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WE HAVE A BIG GOD

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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 3, 2014

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVIII Niedziela zwykła

August 3, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalm: Ps 145:8-9,15-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Epistle: Romans 8:35,37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Intention: For the health and healing of Vicki DeCocco and Sue White

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
- Communion and Confirmation classes

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time XIX Niedziela zwykła

August 10, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Psalm: Ps 85:9-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Epistle: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Intention: For all parishioners

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

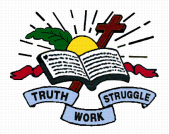
Lector: Claudia Bertasso

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Why speak, [St. Paul] means, of things present, and evils inherited in this life? For even if a person were to tell me of things to come, and of powers; of things, such as death and life; of powers, such as angels and archangels, and all the superior orders of beings; even these would be little to me compared with the love of Christ. For even if a person were to threaten me with that future death to which there is no death, to separate me from Christ, nor if he promised the life without end, would I agree to it. – 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 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...

- 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
- August 17th: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Parish Committee meets
- August 24th: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- August 25th: Feast – St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- August 26th: Solemnity of Our Lady of Częstochowa
- August 29th: Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- August 31st: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and Youth Sunday
- September 1st: Labor Day

We have a big God

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We are called to recognize and live the power of God.

Reading the Old Testament we see the multitude of tremendous things God did for His people. When they were threatened He gave them victory. When they were small like David He blessed them and gave them the power to slay giants. He led them from slavery and captivity. He caused them to pass through the sea, and He fed them and gave them drink when there appeared to be none.

Reading those accounts we see the power of our God – able to create from nothing, to protect, to lead, to save; Who as Isaiah says

feeds us and sustains us, even though we have nothing to offer in return.

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!

This big and powerful image of God was ever before the people of Israel. Even so, the people of Israel turned away from God over and over. They sought after the things they thought would give them power, success, and happiness and forgot that He was the only One who could deliver all that and so much more.

Finally, in His greatest and most powerful act ever, the New Testament reveals and witnesses to the fact that God emptied Himself of everything, became man, taught us, healed the sick, raised the dead, and ...*taking the five loaves and the two fish... gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied...*

He then picked up all our

sinfulness, fears, and our very deaths and offered them in His body on the cross. In doing that we now enjoy freedom and security in His power and promises.

Our God is big, powerful, almighty, and yet people still turn away, and pull into themselves. They try to find a way to fill the voids in their lives, to solve the problems they encounter, and to seek joy without Him. We must be different!

Our bulletin art says it well: **Don't tell God how big your storm is; tell your storm how big your God is.** In God we have the ability to triumph, to overcome, and to succeed. This does not mean earthly success or freedom from life's strains and pressures. It does mean that when we encounter these things we can stare into them and confidently say – my God is bigger than you and His promises are more important than you. We are called to recognize exactly how big our God is and to place our trust in Him. Take this huge leap of faith and trust. It is very much worth taking!

If one wished to contend with Him, one could not answer Him once in a thousand times. He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength -- who has hardened himself against Him, and succeeded? --

Job 9:3-4

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Acts 1:8

MONDAY: 2 Timothy 1:7

TUESDAY: Philippians 4:13

WEDNESDAY: Luke 10:19

THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 4:20

FRIDAY: Ephesians 6:10

SATURDAY: 2 Timothy 1:8

Pray

Lord Jesus, fill me with confidence in Your power and might, free me from fear, and lead me to witness to You in strength and confidence.

God Bless Liam Thomas

On Saturday, August 2nd we welcomed Liam Thomas Neidrauer the son of David Neidrauer and Amber (Kaminski) Oravsky into the family of faith through baptism in the waters of regeneration. May God bless Liam, his parents, his godparents Joshua and Melissa, and his entire family.

A Solemnity Fighting Fear

This week we observe the Solemnity of the Transfiguration of our Lord. We read in the 17th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew: *Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.* Jesus chose this moment, before the great struggles, persecution, suffering, and death He was about to encounter, to reveal the blessing of His heavenly Father and His glory in Him. *While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."* In our time the Holy Church is facing greater and greater struggles. In the Middle East, North Korea, Africa, and elsewhere Christians are actively being persecuted and martyred. Some Christians in our country are losing jobs for their beliefs and face other forms of prejudice. When faced with all this – and we may be in ways subtle or not so subtle – recall this holy day and let us say in confidence that our God is bigger and His promises are more important than anything anyone can do to me. Trust in Him and have NO fear!

Holy Synod

The Church's quadrennial Holy Synod will be held from September 29th through October 3rd in Erie, PA. Mr. Robert Dominy is our parish delegate. The focus of Holy Synod is on the future of our Church. If you have ideas or concerns you would like discussed at Synod, please let Bob or Deacon Jim know. Come Holy Spirit, guide and protect Your Holy Church!

This Summer – Consider the PNUA

Share the many benefits of the Polish National Union/Spójnia with your family and friends. The PNUA does so much for our Church and our youth. Endowments, insurance policies, and annuities are just some of the many programs the PNU offers to help you provide for those you care about. 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 August 17th. 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, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Joseph & Vicki DeCocco

- 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. Justin Martyr Mission, Trondheim, Norway its congregation and clergy Rev. Johannes Hvaal Solberg and Deacon Bjørn Nicolaisen.

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.