

We'll know that what we ask is done.
We don't tell God 'how to' or 'when'
We learn to leave these things with Him
When ours and God's will are as one
More powerful do our prayers become.

*Ask anything in Jesus name
Then trust in God it shall be done!*

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JULY 24, 2016

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVII Niedziela Zwykła

July 24, 2016

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

First reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm: Ps 138:1-3,6-8

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Epistle: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

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

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

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

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVI Niedziela Zwykła

July 31, 2016

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

First reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23

Psalm: Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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

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

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After this, to indicate that we ought neither to feel confidence in prayer, while neglecting our own doings; nor, when taking pains, trust only to our own endeavors; but both to seek after the help from above, and contribute withal our own part; He sets forth the one in connection with the other. For so after much exhortation, He taught also how to pray, and when He had taught how to pray, He proceeded again to His exhortation concerning what we are to do; then from that again to the necessity of praying continually, saying, Ask, and seek, and knock. And thence again, to the necessity of being also diligent ourselves. – St. John Chrysostom

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 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.**
- **August 6: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord**
- **August 7: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 14: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**

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.

Be annoying to God.

I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

The ancient Greek philosopher Socrates was arrested for his challenges to the leaders of Athens. His student, Plato, recorded Socrates defense in the "Apology," essentially the speech given by Socrates in court. As Socrates speaks he tells of the life he had lead, who he was, and his duty.

Socrates uses metaphor and compares himself to a gadfly and the state of Athens to a sluggish horse: "as upon a great noble horse, which was somewhat sluggish because of its size, and needed to be stirred up by a kind of gadfly." The gadfly is irritating. Everyone wants to get rid of the gadfly, but by its constant buzzing and stinging it awakens the one being annoyed.

The gadfly gets attention. Socrates told the court and the people that his being a gadfly is a gift given to them by the gods.

As we meet Abraham again, God in His presence is about to go off and destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham becomes a gadfly to God. He is annoying, and he keeps at it. Five times he ask the Lord: *What if there are only...*

Similarly, by parable, Jesus tells us that this is perfectly fine. He tells us that the Father is open and accepting of our coming to Him in prayer and petition, even if we begin thinking we are annoying: *he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.*

One of the hardest things we face in life is asking for the things we need. It is like taking the last piece of chicken or the last chocolate. We are afraid to grab after it and claim it. We hesitate to ask for a raise at work or for affection from someone we care about. We may feel unworthy, overly self-deprecating,

or too shy. In the end we feel unworthy – how much more with God. He won’t hear or listen to me, who am I?

Abraham too was a little afraid, but he did press on. Jesus reassures us that we are perfectly right to press on, to be persistent, to be a gadfly to God. We are God’s adopted children. We are Jesus’ brothers and sisters. Jesus, God Himself, encourages us to approach the Throne of Grace, to storm heaven, to pray. Not just that, but we are to pray with confidence and persistence. St. Paul reminds us: *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

Yes, it is God’s will that we be those gadflies. The Father is not apart or immune from His children, which we are in Jesus. He will not hand us a rock or a snake. He will give that which we seek and ask for persistently and with faith.

Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:24

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: James 4:2
MONDAY: James 4:3
TUESDAY: 1 John 3:22
WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 7:25
THURSDAY: Matthew 8:2
FRIDAY: 1 Peter 5:7
SATURDAY: Ephesians 3:20

Pray

Lord, Grant that I may be confident and faith filled in approaching Your Throne of Grace. Help me to persevere.

Food Collection – Thank You!!!

Hunger knows no season, and need isn’t limited to Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Lent. Your generosity during our summer food collection resulted in the donation of 229 pounds of food to Schenectady Inner City Ministries. God bless you for your sacrifice and goodness.

CONVO

Adults and youth from our parish and across the Church are headed to Manchester, New Hampshire for CONVO 2016. Please keep all in your prayers this week for both safe travels and for increase in our devotion. As Fr. Jim will be away, please contact Fr. Mark if there is need. **Prayer For the Youth:** Loving and kind Father, because You created us in Your image and likeness and determined that one generation should follow another in order to continue life, keep in Your tender and steadfast care the youth of the Church. May they come to know and understand that true happiness can be attained when they live in harmony with Your teaching. May they, like our Lord and Savior in His youth, grow “in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.” Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Political Season

As Christ followers we are not bound to any ideology, party or even form of government. We are above those things and are citizens of His kingdom. During these days of political tension and conflict let us practice forgiveness and remember where our true home is. Don’t get pulled in as no one is right or just except God.

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.

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, Adam.

- 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 Merciful Jesus Parish, Torino, Italy, its people and clergy Rev. Giuseppe Biancotti.

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. ---