a prophet. I will not pass judgment on Jesus, as you would have me do. All I know is that I was blind and now I see. Then he stands up and rebukes the blind Pharisees:

"This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever

opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything."

Their blindness was so deep that they cursed him and threw him out.

We must take care to avoid blindness. We must not harden our hearts and shut our eyes to what is obvious. When we do falter in seeing, we must repent of our blindness.

Our Lenten journey calls us to recognize the blindness in our lives. Is it judgmentalism and legalism – living like the Pharisees and believing that we have all the right answers and everyone else is sinful and wrong? Is it fear, like the man's parents, such fear that we hold back from bearing witness to God's truth? Let us call upon Jesus. Jesus who said, *"I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see."* Let us ask Jesus for the ability to see and ask for His healing. Let us ask Him for courage and the grace never falter in seeing rightly.

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor."

Romans 12:9-10

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Kings 2:2

MONDAY: Job 2:11

TUESDAY: 1 Samuel 18:1-3

WEDNESDAY: Ruth 1:16-17

THURSDAY: Colossians 3:12-14

FRIDAY: Proverbs 11:14

SATURDAY: Proverbs 17:17

Pray

Lord Jesus, enter into my friendships. Help us to be of one heart in loving You.

Birth of Bishop Hodur

This Tuesday, April 1st we commemorate the birth of our organizer and first Bishop, Francis Hodur. Francis was born to Jan and Maria Hodur in the little village of Zarki, in the county of Chrzanów, about 35 miles from Kraków in the Austrian-ruled part of Poland, which was sometimes called Galicja. He was given the name Franciszek (Francis). The Hodurs were simple, hardworking, religious people who, with their seven children, eked out a living on their farm and through part-time labor (Jan was also a tailor). These early experiences of faith, poverty, hard work, the need for education, and the fight for freedom from foreign oppression helped to form Bishop Hodur's crusading work. Let us take up his mantle and continue the fight.

Lenten Charity

The journey of Lent calls us to deeper prayer, charity, penance, and sacrifice. Let us **make a conscious effort to live in Jesus' way every day**. One opportunity to increase sacrifice is through directed giving of food. Place your food offerings before the Mary altar so they may be gathered for local charities.

Basket Social

Our Basket Social is **next week**. This fundraiser effort supports many of our parish efforts. Please join in and help by donating a few baskets and invite many to join us. **Reminders:** Provide the title of your basket(s) and donation(s) to Larry & Donna. Sign up to bring baked goods. We will be here on Saturday, April 5th from 9:30am to 1pm. You may drop off your baskets and baked goods. God bless you!!!

Friend Sunday

Today is Friend Sunday. On this day churches welcome their members' friends and family to a special service where friendship is honored and encouraged. The Friend Sunday movement hopes to reach every home in America through the extension of the hand of friendship – friendship that is made perfect when it includes the Lord. Today we honor your special friendships with togetherness, a special blessing, and the knowledge that we continually pray for each of you. May your friendship be blessed in following Jesus' command *"...that you love one another as I have loved you."*

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is Sunday, April 20th. 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, Jean Nowak, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Laverne Dowdell, Curtis Sczepkowski, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Beverly Ferguson, Edward Panfil, Alyssa DePaula, Jane Kopec, Pastor Tom Kendall, Ariel Linette Dopp, Irene Borowski

- 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 our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Minneapolis, WI and its congregation and pastor, Rev. John Kutek.

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.