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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 9, 2015

— 1 KINGS 19:5

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XIX Niedziela zwykła

August 9, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm: Ps 34:2-9

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Epistle: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

Intention: 9:30 - 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 and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- First Communion Class, Free Lunch on Sunday
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XX Niedziela zwykła

August 16, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm: Ps 34:2-7

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Intention: 9:30 - For all parishioners.

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Blessing of Flowers, Herbs, and Produce
- Parish Picnic, Free Lunch on Sunday
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

A man becomes spiritual insofar as he lives a spiritual life. He begins to see God in all things, to see His power and might in every manifestation. Always and everywhere he sees himself abiding in God and dependent on God for all things. But insofar as a man lives a bodily life, so much he does he do bodily things; He doesn't see God in anything, even in the the most wondrous manifestations of His Divine power. In all things he sees body, material, everywhere and always - "God is not before his eyes." – St. John of Kronstadt

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- 437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **August 9: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 10: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.**
- **August 15: Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M.**
- **August 16: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Picnic**
- **August 23: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**
- **August 24: Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle.**
- **August 26: Solemnity - Our Lady of Częstochowa**
- **August 29: Solemnity - Beheading of St. John the Baptist**
- **August 30: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**
- **September 6: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**
- **September 7: Labor Day**

I'm not going to let go of you!

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

Elijah had defeated the prophets of Baal – a real high point in which he, acting a God's prophet, had seen God's total victory. Now he had run off, afraid of Jezebel's revenge. It is odd, isn't it – Elijah sees the

strength of God's hand and then loses trust that God could possibly protect him.

If we have ever been part of some great victory, be it personal or part of a team, it is unlikely that our next act would be to run off in fear and pray for death. Well that's exactly what Elijah did. *Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death.*

The power of God comes to the fore again. He steps in and sends a message to Elijah - *get up and eat*. He sent Elijah bread and water. Even though Elijah gave up again, God sent more bread and His messenger: *the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!"*

God had plans for Elijah despite Elijah's lack of faith and his fear. God was not going to let go of him.

The same message is apparent in Jesus' discourse with the Jews. They *murmured about Jesus*. They thought they had Him defined: *"Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother?"* Yet He would not give up. Having fed them, having taught them about the value of the Bread that came down from Heaven, He was still trying to lead them to the ultimate truth: *"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever..."*

That is what the Bread of Life is all about. It is Jesus' everlasting expression of His abiding presence, the fact that He remains with us, feeds us, and cares for us. Despite our weaknesses and failing, He will never give up on us or leave us. Our journey is fed by the Bread that came down from Heaven; Bread that brings us eternal life.

For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:18

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Hebrews 1:9
MONDAY: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
TUESDAY: Philippians 2:12-13
WEDNESDAY: Galatians 6:8
THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 8:6
FRIDAY: Romans 1:19
SATURDAY: John 17:3

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may always recognize Your care for me. Abide with me and feed me with the Bread that brings everlasting life.

Upcoming Events

Please be sure to keep your calendars open for the following upcoming events: **August 10th** – Healing Holy Mass; **August 16th** – Blessing of Herbs in honor of the Dormition of the B.V.M. and Parish/Community Picnic; and **September 9** – National PNCC Webinar on Brotherly Love

Blessing of Herbs, Flowers, & Produce

On August 15th our Holy Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Dormition, the falling asleep in death of Mary. We do not require that the faithful profess Mary's bodily assumption into heaven as a matter of faith, but we do recognize that this pious belief – that Mary was translated to heaven after her earthly death and burial – has been long held in the Church. For instance, in the Orthodox Church the Kontakion Hymn for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos proclaims: *The grave and death could not hold the Mother of God, who is sleepless in her intercessions and an unchanging hope in her meditations. For as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life by Him Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.*

Since Mary now enjoys the presence of Jesus in heaven, we are able to offer prayers of intercession through Mary to Jesus. As the hymn states – she is sleepless in her intercession and mediation for us. This is reflected in the Church's practice of blessing flowers, herbs, and produce on this Solemnity. The flowers symbolize the beauty of Mary's spiritual example. The herbs reflect the healing effect we hope for in the prayers we offer through Mary. Produce is symbolic of the Fruit of Mary's Womb, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The faithful are encouraged to bring their own bouquets of flowers, herbs, and produce to Holy Mass next Sunday, August 16th for this blessing. When these are then brought into our homes they will act as a reminder of Mary's example, the benefits of her intercession for us, and the Fruit of her Womb, Jesus. Blessed Virgin, pray and intercede before your Son Jesus for all our needs.

Receiving the Holy Eucharist

We invited all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

Holy Mass Intentions

Reminder... you can ask Father Jim to offer Holy Mass for any intention. Just see Fr. Jim and let him know what you want.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch and picnic is August 16th. 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, Stanley Radzysinski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, 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 Sczepakowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Martha Fields, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Lisa Wilson, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Michael Angehr, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Marianna Martineau.

- 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
- 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 Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Kraków, Poland and its pastor Rev. Piotr Własiniowicz.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is on summer hiatus until September 13th. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week starting again September 13th.

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.

--- Please think of inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus ---