

THE GOD KIND OF WISDOM

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 16, 2015

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)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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August 23, 2015

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

First reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Psalm: Ps 34:2-3,16-21

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When a man walks in the fear of God he knows no fear, even if he were to be surrounded by wicked men. He has the fear of God within him and wears the invincible armor of faith. This makes him strong and able to take on anything, even things which seem difficult or impossible to most people. Such a man is like a giant surrounded by monkeys, or a roaring lion among dogs and foxes. He goes forward trusting in the Lord and the constancy of his will to strike and paralyze his foes. He wields the blazing club of the Word in wisdom. – St. Symeon the New Theologian

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 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**
- **September 8: Nativity of the BVM**
- **September 9: National Webinar on Brotherly Love**
- **September 11: 9/11 Memorial Prayer Service at 7pm**
- **September 13: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**

Let us seek His wisdom.

Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven columns; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table. She has sent out her maidens; she calls from the heights out over the city: "Let whoever is simple turn in here; To the one who lacks understanding, she says, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed! Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."

Jesus was really putting it all out there: *"the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."*

The people listening to Him went from confusion to serious concern: *"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"*

How indeed! To keep properly Kosher, that is to observe Kashrut, the body of Jewish law dealing with what foods can and cannot be eaten and how those foods must be

prepared and eaten, these people could not possibly consume human flesh nor drink blood. Not consuming blood is strictly prohibited in the Torah (see Leviticus 7:26-27 and 17:10-14). The Torah states that one must not eat blood because the life of the animal (literally, the soul) is contained in the blood.

Therein is the wisdom of what Jesus is saying to us, the key to His love for us. His earthly mission and His everlasting desire are to give Himself for and to us. He gives us His soul – His lifeblood.

Some of us may have donated blood at work, church, or in our community. What a wonderful gift to give. We can draw a comparison between our gifts of life giving blood to what Jesus has done for us in His flesh and blood. We can perceive the great wisdom of His gift.

While our gift can only help a few people and as a rule only

those who have compatible blood types, Jesus gave His blood for each of us. Jesus' blood reaches people of every blood type – of every race, rank, class, tribe, and tongue. Our giving of blood is a donation while Jesus' gift was a complete sacrificial self-giving. When we give blood we do so in sterile conditions under medical supervision. Jesus' gift was drawn-out, tortuous, and painful. Our donated blood is very expensive for those who may receive it. Jesus' blood is free to all who claim Him by faith. If our blood is not used, it expires in a little over a month. Jesus' blood is as effective today as it was when it was given at the cross. One pint of our blood can save up to three lives. One drop of the Jesus' blood has saved the world (John 3:16).

By giving us the gift of His flesh and blood He fully gives Himself to us. The wisdom therein is that through His gift we have His soul in us and inherit eternal life. Ever seek His wisdom.

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

James 3:17

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 3:13
MONDAY: James 1:5
TUESDAY: Colossians 3:16
WEDNESDAY: Luke 21:15
THURSDAY: John 8:32
FRIDAY: Colossians 2:8
SATURDAY: Romans 12:2

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the wisdom to see Your gift and to live in accord with its generosity each day.

Welcome to Your Picnic

We welcome you to your Parish and Community Picnic. It has been a couple of years since our last picnic and these were generally "internal" events, limited to long time parish members, family, and friends. Reflecting on that, how fitting to open this event to all of God's family and friends. As Christians we are to see every member of our community as a child of God, so we welcome you to your new and improved Parish and Community Picnic. If you have any questions, feel free to ask and always feel welcome in God's house.

Upcoming Events

Please be sure to keep your calendars open for the following upcoming events: **September 9** – National PNCC Webinar on Brotherly Love. **September 14** – Healing Holy Mass. **September 20** – Back to Church Sunday.

Blessing of Herbs, Flowers, & Produce

Yesterday we celebrated 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. 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.

Today we bring our bouquets of flowers, herbs, and produce to Holy Mass for this blessing. When these are brought into our homes may they 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 Radzynski, 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, 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 esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric 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 Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of St. Barbara's Parish, Krzykawa-Małobądz, Poland and its pastor Rev. Tadeusz Budacz.

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 ---