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THE PURPOSE OF PENTECOST

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

Zesłanie Ducha Świętego

May 15, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Sequence: Come, Holy Spirit

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Intention: for our Holy Church

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). May Devotions
- Coffee hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Free Lunch on Sunday at 11:30am

Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

Święto Trójcy Przenajświętejszej

May 22, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Psalm: Ps 8:4-9

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Epistle: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Intention: 9:30am for śp Rita Konicki and Mariana Nowak; 11:30am for all parishioners

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). May Devotions
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Believe thou also in the Holy Ghost, and hold the same opinion concerning Him, which you have received to hold concerning the Father and the Son, and follow not those who teach blasphemous things of Him. But learn thou that this Holy Spirit is One, indivisible, of manifold power; having many operations, yet not Himself divided; Who knows the mysteries, Who searches all things, even the deep things of God; Who descended upon the Lord Jesus Christ in form of a dove; Who wrought in the Law and in the Prophets; Who now also at the season of Baptism seals your soul; of Whose holiness also every intellectual nature has need. – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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 518-453-2258

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Upcoming...

- **May 15: Solemnity of Pentecost. Holy Mass at 9:30 and at 11:30am. Free Lunch on Sunday.**
- **May 16: Holy Mass for Healing 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting follows.**
- **May 21: Armed Forces Day**
- **May 22: Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. Holy Mass at 9:30 and at 11:30am.**
- **May 23: Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola.**
- **May 26: Corpus Christi. Bible Study at 6pm.**
- **May 29: Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- **Memorial Day. Holy Mass at the Parish Cemetery at 10am.**
- **June 1-30: Sacred Vocations Month**
- **June 3: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. 71st Annual Bowling Tournament Begins**

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.

Now what?

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Of all the questions the disciples must have had, the one on their minds between the Ascension and Pentecost resonates best: I saw the crucifixion, I saw the risen Lord, I saw Him ascend into heaven, now what?

Pentecost was an annual event in Israel. It is the Greek rendering of the Hebrew word for the Festival of Weeks commemorating God's giving of the Ten Commandments forty-nine days after the Exodus. It is also called the Festival of Reaping and Day of the First Fruits.

What beautiful imagery to answer the question of: What is next?

God chose this day to send forth the Holy Spirit to infuse us with His

new and living Spirit. Then Jews were commanded to count the days and weeks after the Exodus as an expression of their anticipation and desire for the giving of the Torah. We were no longer beholden to Torah Law as a teacher – pointing to all our wrong acts and thoughts, and prescribing a remedy, but are made strong, powerful, and free in the Spirit by our profession of faith and belief in Jesus. We have a different kind of longing, anticipation, and desire. The Spirit prompts us to declare our faith and then infuses us with His gifts changing us radically so that we only desire to live in Christ and live in His glorious kingdom.

What was next was that through the infusion of the Holy Spirit the entire world is offered this opportunity for freedom. No longer beholden, one would be free if they chose to follow the prompting of the Spirit. One could hear of Jesus through those Apostles, the sent, who have

already been made strong, powerful, and free by the Spirit. They could not only hear, but join in and be made co-heirs in Jesus sharing fully in the Spirit's gifts.

God chose this day because it was the day of reaping. Passover marked the end of the season of the grain harvest with the reaping of wheat in the Land of Israel. In ancient times, the grain harvest lasted seven weeks and was a season of gladness. It began with the harvesting of the barley during Passover and ended with the harvesting of the wheat at Passover.

The Spirit is given so every season will be a season of harvest. Jesus told us: "So ask the Lord who gives this harvest to send workers to harvest his crops."

Two thousand years later the Spirit prompts us to go and reap and bring in the many. What now? Rejoice, live in Jesus, proclaim Him, and gather His harvest. The Holy Spirit is in us and with us for exactly this work.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 2:14

TUESDAY: Hebrews 4:12

WEDNESDAY: 1 John 4:13

THURSDAY: Romans 8:26-27

FRIDAY: Ephesians 3:16

SATURDAY: Genesis 1:2

Pray

Holy Spirit, fill me with Your gifts and use me to do God's purpose in the world.

Happy Birthday Church

Pentecost falls on the 50th day after Easter, which is today. On this day, we commemorate the teaching found in the Acts of the Apostles that the Holy Spirit descended as tongues of fire upon the gathering of the earliest church in Jerusalem. With the sharing of God's Spirit, those first Christians were empowered and inspired, and they left behind their old fears and doubts and preached the gospel to any and all that would listen. When those first believers began to carry forward the ministry begun by the earthly Jesus, the Christian church was born. Today we celebrate this grand event and also that the Spirit continues to guide, inspire and surprise us still today as Christ's church.

Bread making

Stephanie and crew are working hard to make breads that will be sold at B.V.M. of Częstochowa's PolishFest the weekend of June 3rd, 4th, and 5th. See <http://www.polishfest-ny.org> for more information.

A few have generously offered to help Bob and Stephanie in manning the booth on those days. If you can pitch in, that would be very much appreciated. More so, if you can, we would very much appreciate it if you could bake a few seasonal breads. They can be stored at the church in the freezer. Please let Stephanie know if you can offer a few breads or can help for an hour or two. Call or text Stephanie at 369-1346.

Seniorate Corpus Christi Celebration

On Saturday, June 11th we will join together at All Saints parish in Rome, NY for our 2nd annual Seniorate Corpus Christi celebration. There will be a breakfast at 10am followed by Holy Mass and a Eucharistic Procession to the Four Altars at 11am. The four Altars will be prepared outside of the Church (weather permitting). Our parish is responsible for decorating one of the altars. Your assistance is requested. Lunch will also be served after Holy Mass followed by a very short meeting for Seniorate Delegates and a Spójnia meeting.

Kurs and CONVO

Kurs and CONVO are not that far off. Youth who will be attending CONVO should get their applications in as soon as possible. See Fr. Jim with any questions.

Come, let us reason together...

We continue to hold a unified Church bible study founded on the word of God and God has blessed this effort. This month's theme will be: Unity in the body of Christ led by pastors from Gathered Remnant Ministries. Join everyone on the last Thursday of every month, this month, May 26th at 6pm.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is May 15th. 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 Radzysinski, 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 Sczepakowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, 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, Madison Sheridan, 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, Karen Kisch, Phil Battaglia, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Muse En Lystrala, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia.

- 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 and pray for the National Women's Societies for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Most Rev. Dr. Anthony A. Mikovsky, Chaplain.

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.

--- Share the Spirit and invite others to the Kingdom of God. ---