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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JULY 13, 2014

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time XV Niedziela zwykła

July 13, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm: Ps 65:10-14

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Epistle: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Intention: śp. Joseph DiCocco, 22nd Anniversary

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Marilyn Hietala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee hour, Communion and Confirmation classes

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVI Niedziela zwykła

July 20, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Psalm: Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Epistle: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Intention: For Thomas Supinski's intentions

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

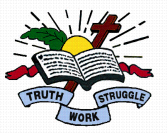
Lector: Claudia Bertasso

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And for this reason, indeed, when at this present time the law is read to the Jews, it is like a fable; for they do not possess the explanation of all things pertaining to the advent of the Son of God, which took place in human nature; but when it is read by the Christians, it is a treasure, hid indeed in a field, but brought to light by the cross of Christ, and explained, both enriching the understanding of men, and showing forth the wisdom of God and declaring His dispensations with regard to man, and forming the kingdom of Christ beforehand ... and proclaiming beforehand that the man who loves God shall arrive at such excellency as even to see God, and hear His word – St. Irenaeus

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...

- **July 13th: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **July 20th: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **July 21st – 25th: CONVO**
- **July 25th: Feast – St. James the Greater**
- **July 26th: Commemoration – Ss. Joachim and Ann, Parents of the B.V.M.**
- **July 27th: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **August 3rd: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **August 4th: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen**
- **August 6th: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord**
- **August 10th: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **August 15th: Solemnity of the Dormition/Assumption of the BVM**

We have a Treasure

He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

We are rich. We indeed have a treasure. We have built our Church and our local parish in which we participate in and increase our personal and collective treasure. This treasure makes our lives whole and complete. We are filled with true riches that will not fade away!

Our Holy Church expresses this well in the second verse of the Hymn of the PNCC: *Unto Thee we built a temple, Which for us became a treasure, Pouring gifts of faith and courage, In it is our hope forever...*

Our treasure gives us hope. Our treasure is all we gain through faith. Our treasure both increases in and is expressed by our weekly worship, prayer, study, and outreach to others.

This treasure is a secret, a mystery, to those without faith in Jesus. Even if they know a little about it, they miss the true meaning of that treasure when they fail to accept it into their lives, or if they let their faith die because they do not enrich the soil that faith was planted in.

The soil that must be enriched is our faith lives. We need to enrich that soil regularly in worship, prayer, study, and outreach or our lives will grow shallow and our treasure will be scorched away. We need to pay attention and protect against neglecting our soil or the weeds of the world will take over and choke out our faith.

In the Holy Church, filled by the Holy Spirit, we worship, pray, study, and reach out. Our treasure grows and we become rich.

The treasure we possess and that grows day-to-day, week-to-week, and year-to-year by worship, prayer, study, and outreach is our eternal loving relationship with God. The secret of the kingdom of heaven is that God's kingdom is a never-ending place of love, forgiveness, and mutual support. It is knowledge that we receive God's free gift of love – grace – and that if we cooperate with that grace our lives will be enriched, we will advance into greater holiness.

Our treasure comes from the free choice we have made for God. The first disciples had that choice – to follow Jesus or to stay behind, to stay on the path with Him or to fall away. We have chosen to: *"Love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind."*

The task ahead, our work, is to increase our treasure. Let us till the soil of our lives with worship, prayer, study, and outreach. Ask for Jesus' grace of increase. Let us be very greedy for His treasure alone.

Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

Matthew 19:21

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 2:4-5

MONDAY: Matthew 13:44

TUESDAY: 2 Corinthians 4:7

WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 33:6

THURSDAY: Luke 12:33

FRIDAY: Malachi 3:10

SATURDAY: 2 Corinthians 8:1-2

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that my treasure may be in You alone. Give me an increase in the treasures of the kingdom by Your grace.

Kurs Success, on to CONVO

Our youth, Adam, Victoria, Christina, Nick, and Erickaa had a great time at Kurs Camp. Take a moment to ask them about miracles. They also learned practical things, had fun, ate well, and saw the many ways Jesus changes our lives through the big and small miracles of love in our lives.

Adam recounted how Fr. Senior Gregory illustrated the consequences of sin. He placed a bulletin board in front of the room with targets. The youth were asked to draw a picture of someone they did not like. Those pictures were placed over the targets. They were then asked to throw darts at the picture. He then took off the picture. Behind the target was a picture of a pierced Jesus.

Erickaa was elected "Princess of Kurs." New friendships were made, and our Church grows ever stronger through our youth. Next stop is CONVO on Sunday night. Keep all those traveling in your prayers.

Congratulations Fr. Marian

Fr. Marian Pociecha who serves All Saints Parish in Rome and Holy Cross Parish in Lakeland, NY is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood and 50th birthday today. Holy Mass and a banquet will be held at All Saints in Rome, NY. We congratulate Fr. Marian on his anniversary and birthday and wish him many years, Sto lat! *O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest and gracious Shepherd; receive Thy servant Marian, whom Thou hast consecrated to minister to Thee in holy things and grant him such purity of heart and life and such zeal for souls, that he may bring many into union with Thee and fulfill his ministry in holiness to Thy glory, our Lord and Savior. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*

This Summer – Consider the PNUA

Summer is a time for many celebrations – like Weddings, Graduations, and First Holy Communion. What a great time to share the many benefits of the Polish National Union/Spójnia with your family and friends. Endowments, insurance policies, and annuities are just some of the many gifts ideas the PNU can offer to help you provide for those you care about. I can personally say that the PNU has been of benefit to my family. It is not just insurance protection, but college stipends, a great Credit Union, and being part of an organization that does so much for our Holy Church. Contact the PNU Home Office at 1-800-724-6352 for more information on their gifts of summer program.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is Sunday, July 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, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Faith Eldridge, Joshua Moraski

- 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 the Union of Scranton. This week we remember: St. St. Michael Parish, Fredrikstad, Norway its congregation and pastor Rev. Tore Andreas Andersen.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour will resume in the Fall. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and all who assisted with this ministry of hospitality since last Fall. Enjoy your summer!

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.