



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XI Niedziela zwykła

June 17, 2012
 Rite: Deacon Missal
 First reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24
 Psalm: Ps 92:2-3,13-16
R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.
 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
 Gospel: Mark 4:26-34
 Intention: For vocations.

Worship leader: Rev. Mr. Robert Shovah
 Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour Honoring Dad – please join us
- No Confirmation class this week.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XII Niedziela zwykła

June 24, 2012
 Rite: Deacon Missal
 First reading: Job 38:1,8-11
 Psalm: 107:23-26,28-31
R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.
 Epistle: Corinthians 5:14-17
 Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Intention: For Callie Elizabeth, her parents and family

Worship leader: Rev. Mr. James Konicki
 Lector: Larry Panfil

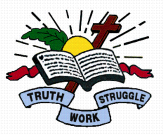
- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Baptism of Callie Elizabeth
- Coffee Hour – please join us
- Confirmation Class.

Tragedy and rebuilding - On Wednesday, June 13, 2012 tragedy struck the members of Sacred Heart of Jesus PNC Parish in Madison, Illinois. A fire broke out at the church causing extensive damage to the building and the appointments of the parish. The Western Diocese is imploring help for Sacred Heart, a little parish with deep faith and trust in God. Parishes and individuals can donate sacred appointments and money to assist in rebuilding. May God bless Father Andrew Bako and the faithful of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Please offer up your prayers for the Parish.

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Upcoming...

- **June – Sacred Vocations**
 Month – Pray for vocations
- **June 24: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **June 25th: Solemnity – Nativity of St. John the Baptist (translated)**
- **June 26th: Acolyte Retreat Begins**
- **June 29: Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul**
- **June 30: KURS Begins**

Hey Dad,

Pass the mustard seed

“It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches”

Sitting around with dad today, we might lay out all the things he loves to eat. Hot dogs, hamburgers, kielbasa – what else? The fixings we love – ketchup, onions, and our theme for today, mustard.

How did that mustard get there?

The Hunter – Angler – Gardener – Cook website notes how easy it is to make mustard. They start by saying: “What do you mean you can make mustard at home?”

“Well... How did you think it was made? By mustard elves under a tree?” They note: “If you

have mustard seed and water, you can make mustard.”

The basic idea behind making mustard is this: Grind seeds and add cool liquid. At its most basic, this is all mustard is. Adding an acid, most often vinegar, stops and sets the reaction in place – this is precisely what happens with horseradish as well. Adding salt not only improves the flavor, but also helps preserve the mustard, too. Finally, let your mustard set in the fridge or in a cool place for at least a day to age and mellow.

Mustard of course comes from that giant bush that grows from the smallest of seeds. That’s what today is all about – growth.

Our dads and those other important men in our lives have been there to guide that growth. We don’t start out finished anymore than the mustard seed starts out as the finished bush or as really yummy mustard. Dad sees that we grow in the right way.

Jesus says: "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it?" It is the story of the mustard seed.

God’s guidance over our growth is absolute He is our heavenly Father. Just as the cedar and the mustard seed cannot grow without His oversight, we cannot possibly grow the way we should without His guidance and presence in our lives.

Nothing gets to perfection without effort. Certainly dad will tell us that we need to study, patience, work hard, and practice. Dad is speaking for God here as well. We cannot get to heaven, to spiritual perfection, to our destiny with God without study, patience, work hard, and practice.

When dad asks for the mustard today, remember that we are all growing, no matter our age. We will get to where we are meant to be – people who fulfill God’s plan for our growth. Trusting in Him like we do in dad, and we will win.

“The father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’
Mark 15:22-24

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 6:5-15
MONDAY: Genesis 1:27
TUESDAY: Hebrews 2:11-17
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 5:48
THURSDAY: Hebrews 12:5-11
FRIDAY: Genesis 18:19
SATURDAY: Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Pray

Father in heaven, we thank You for the gift of our fathers; for their leadership and instruction.

Summer Youth Events

The end of the school year is fast approaching. We have a full schedule of youth events throughout our Church. There’s the Central Diocese Acolyte Retreat, Kurs, and the biennial CONVO held at Niagara University this year. Please see Deacon Jim for more info and sign-ups.

Honoring Dad

This Sunday we honor our dads. Please join in prayers for our dads, grandfathers, godfathers, and the other men who have guided and protected us. Let us remember and honor all they have done to secure our futures. Let us also honor their gift of leadership – the leadership that put us on the path to heaven.

Our Parish Cemetery

For those who do not know, our parish has a cemetery located on Donald Road near Central Park in Schenectady. This beautiful setting is replete with the history and memory of those who served our parish and worshiped with us. If you and your family are at the stage of pre-planning for your Christian funeral and other matters, please consider a resting place in our Catholic cemetery. If you have questions in relation to these issues, please see Deacon Jim

Our retired clergy

On Father’s Day our Holy Church asks us to consider the needs of the retired clergy who have served us. The people of our democratic Church have determined to care for the needs of retired clergy through the establishment of a clergy pension fund. This fund provides a stipend to retired clergy to assist them and their spouses after many years of service in the Church. Among recently retired clergy is our former pastor, Fr. Fredrick Mechowski. Please pray for and consider your support for those who have labored in God’s field. Pray too that many men may make a commitment to service in the Church following in Jesus footsteps.

Of note...

Coffee Hour: Our weekly coffee hours are a warm and wonderful experience, a time to gather and speak with each other while we enjoy a wealth of good things to eat. If you are able, please help by signing up to take care of a coffee hour. Please see Ed Bertasso with any questions.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? God calls us to work together for the good of our community, in support of each other, and for the needs of the Church. The YMSofR -

Praying for...

Jasimine 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 Haberlan, Stanley Radzyminski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Derek, 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, Patricia Lewis, Joan, Matthew, Brian, Shari, Adam, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, John Humme, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas

- 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: Merciful Jesus Parish, Turin, Italy, its congregation and pastor Fr. Guiseppe Biancotti

Bless them, O Lord!
Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

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.

Serendipity Calendar: What a fun way to support the parish and potentially WIN! The Serendipity Calendar allows you to choose one or more numbers between 001 and 999. If your number is drawn in the day’s NYS Lottery Daily Numbers game, you win. Sign-ups have begun for 2012. Reserve your numbers early so you get your lucky numbers. Note that re-subscription notices will be mailed shortly. The cost for each number chance is \$20.