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**Keep your
lamps burning.**

Luke 12:34

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XIX Niedziela Zwykła

August 7, 2016

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

First reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalm: Ps 33:1,12,18-22

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners, for all past and present members and students of Pomost International

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

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

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XX Niedziela Zwykła

August 14, 2016

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

First reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Psalm: Ps 40:2-4,18

Lord, come to my aid!

Epistle: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

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).

We shall be raised therefore, all with our bodies eternal, but not all with bodies alike: for if a man is righteous, he will receive a heavenly body, that he may be able worthily to hold converse with Angels; but if a man is a sinner, he shall receive an eternal body, fitted to endure the penalties of sins, that he may burn eternally in fire, nor ever be consumed. And righteously will God assign this portion to either company; for we do nothing without the body. We blaspheme with the mouth, and with the mouth we pray. With the body we commit fornication, and with the body we keep chastity. With the hand we rob, and by the hand we bestow alms; and the rest in like manner. Since then the body has been our minister in all things, it shall also share with us in the future the fruits of the past. – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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...

- **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.
- **August 15: Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M.** Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm.
- **August 21: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Picnic.
- **August 24: Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle.**
- **August 26: Solemnity - Our Lady of Częstochowa.**
- **August 27: Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Deacon Donald Wunderlich.**
- **August 28: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Youth Sunday.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am
- **August 29: Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist**
- **September 5: Labor Day**

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.

Prepare, expect, and live it out.

And the Lord replied, “Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant’s master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful.”

In an Ameritrades commercial a lazy husband is on the coach as his wife tells him to do one thing that day – establish an online investment account. He says, “Sure.” Then goes back to watching television. Finally he falls asleep only to wake up as his wife is pulling into the driveway. He jumps to his feet, rushes to the computer and opens an account in seconds. He jumps back on the coach as his wife walks in and asks: ‘Did you set up the account?’ His reply, ‘Of Course.’

It may be possible to wait till the last possible moment to establish an

Ameritrades account, but there are some things that are far too important to take a chance on. It is like our athletes in Rio. To be ready to compete they had to train – years of training and lesser competitions just for this moment. They took no chances. So too for our relationship to God, we cannot wait and just take a chance on being ready. We must prepare ourselves and be ready for the moment – whether it be His calling us home or His glorious return. Would the loss of heaven be worth the risk of ignoring preparation?

Jesus spoke often of his return. There are 260 chapters in the New Testament, and Christ return is mentioned at least 318 times.

In today’s gospel we find the first extended teaching on the Second Coming of Jesus and here He warns us to be ready. To prepare! Today we hear about three distinct characteristics of a “good waiter.” For us, waiting must not be a static state but a time of preparation, expectation, and faithfulness.

The first characteristic of a “good waiter” is preparation. As our athletes prepare not just their bodies but their equipment as well, we are reminded to “be dressed and ready.” Jesus’ servants are those who do not give in to the fatigue or frustration of waiting. Rather we

are to keep ourselves joyfully ready no matter how long it takes.

The second characteristic of a “good waiter” is expectancy. No matter the time, Jesus’ servants have not given up on His return; have not said that it is so long that He’ll never come. The time of the Lord’s return is not our major concern. What is important is that we remain alert and that we do not grow lazy in living our witness.

The third characteristic of a “good waiter” is faithfulness. The faithful one who stood ready is rewarded. The one who is not faithful is fearfully punished – that is Jesus promise. Too often we lose sight of that, as if heaven is a given no matter what. As with our athletes, the unprepared, the unfaithful, the one that doesn’t walk the walk will be really disappointed. Today is the day of salvation. It is the day for us to start living by preparing (prayer, worship, Scripture), expecting, and faithfully walking with Jesus.

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 130:5
MONDAY: Psalm 37:9
TUESDAY: Isaiah 30:18
WEDNESDAY: Revelation 14:12
THURSDAY: Romans 13:4
FRIDAY: 1 John 4:18
SATURDAY: Philippians 4:13

Pray

Lord, your judgment is just and righteous. Grant that I may be prepared for Your return, expectant and faithful.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węgliński, 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 the clergy and people of Annunciation of the B.V.M. Parish, San Antonio, TX. Rev. Charles Henderson and Rev. Mark Raya.

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.

Eternal Rest

This past week our sisters Janet and Bonnie passed to eternal life. We offer our deepest sympathies and condolences to all of their family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may the perpetual light shine upon them.

Performance Today

Our brother, Derek, will be performing at today at the Schenectady Public Library, Central Branch, 99 Clinton St., Schenectady, NY at 2pm. Please stop down and show your support.

Parish and Community Picnic

Our annual parish and community picnic will be held on Sunday, August 21st on the parish grounds. Please plan to attend. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church if you should wish to bring a dish. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. We look forward to spending the afternoon with YOU!

Upcoming

Back to Church Sunday – September 18th. Craft Fair – October 1st. National Webinar on the Christian Family – October 5th. Rummage Sale – TBD. Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Dinner – November 19th.

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.

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. 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...

--- Share the Spirit and invite others to the Kingdom of God. ---