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THE FAITH TEST



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JULY 10, 2016

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XV Niedziela Zwykła

July 10, 2016

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

First reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Psalm: Ps 69:14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Epistle: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners

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

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XVI Niedziela Zwykła

July 17, 2016

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

First reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Psalm: Ps 15:2-5

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

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Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

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Love in its nature makes a human being like God, as far as is possible for a human being. The soul is intoxicated by the effects of it. Its characteristics are a fountain of faith, an abyss of patience, an ocean of humility. Love is the complete repudiation of any unkind thought about one's neighbor, since, "Love thinks no evil." Love, unchangeable tranquility, and our adoption as children of God are different from each other only in name. As light, fire and flame are present in the selfsame operation, so are these three manifestations of the Spirit. When someone is completely permeated with the love of God, the brightness of his soul is reflected by his whole personality as if in a mirror. Therefore the one who loves God also loves his brother or sister. Indeed, the second love is the proof of the first. -- St John Climacus

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...

- **July 10: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and at 11:30am.
- **July 17: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- **July 18: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.**
- **July 24: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- **July 25 - 29: CONVO 2016 at St. Anselm's College, Manchester, NH**
- **July 25: Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle.**
- **July 26: Commemoration of Ss. Joachim & Ann, Parents of the B.V.M.**
- **July 31: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- **August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen.**

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.

Where is God?

"For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

This week we experienced great joys at the annual Kurs encampment for the Church’s youth and children. We grew in faith and knowledge of the Lord. We focused our reverence on God alone.

This week we experienced great sadness at the prejudice that still exists in our country – the great American sin or as author and Christian activist Jim Wallis titles his book - America's Original Sin. This week we also experienced

great shock as one man decided to fight violence with violence, who took up the cause of hatred and wrought death instead of peace, reconciliation and life.

It is easy to see God at work when young hearts are opened, when barriers are broken down, when a person comes to the realization that God is with them. But, when we look at divided cultures and gridlocked power structures that fail to end systemic sin or worse yet, encourage sin and death, we feel that God is far from us.

That is the problem with expecting that we can “feel” God’s intervention. Sure, it is easy in good or joyous times to feel God. It might even be possible in times of tragedy; we run to the Lord to feel His comfort. But what about times such as these where we are hammered day-by-day with evil? What about times when our leaders and those with responsibility fail to stop and root out evil, or worse yet, condone it?

If we were to rely on feelings we would be tossed about like little boats on the sea. Up and down, He’s there; He’s not there. I don’t know. Moses got that. He knew that God had been with Israel through their exodus, before the enemy, in time of famine, thirst, sickness, and death. He had been there when Israel turned its back and ran away, even when they completely failed to trust in the Lord. Moses saw with eyes that had been taught by faith. It took him awhile, but he finally got it.

Like Moses we must build and renew our faith trust. Faith trust tells us that God is with us, *not up in the sky, nor across the sea. No, very near* to us. Faith trust tells us that He will answer us. With faith trust we will not loose heart in confronting evil. With faith trust we are secure even in the face of certain death. With faith trust we will see God act mightily in our life. Don’t just hope that we might feel His presence. Know He is here.

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

Psalm 56:3-4

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 3:5
MONDAY: Psalm 13:5
TUESDAY: Psalm 40:4
WEDNESDAY: Romans 4:20-21
THURSDAY: Mark 5:36
FRIDAY: James 1:12
SATURDAY: Romans 10:9

Pray

Lord, Grant me faith trust; knowledge of Your all pervading presence and power and full trust in it.

Kurs Success

Thank you to all of our youth for attending Kurs. Thank you to all of their parents for their support and encouragement. Thank you to all parishioners and friends who donated to our Valentine’s Raffle that provided for everyone’s attendance. We celebrated Christmas in July, Independence Day, and learned that with courage and God’s help we can be radically irreverent to the ways of the world. We are called to focus our total reverence on God alone. We also learned that the Father will welcome us home if we should fail to exhibit that courage as long as we acknowledge our failing in humility and seek reconciliation.

Great food, fun and games were shared. The great work of the National YMSofR and the team of dedicated Kurs volunteers show the strength we have in our Church. Let us support and encourage them with both prayer and work.

March Schenectady for Jesus

March Schenectady for Jesus will be held on Saturday, July 30th starting at 12pm from Jerry Burrell Park. The March brings together the faithful and the churches of Schenectady to witness to our Lord and Savior by walking together in His Holy Name. To honor His Holy Name we hope that many parishioners will turn out and join in. There will be refreshments and entertainment back at the park after the walk. Please let Fr. Jim know if you can participate so a March T-shirt can be ordered for you. Jerry Burrell Park is located off Hamilton, Paige, and Schenectady Streets near Albany St. in Schenectady.

Food Collection

We have begun our annual summer food collection for those in need locally. Hunger knows no season and need isn’t limited to Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Lent. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Please leave your donations by the Mary altar now through July 31st.

CONVO

CONVO is 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. Due to conflicts with CONVO the next Bible Study will be held on August 25th at 6pm.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch coincides with our summer parish and community picnic on August 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, 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 Szczepkowski, 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, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Muse En Lystrala, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith.

- 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 National Catholic Church. This week we remember and pray for St. Stanislao Kostka Parish, Lucca, Italy, its people and clergy Very Rev. Claudio Bocca and Rev. Mr. Paolo Leone.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. We are taking a break from coffee hour for the summer months.

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. ---