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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 10, 2014

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 the health and healing of Edward Panfil and Sue White

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

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Communion and Confirmation classes

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XX Niedziela zwykła

August 17, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Psalm: Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8

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

Epistle: Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Intention: For all parishioners

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

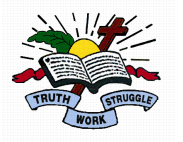
Lector: Marilyn Hietala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Blessing of flowers, herbs, and seeds
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Communion and Confirmation classes

Let us, looking at ourselves in this member of the Church, distinguish what is of God, and what of ourselves. For then we shall not totter, then shall we be founded on the Rock, shall be fixed and firm against the winds, and storms, and streams, the temptations, I mean, of this present world. Yet see this Peter, who was then our figure; now he trusts, and now he totters; now he confesses the Undying, and now he fears lest He should die. Wherefore? Because the Church of Christ has both strong and weak ones; and cannot be without either strong or weak – St. Augustine

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 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**

Who’s out there?

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.

We are called to recognize and live in the power of God. St. Paul was distraught because he saw the potential the Jesus offered His own people and the fact that His people, in large part, did not recognize the great gift of salvation He came to bring. Jesus came walking out on the water. We often talk about the fact the Peter got out of the boat, and in faith came walking across the water toward Jesus. He would then falter in his faith and go sinking to the depths. It is a powerful image. We should

recognize the fact that a lack of faith, a lack of recognition preceded that event. *In the fourth watch of the night He went towards them, walking on the lake they were terrified. ‘It is a ghost’ they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them saying, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’ It was Peter who answered, ‘Lord,’ he said ‘if it is You, tell me to come to You across the water.’* The disciples in the boat were rightly terrified but Jesus called out to them. Why didn’t they recognize His voice? They had been with Him for some time now. They heard Him preaching. They saw Him healing. Yet, in their moment of fear they failed to recognize the voice they had heard so often. Peter strongly challenged the voice he should have recognized. He challenged that voice to call him onto the water. As faithful Christians we hear the voice of Jesus at least weekly. If we read scripture and pray

regularly, we hear Him daily. We should be well trained to recognize Him no matter the circumstance. Yet somehow, when we are afraid or troubled, we close our ears to His voice. We may even, like Peter, say: *‘if it is You, tell me to come to You across my troubles.’* When times are good, we may fail to recognize that He is there, providing for our good. When we have an opportunity for living out the image of Christ in us, we may forget that His image is in us and His grace is there to lead us in the right direction. Paul was troubled because his people failed to recognize Jesus at all. As His disciples, we should be troubled if we do not recognize Him in every aspect of our lives. Jesus calls us out onto the water, to take that big step, the leap of faith that shows how closely we are bound to Him. Let us recognize Him, His voice, and His presence in every aspect of our lives and so live faithfully as His disciples. He says: *‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’*

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

John 1:10

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: John 1:11-12
MONDAY: Luke 23:39-43
TUESDAY: John 20:11-17
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 25:34-40
THURSDAY: Matthew 25:41-45
FRIDAY: Romans 12:1-2
SATURDAY: Luke 6:22-23

Pray

Lord Jesus, give me the grace to recognize You in every aspect of my life.

Solemnity of the Dormition

This week, on August 15th, we observe the Solemnity of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Solemnity is not based on Holy Scripture but is based on Church Tradition.

The Solemnity commemorates the "falling asleep" or death of Mary, the mother of Jesus and her bodily resurrection before being taken up into heaven. Our Holy Church, consistent with the Teachings of the Fathers, recognizes that like all humans, the Blessed Virgin rested (died) and her soul was adopted by her Son Jesus Christ at Dormition. The Dormition and the Assumption are different names for the same event, Mary's departure from the earth, although beliefs in this regard are not necessarily identical between Churches. Our Church as well as the Orthodox Churches specifically holds that Mary died a natural death, like any human being; that her soul was received by Christ upon death; and that her body was resurrected on the third day after her repose, at which time she was taken up, bodily only, into heaven. We hold these beliefs by faith and in respect for the life and witness of the Blessed Virgin. The Roman Church, on the other hand, has dogmatized this belief – making it a requirement of being saved.

From ancient times we have been taught that when Mary’s empty tomb in Gethsemane was visited by the Apostles they found the most beautiful and sweet-smelling flowers. As such, flowers and herbs were blessed from the earliest times in both East and West. Bring your seeds, herbs and flowers, next week to be blessed.

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 Radzynski, 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 Szczepkowski, 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 DiCocco

- 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: Protection of the Theotokos Parish, Stockholm, Sweden its congregation and clergy Rev. Matteus Maria Furemalm and Deacons Petrus Catenacci, Albertus Sterner and Benedikt Widell

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.