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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 26, 2012

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time XXI Niedziela zwykła

August 26, 2012

Rite: Deacon Missal

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

Psalm: Ps 24:2-3,16-21

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Intention: For all parishioners living and deceased

Worship leader: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXII Niedziela zwykła

September 2, 2012

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal, 11am Pew Missal, page 63

First reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Psalm: 15:2-5

R. One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Epistle: James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Intention: For all parishioners living and deceased

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

Celebrant: 11am Mark Gnidzinski

Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Confirmation class
- Holy Mass at 11am

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits — Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health 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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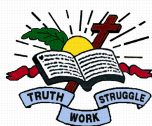
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Upcoming...

Month of August

bring in food to help the hungry –
collection occurring all month. God bless
your charity.

- August 26: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Youth Sunday, Solemnity of Our Lady of Częstochowa
- September 1: Track & Field Meet
- September 2: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- September 3: Labor Day
- September 9: Solemnity of Brotherly Love
- September 11th: 11th Ann. 9/11/01
- September 14: Exaltation of the Cross/Consecration of Bishops
- September 16: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Back to Church Sunday

Figure it out!

Is it math?

Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life."

Jesus has the answer.

When we are confronted by struggles, by conflicts, by different paths that might pull us away from God's path, that is the mantra we should focus on – Jesus has the answer.

We have been hearing about the Bread of Life for several weeks. We veered off from Mark's Gospel, which is the standard gospel for Sunday's this year, and focused on John 6 – Jesus speaking of Himself as the Bread of Life – for five weeks. I thought to myself – is anyone sick of bread yet. Well, some of the disciples were. They found Jesus' word hard, too much; they decided to veer off into other paths. Maybe they went to look

for the doughnuts of life, or the Doritos of life, or whichever pursuit might better fulfill their lives. Maybe they thought they could figure it out on their own, rely on themselves, and maybe even – not be so accountable.

As the disciples slip away we find the moment where Judas began to doubt, where the seeds of betrayal were set.

Jesus' teaching, and its emphasis on whole-hearted, personal commitment to Him, antagonized people, and fewer supported Him. Remember after feeding the 5,000 the people wanted to make Jesus an earthly king. Judas, a member of the Zealot party wanted that too. He wanted Israel to regain earthly power under an earthly king. He thought Jesus would be that charismatic and dynamic king, and would use His miracles to achieve those ends. Judas' commitment was to the politics of life. He saw Jesus' earthly

attraction and power slipping away, and his heart never really figured out that Jesus has the answer.

Peter and the other disciples stand in stark contrast. They were the exception. They repeated to themselves, and here publically their whole-hearted personal commitment to Jesus.

They knew that there was no better place to go. Commitment to family, politics, Doritos, any other attraction would never outshine their commitment to Jesus. Every one of them proved it with lives dedicated to Jesus.

Jesus is life and has all we need – the answers, the bread, the water, and the light. His words of life are words that carry life with them. In the same way, His bread, light, and water carry life with them. He gives everything we need to truly live – and live forever. When we are confronted with figuring it out, finding our way, we find the answer in Jesus. Jesus is not just an answer; He is the answer.

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:16

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Joshua 24:14-27
MONDAY: Jeremiah 31:31-34
TUESDAY: Jeremiah 31:35-37
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 16:24-26
THURSDAY: Romans 12:1-2
FRIDAY: John 10:1-10
SATURDAY: Matthew 4:19; 9:9

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may commit to You, for there is no one else to whom I can go.

School – not far off

We have an active and on-going Confirmation class. We are now signing students up for our School of Christian living, which will begin mid-September. It is every parent's duty and obligation to see to the spiritual education of their children. Godparents are similarly obligated toward their godchildren. We are here to assist in delivering knowledge of the faith through SOCL. Also remember, no one is too old to learn or make one's confirmation. We welcome all students.

Youth Sunday

Our Holy Church marks this last Sunday in August as Youth Sunday. Let us take time this Sunday to pray for our youth.

May our Lord bless and protect our young people, our children. May He always guide and protect them so that they will not fall into danger. May He protect their steps, their studies, their play, and their travels. May the Holy Spirit guide their minds and their hearts, so they grow in knowledge and wisdom. May Jesus stand as their light and way of life, with His gospel as their guide. May they always be cognizant of their baptismal commitment and their place in the community of faith – the Holy Church. May their parents and the adults in their lives be right and worthy examples of Christian life. We ask all this in Jesus name. Amen.

News and Sports

Track & Field Meet: The 84th Y.M.S. of R. Track and Field Meet will take place on Saturday, September 1st. Track and field activities will begin at 8:30 AM at the Y.M.S. or R. Park in Minooka, PA and will continue until 9:45 AM followed by Holy Mass at 10 AM Mass at the Grotto. Food and Refreshments will be served following Mass. At 12:30 PM track and field activities will resume until approximately 4:30 PM.

Consecration of Bishops: Friday, September 14th at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton. Please let Deacon Jim know if you would like to attend.

Of note...

Coffee Hour: We are taking a break from our weekly coffee hours for the summer months. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every week. You truly help to build the family of God as we gather for physical substance on Sunday morning.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has

Praying for...

Janimine Russo, Kay Kaminski, 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 Haberlan, 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, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, John Humme, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Prime Bishop Emeritus Robert Nemkovich, George Damouni, Kindlon Family

- 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 who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: St. Mary's Parish, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, its congregation and pastor Fr. Tadeusz Czelen.

Bless them, O Lord!
Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

many organizations that need you? God calls us to work together for the good of our community, in support of each other, and for the needs of the Church. 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.

Serendipity Calendar: What a fun way to support the parish and potentially WIN! The Serendipity Calendar allows you to choose one or more numbers between 001 and 999. If your number is drawn in the day's NYS Lottery Daily Numbers game, you win. The cost for each number chance is \$20.