



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JULY 23, 2017

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XVI Niedziela zwykła

July 23, 2017

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

First reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

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

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Epistle: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Intention: for all parishioners.

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

Lector: 9:30am Joe Kaczynski, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- First Communion/Confirmation classes.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XVII Niedziela zwykła

July 30, 2017

Rite: Deacon Missal

First reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Psalm: Ps 119:57,72,76-77,127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

Epistle: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Intention: for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. Mr. Anthony Prince

Lector: 10am Daniel Dianne

- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 10am.

And let those who are not found living as He taught, be understood to be no Christians, even though they profess with the lip the precepts of Christ; for not those who make profession, but those who do the works, shall be saved, according to His word: "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that does the will of My Father which is in heaven." And as to those who are not living pursuant to these His teachings, and are Christians only in name, we demand that all such be punished by you. – St. Justin Martyr

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 23: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **July 26-28: National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop.**
- **July 30: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 10am ONLY**
- **August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen.**
- **August 6: Solemnity of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 13: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 15: Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at 6:15pm.**
- **August 19: 3rd Annual National Golf Tournament. Elma, NY**
- **August 20: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10:30 ONLY. Picnic.**
- **August 21: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.**

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.

Growing the community and world.

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

Jesus' radical call to us is to be something totally different, to rise above our worldly ways to become like Him so we can grow the world.

When we think about the what this call means, the depth of it, the power of it, we can be taken a little aback. How can I possibly be like Jesus? How can I get beyond my 'feelings,' my angers, disputes, grudges, opinions and take up Jesus' opinion and way? Can I grow the world?

This season of growth, as we have discussed over the past several weeks, is all about getting beyond and over ourselves to become ourselves. Seems strange to say – but to become ourselves is to fulfill what God has designed us to be, is to reach for becoming God like and

then to be that yeast. The few Christians in our community – that's us and our brothers and sisters from many traditions – can grow and develop our community and the entire world. Be its leaven.

The Book of Wisdom points out the aspects of God we have within us and that we need to grow into so that our community may grow. What a wonderful prospect that we have such dignity and heavenly love – grace pointed toward us, that we have the ability to become 'all that.' By becoming all that God has designed us to be, the world around us is given the chance to become all that God wants it to be.

Wisdom tells us God's *mastery over all things makes Him lenient to all*. What a radical call – to be lenient to all. Not to take up grudges or be judgmental, but to be merciful, clement, forgiving, forbearing, tolerant, charitable, easygoing, magnanimous, sympathetic, compassionate, and mild. If we are so, then we leaven

the community to also be lenient.

Being the yeast for our community calls us to be bold. God knows that we can be. He knows the power He has paced in us. Because of that, Wisdom tells us that God *rebuke[s] temerity*. Unless we toss our leaven into the community nothing will happen. If we stop our leaven at the door of the church, act differently at meetings, work, on the road, online, or at home then God will rebuke us, He will correct, reprimand, admonish, reprove, chastise, and censure us – not something one would ever want. If we are truly bold in God, then the community can be bold in Him.

God has fixed His gaze on us, His people, in a particular way. The Holy Spirit is with us *coming to the aid of our weakness*; interceding for us, His *holy ones* so we can bold, lenient leaven.

We have the power, ability, and love to grow and become like Jesus – lenient and bold – growing our community and the whole world.

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

James 1:14

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 5:30
MONDAY: 2 Corinthians 12:9
TUESDAY: Luke 12:1-3
WEDNESDAY: Galatians 5:9
THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17
FRIDAY: Matthew 6:33
SATURDAY: 1 Corinthians 5:6

Pray

Lord, help me to see the power You have placed in my life. Help me leaven my entire community.

What do priests do? by Archpriest Gabriel

Priests are not psychologists. Since the beginning of the 20th century people have been trying to turn us into psychologists. But we are not psychologists. We're not social ministry experts. This, too, has become part of the baggage of ministry since the Fifties, when there was a great push to "engage the culture," "enter the mainstream," "celebrate the secular city." In other words, give up what is unique about ministry and become a social activist. Nothing wrong with being a social activist, but here again: social activism is not at the core of our calling.

Oh yes, and we are not administrators. Some of us have a natural gift for administration, others are simply terrible about it. But we are not running a corporation; we are not CEOs, far less are we CFOs. The church is not an institution and we are not professionals.

My favorite definition of priesthood came from Fr Alexander Schmemmann who said that the calling of the priest is to have no calling in order to assist others to discern their calling to ministry in their ordinary occupations and social connections.

So, how do we do this? We lift up the creation into the presence of God, and we offer God into the midst of the creation. We do this week in, week out, through the divine liturgy. Here bread and wine, materials that have been altered from their natural state through manufacturing, are transformed into the divine presence. We call it the body and blood of Christ, but don't get hung up on this. We are not cannibals, as some of the early writers against Christianity held. The point here is transformation: the created order, the created world, is first transformed through human labor. Then, secondly, it is transformed in the action of the people of God (the meaning of the word "liturgy") into the Divine Presence. Perhaps more succinctly, we recognize (re-cognize means "to know again" something that we lost) the presence of God in all creation, a recognition to which we have become insensitive. The task of the priest is to remind us of this Presence in so many different ways, but chiefly through the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days.

Priests don't have any gimmicks. Priests aren't "worship leaders." Priests say things like "lift up your hearts" every Sunday and we mean it. Lift them up into the presence of God even as God condescends to enter our present moment. We say things like "this bread is the precious body of your Christ," and we mean it. The created and manufactured goods of our lives are transformed into the present experience of God. And we mean it. We do this week in week out because this is the heart of the faith, this is the bedrock.

We Need Bras

We are looking for gently used or new bras with tags (preferably) to donate to the Free the Girls organization through the Zonta Club of Albany. Bring in your new or gently used bras and place them in the box located in the parish hall throughout the summer.

Upcoming Events

- Third Annual YMS of R Golf Tournament in Elma, NY, August 19th.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Robert & Stephanie Dominy, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Donnie Wright, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith Adam, Allyson Keyser, Richard and Suzette Place, Amanda Carr, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, Daniel DiIanne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo DiIanne, Cassandra Wade, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Fr. Sr. Edward Ratajack, Rev. Mr. Michael Seward, 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, Patric 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 the clergy and people of St. Stephen the Martyr Parish, Reading, PA. Very Rev. Edward Ratajack, Pastor.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is on summer break. Thank you to all who assisted with this ministry of hospitality. See you in September.

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.

--- Introduce others to the Holy Spirit at Holy Name. ---