



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 Claudia Bertasso as she begins her college career

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

Lector: Marilyn Hietala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time XXI Niedziela zwykła

August 24, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalm: Ps 138:1-3,6,8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Epistle: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Intention: For all parishioners

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

Lector: Larry Panfil

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

He who enriches others becomes poor. He took to Himself the poverty of my flesh so that I might obtain the riches of his godhead. He who is full empties Himself. He emptied Himself of His godhead for a brief time so that I might share in His fullness. – St. Gregory Nazianzen

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 17th: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Free Lunch on Sunday
- August 22nd-23rd: St. Stanislaus Cathedral Block Party
- August 24th: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- August 25th: Feast – St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- August 26th: Solemnity - Our Lady of Czestochowa
- August 29th: Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- August 31st: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and Youth Sunday
- September 1st: Labor Day
- September 7th: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- September 8th: Solemnity – Nativity of the B.V.M.
- September 11th: 13th Anniversary Prayer Service
- September 14th: Solemnity – Brotherly Love

All people? Really?

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants—all who keep the Sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

This beautiful text recounts very powerful words to people who believed themselves to be exclusive. This sense of separateness built up in Israel over time – but this was not God’s way or instruction to Israel.

When Israel was constituted as a nation, a concern for resident aliens and foreigners was built into its legal system. The alien

peoples received special protection under the law and were to be loved as native Israelites.

They came to or dwelt in Israel for various reasons including for the specific purpose of knowing God. All foreigners sojourning in Israel were counted as its people under the care and protection of God. Those who were joined to Israel through circumcision could join in the Passover. All were expected to honor and follow the laws of the Lord including the Sabbath rest. No foreigner was to be vexed or oppressed. They were to be loved, helped in distress, and have justice in all disputes.

Of all nations only Israel's law, given by God, contained legislation for the resident alien. When Israel received the Promised Land she was required to purge it of its foreign population. But, foreigners in this context represented those hostile to her – it did not mean complete exclusion. Israel's entire existence was bound up with being a blessing to all

nations.

Various scriptures including Solomon's prayer at the inauguration of the temple implied that God's house was a house of prayer for all peoples. Israelite and foreigner could both pray to the Lord. Today's words from Isaiah re-speak those words as instructed by God.

By the time of Jesus' coming Israel had become extremely exclusive, and forgot God's words – to be a blessing and mission to the nations. Jesus's life is replete with His reaching out to foreigners – they were present at His birth, during His ministry where He interacted, preached to, and healed them. Paul clearly states that in Christ all are called and there is no negative racial, linguistic, or ethnic difference. We are gifts to each other.

Jesus' call is never to separateness, to dissolution, or hopelessness – but to hope for all people in all circumstances. May God be praised for choosing and loving all!

For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:17

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 2:1-2

MONDAY: Luke 17:18

TUESDAY: John 4:4-9

WEDNESDAY: Luke 23:47

THURSDAY: Ephesians 2:14-15

FRIDAY: Acts 2:38-39

SATURDAY: Hebrews 13:2

Pray

Lord Jesus, give me the grace to recognize and act on Your love for all people and to see in each another self.

Blessing of Herbs and Flowers

This past Friday we observed 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 His taking her up to heaven bodily after three days. From ancient times we have been taught that when the Apostles visited Mary's empty tomb in Gethsemane 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. Today we will bless your seeds, herbs and flowers in recognition of this Solemnity.

Back to School

This week some of our young people will be setting off for college. While our high, middle, and grade school students have a couple weeks of vacation left, let us set our minds to prayer over these young adults as they face need, exciting, and sometimes daunting challenges. Chief among these challenges is the manner in which their faith will be tested by "friends" and even teachers. May our Lord wrap His mantle of protection around them that they be kept safe from all forms of harm – physical and spiritual. May their experience cause faith to grow and not to weaken, and may they know that we pray constantly for them.

Track & Field Meet

The annual YMS of R track meet is suspended for one year. It is scheduled to return in June 2015 with a new format that will make it more competitive. Stay tuned to God's Field for more news.

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 today. 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 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: St. Nicholas Koinonia in Karlskrona, Sweden its congregation and clergy Rev. Franciskus Urban Sylvan

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.