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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 24, 2014

## 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 and for our Holy Synod

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

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXII Niedziela zwykła

August 31, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm: Ps 63:2-6,8-9

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

Epistle: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Intention: For all parishioners and for our Holy Synod

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

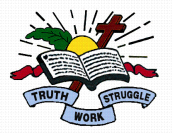
Lector: Claudia Bertasso

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*And if we too have said like Peter, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God,' not as if flesh and blood had revealed it unto us, but by the light from the Father in heaven having shone in our heart, we become a Peter, and to us there might be said by the Word, 'Thou art Peter,' etc. For a rock is every disciple of Christ of whom those drank who drank of the spiritual rock which followed them, and upon every such rock is built every word of the Church, and the polity in accordance with it; for in each of the perfect, who have the combination of words and deeds and thoughts which fill up the blessedness, is the church built by God. – Origen*

**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 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**
- **HOLY MASS at 11am**
- **September 8th: Solemnity – Nativity of the B.V.M.**
- **September 11th: 13th Anniversary Prayer Service**
- **September 14th: Solemnity – Brotherly Love**
- **September 21st: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Back to Church Sunday**

## A life full of riches.

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! ... For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

God's judgments testify to His righteousness, as well as to His wisdom. God knows how to catch those who oppose him in their own snares by allowing them to fall, not by His doing, but by their own free will and choices that oppose Him. In contrast with His judgments, His ways are the way of grace that lead to eternal life for those who chose Him. How wonderful and wise are His judgments and ways! They make us rich.

Looking back at history and even our lives we can truly marvel at His wisdom. Consider how He: Has mercy on the disobedient;

Gathers us out of the many peoples, Jews and Gentiles, into a people who are His own; Uses us to convert others; and Preserves the world despite malice and evil until we have built His kingdom through the grace He gives us.

His wisdom is entirely immeasurable and unfathomable; His judgments and ways are inscrutable and incomprehensible. So lies the emphasis: This powerful and incomprehensible God joins Himself to humanity and sacrificed Himself all so we might be drawn up to be like Him; so that we may enter into glory after glory. So that by the freedom He allows we may chose for Him and bring others to Him.

God wants the salvation of all people, has revealed Himself to us, has shown us the way we should go, has called upon us to proclaim Him and invite others to know Him, and has left us the tremendous promise of eternal life and glory even though we lack His perfection and fall at times.

Paul confirms that the judgments and ways of God are inscrutable and untraceable with three questions, which he borrows from Isaiah and Job: *For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?*

Paul reminds us that everything that is and will be has its beginning in God, is carried out by God, and serves God's purposes. God needs nothing and we can offer Him nothing – excepting this: our faith, like Peter, our declaration that He is our God.

God asks us to come into relationship with Him and each other. He shows us the way and gives us the words that can make all our lives rich and complete.

*To him be glory forever!* Paul makes this great exclamation, calling on us to give glory to God for His judgments and His ways; for the riches He gives to all who by faith in Him build His kingdom and join together in His life.

*Christ did die for all of us. He died so we would no longer live for ourselves, but for the one who died and was raised to life for us.*

**2 Corinthians 5:15**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Isaiah 22:22

MONDAY: Revelation 3:7

TUESDAY: Luke 11:52

WEDNESDAY: Revelation 1:18

THURSDAY: Revelation 20:1

FRIDAY: John 7:24

SATURDAY: Romans 12:1-2

## Pray

Lord Jesus, give me the grace to recognize that You are the Key to true life and to act in accord with Your way.

## B.V.M. of Częstochowa

On August 26th we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lady 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 Miraculous Image. 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 that "My grace shall accompany it." Thus began the wonderful history of the painting. Miracle upon miracle has been attributed to the intercession of Mary by persons praying before the portrait.

## Back to Church Sunday

On September 21st, over 30,000 churches across America, including ours, will join together to invite their communities back to church!

Back to Church Sunday is a campaign strategically designed to help churches reach out and invite everyone – your family, friends, and neighbors – to try church again. This powerful movement encourages church attendance by inspiring and empowering all of us to invite our neighbors, friends and loved ones to a special Sunday service designed just for them. In 2013, over 23,100 churches participated in this growing national movement and on average saw a 31% increase in their attendance on that day! This year we are praying for 30,000 churches to come together and bring spiritual renewal to their communities through Back to Church Sunday!

## 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 Sunday, September 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...

## 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: The communities of Munich and Dachau, Germany served by Very Rev. Klaus Mass and Rev. Dieter H. Kniese.

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.