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AND ALL THE TREES OF THE FIELD  
SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD;

**I BRING LOW  
THE HIGH TREE,  
AND MAKE HIGH  
THE LOW TREE,**

DRY UP THE GREEN TREE, AND MAKE THE DRY TREE FLOURISH.  
I AM THE LORD; I HAVE SPOKEN, AND I WILL DO IT.

**EZEKIEL 17:24**

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JUNE 14, 2015

## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XI Niedziela zwykła

June 14, 2015

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

First reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm: Ps 92:2-3,13-16

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Intention: For an Increase in Holy Vocations

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite); Exposition and Benediction
- Coffee Hour and SOCL, First Communion Class
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XII Niedziela zwykła

June 21, 2015

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

First reading: Job 38:1,8-11

Psalm: Ps 107:23-26,28-31

**Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16,22-26

Intention: For an Increase in Holy Vocations

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

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Coffee Hour and SOCL, First Communion Class
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

*"...should we fall, we should not despair and so estrange ourselves from the Lord's love. For if He so chooses, He can deal mercifully with our weakness. Only we should not cut ourselves off from Him or feel oppressed when constrained by His commandments, nor should we lose heart when we fall short of our goal...let us always be ready to make a new start. If you fall, rise up. If you fall again, rise up again. Only do not abandon your Physician, lest you be condemned as worse than a suicide because of your despair. Wait on Him, and He will be merciful, either reforming you, or sending you trials, or through some other provision of which you are ignorant." – St. Peter of Damascus*

**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...

- **June 14: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**
- **June 15: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm and Parish Committee Meeting.**
- **June 21: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Father's Day, Free lunch on Sunday.**
- **June 24: Solemnity – St. John the Baptist**
- **June 28: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **July 2: Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M.**
- **July 4: Independence Day, 25th Annual KURS Begins, Holy Mass and Picnic at Waymart, PA**
- **July 5: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **July 6: Commemoration of John Hus, Priest and Martyr**

## All things green and new.

*And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.*

Ezekiel the Prophet was called at a difficult time in Israel's history. Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian ruler, had besieged Jerusalem, carried off its king as well as the members of the upper class, including Ezekiel the priest. He appointed a puppet king, Zedekiah, for Israel. Jerusalem ends up destroyed. In reflecting back on all this, and all the bad news he had to deliver, Ezekiel writes about hope and restoration.

There were many strong nations and powers, likened to high, strong, green trees. Israel was withered, barely living. Yet the Lord had (and has) the power to lift up the lowly tree, to make it green and alive again, to make it the most powerful

and beautiful tree and to make those formerly powerful wither away.

Jesus is the fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecy. He is the restoration that came to be by God's grace - to make all things green and new. Jesus' coming is the culminating moment of reassurance for us. Our God is the God of new life, of the green time - the keeper of promises. He is our hope and the bringer of renewal.

How appropriate then to read of God's strengthening, renewing, and greening of the withered tree as we enter into a new Church season this Sunday. This season of green will last through the end of November. It has been variously referred to as the 'Time After Pentecost,' the 'Green Time,' or 'Ordinary Time.'

These green days are so important for us. Like Ezekiel, we have been born into a time of difficulty

and challenge. Sometimes it is hard for us to see any possibility for renewal. Let us take this season - June through November - to recommit to our God Who is the God of renewal and new life. Let us recognize that we, like Ezekiel, are called to offer God's way to the world.

By uniting ourselves to Jesus, first through baptism, then in each moment of our lives, we partake and share in God's life. God, who can bring greenness out of the withered tree will take whatever is broken and hurtful, whatever is withered in us, will make it new, green, and alive. Hear God's promise recounted in the 92nd Psalm: *The just man shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be.* We who follow the Lord will flourish and be green once again.

*Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

John 3:3

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17  
MONDAY: Ephesians 4:22-24  
TUESDAY: Revelation 21:5  
WEDNESDAY: John 5:24  
THURSDAY: Ezekiel 11:19  
FRIDAY: Romans 6:4  
SATURDAY: John 6:40

## Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me renewal and newness of life in You each day.

## Holy Mass for Healing

Our second monthly Holy Mass for healing accompanied by anointing will be held Monday, June 15th at 6:15pm. Join us and invite others.

## Needed: Strong, Determined, Brave, and Faithful Men

Our Holy Church sets the month of June aside and encourages the faithful to pray for the clergy of our Holy Church and for an increase of vocations. To find out more about vocations to the diaconate and the priesthood, please contact the Savonarola Theological Seminary of the Polish National Catholic Church, 1031 Cedar Ave, Scranton, PA 18505. School, (570) 961-9288, Office, (570) 343-0100. We also remember in a special way all those who spent their lives serving God and His people, being now retired and in need of our financial support.

## Receiving the Holy Eucharist

We invited all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

## Holy Mass Intentions

Reminder... you can ask Father Jim to offer Holy Mass for any intention be it in remembrance and prayer for the faithful departed, on a birthday or anniversary, for health and healing of yourself or a loved one, for a service member, and for many other worthy reasons. Just see Fr. Jim and let him know.

## Seniorate Corpus Christi Celebration

Thank you to all who joined in on Saturday for our Seniorate Corpus Christi celebration. Your presence and involvement show the unity and faithfulness of our Holy Church in the sharing of Jesus' Body and Blood. It was really a wonderful event. Thank you to Holy Cross parish for being such wonderful hosts.

## Independence Day

Independence Day important for all citizens of the United States and for our world is a special day in the life of our Holy Church. Our organizers, who so valued the gift of freedom promised by our society, were able to establish a denomination independent of foreign rule and that protected the dignity of its people. Join us at Waymart, PA for Holy Mass and a picnic on this special day.

## FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is June 21st. 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 Radzynski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, 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 Sczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Jeremy Fish, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Fr. Sr. Thaddeus Dymkowski, Sue Rummel, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Michael Angehr, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald.

- 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
- 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 the people of St. Anne's Parish, Bielsko-Biala, Poland and its pastor Rev. Dr. Jerzy Bajorek.

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.

--- Please think of inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus ---