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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 21, 2016

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time XXI Niedziela Zwykła

August 21, 2016

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

First reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm: Ps 117:1-2

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Epistle: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Intention: 9:30am for śp. Bonnie Nelson off. by Linda DePaula; 11:30am for all parishioners

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

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Youth Sunday XXII Niedziela Zwykła

August 28, 2016

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

First reading: Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29

Psalm: Ps 68:4-7,10-11

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Epistle: Hebrews 18-19,22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all youth

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) and Baptism.

Trials are of two kinds. Either affliction will test our souls as gold is tried in a furnace, and make trial of us through patience, or the very prosperity of our lives will oftentimes, for many, be itself an occasion of trial and temptation. For it is equally difficult to keep the soul upright and undefeated in the midst of afflictions, as to keep oneself from insolence and pride in prosperity. – St. Basil the Great

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 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 4: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**
- **September 5: Labor Day**
- **September 8: Solemnity of the Nativity of the B.V.M.**
- **September 11: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Commemoration of the 15th Anniversary of 9/11/2001. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**

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.

Who’s at the head of the line?

“And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

The people of Israel believed themselves to be at the head of the line As long as a Jewish person kept the whole Law they were assured entry into the world to come. Others could only enter the world to come if they observed the seven laws that God gave to Noah – the Noahide commandments. However, Christians are excluded as idolaters because we accept the fact that Jesus is God. We cannot be in line for heaven.

Isaiah tells Israel something very important, in fact something

shocking – the gentiles will be brought into the glory of God. In fact, some of these unclean people who do not even observe the Noahide commandments will be made priests of God. They will be in line too. Jesus fulfills Isaiah in telling those who thought they were in line that they may well have no place unless they enter through the narrow gate. God’s salvation in Jesus has destroyed preconceived notions. Something much greater is required for salvation.

No one will get into the line for heaven unless they strive to do so. Entering the narrow gate requires strength and a resolute attitude. I will live as Jesus lived. I will follow Him alone. What matters is where we are in our living. Jesus advises us to set aside preconceived notions as to who is righteous and saved. We need to see differently and to take up the challenge of living the life God has designed.

We tend to still live with preconceived notions. Some of our notions have few consequences

while others impact our eternal well-being. Some may think that they can earn their way to heaven (by keeping the old Law or by checking things off a holy to-do list). Some think there is no hell or eternal punishment and everyone is going to heaven (common sense – why bother believing in Jesus, belonging to His family, or coming to church if it doesn’t matter). It isn’t that easy. There are consequences for unbelief and for refusing Christ. There is a negative result for walking past the narrow gate.

Jesus broke down every preconceived notion of God and showed us the reality of His loving Father. He challenges us to leave behind self-assuredness. He asks us to take the road that leads to the line. To get there means to live as Jesus did, not as we wish and to take Jesus very seriously. We are to be deeply concerned – not about who is in line but whether we are assuming or striving through the harder gate.

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 119:105
MONDAY: Proverbs 3:6
TUESDAY: Psalm 16:11
WEDNESDAY: Job 23:11
THURSDAY: Matthew 7:13
FRIDAY: John 3:36
SATURDAY: Acts 4:12

Pray

Lord, help me to enter into new life in You through the narrow gate, to take up the harder path and so achieve paradise forever.

Prayers for Deacon Donald

On Saturday, August 27th, Deacon Donald Wunderlich will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood by our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki. Deacon Donald first met the future Bishop Bernard when he served as his altar boy nearly 50 years ago. This is a great testament to the graces that are received by young men who serve at the altar of the Lord. Please keep Deacon Donald, his wife and family in your prayers this week and also pray for the gift of many vocations to the priesthood and diaconate. Lord, send workers into Your field!

Parish and Community Picnic

Our annual parish and community picnic will be held today on the parish grounds. Please plan to stay. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided and many parishioners are bringing lots of goodies to share. We welcome all and are so glad you are here. We look forward to spending the afternoon together!

B.V.M. of Częstochowa

It is doubtful whether any other representation of Our Blessed Mother with Her Divine Child possesses a more ancient and glorious history than the painting of Our Lady of Czestochowa — the Black Madonna. Tradition holds that St. Luke painted it on the top of a cypress-wood table that came from the home of the Holy Family. At the request of the faithful, Mary sat for the portrait. When it was finished, she was pleased, saying: “My grace shall accompany it.” Thus began the wonderful history of the painting. August 26th is the Solemnity. Blessed Virgin, intercede for your Son’s children.

Upcoming

Back to Church Sunday – September 18th. Craft Fair – October 1st. National Webinar on the Christian Family – October 5th. Rummage Sale – October 15th. 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. ---

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, Allyson Keyser

- 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 Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary Parish, Dallas, TX.

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.