

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time XXI Niedziela zwykła

Youth Sunday

August 27, 2017

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Isaiah 22:19-23 Psalm: Ps. 138:1-3,6,8

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 sp. Leonard Ordon Sr.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki Lector: 9:30am Joe Kaczynski, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- First Communion/Confirmation classes.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Memorial Service for Paul Peterson at 1:30pm

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXII Niedziela zwykła

September 3, 2017

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm: Ps. 63:3-6,8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Epistle: Romans 12:1-2 Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

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the Lord had asked His disciples, among the various opinions of others, what they themselves believed, or thought about Him: whereat the Apostle Peter, by the revelation of the most High Father passing beyond things corporeal and surmounting things human by the eyes of his mind, saw Him to be Son of the living God, and acknowledged the glory of the Godhead, because he looked not at the substance of His flesh and blood alone—St. Leo 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 27: Youth Sunday, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Memorial Service for Paul Peterson at 1:30pm.
- August 28: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm
- August 29: Solemnity Beheading of St. John the Baptist.
- September 3: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- September 4: Labor Day
- September 8: Nativity of the B.V.M.
- September 10: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- September 11: Prayer Service 16th Anniversary of 9/11/2001 at 7pm.
- September 14: Solemnity Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
- September 15: Solemnity Holy Mother of Sorrows.
- September 17: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Back to Church Sunday. 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.

What is our presence?

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Jesus asks a pretty tough question today. "Who do people say I am?" It is a very human question. I am pretty sure I have wondered and asked the same question. Perhaps many of you as well. What do people think of me? How do people perceive me?

The answer to Jesus' question lies in how we respond to His presence. Do we fully live and proclaim His presence or do we just recognize it?

Some social scientists tell us that people assume different personalities, or different 'presences,' based on who they are with or where they are. Their theory is that we care so much about what others think that we change who we are to meet their perceptions. We are one way at work, another with

friends or family, another at church, another when we are alone, maybe even another way when we are dreaming. We put on different 'suits' to fit the party we are attending.

What do we put on for Jesus' party? What suit do we put on when we go to church? This isn't a sermon about how we dress. Frankly, that does not matter. So, we will stay away from clothing. But we will focus on presence.

Presence is a funny word.
Webster's would say that presence is the fact or condition of being in a place or time. It can also mean the way we carry ourselves.

Being in church or at church is about being in a place and at a time. The way we carry ourselves, our outward behaviors at church, is also about presence. We easily meet Webster's definition of presence. So, we are here.

Is being present, is the 'suit' we are wearing today, enough of an

answer to Jesus' question? It is an answer, but is only the beginning of an answer.

Peter took a huge risk blurting out his understanding of Jesus' identity as God among us. He moved from just living in Jesus' presence to being fully in and of Jesus. Full on committed.

Like Peter, we need to move from just wearing an outward suit, from a following along, from just being a consumer of God's presence, to full on, fully involved faith.

There is big risk in taking off our suit (thankfully I'm not talking about clothes). We are not protected anymore. We cannot just walk away after church. We have to live in the presence of Christ in an ongoing and involved way. We must become people in and of Jesus, making Him present by our genuine presence every day – keeping Him real. We must be willing to show and tell the world – this is Jesus – God here.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

John 4:24

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 37:5-6 MONDAY: Hebrews 9:24 TUESDAY: John 6:55-56 WEDNESDAY: Exodus 33:14 THURSDAY: Psalm 16:11 FRIDAY: Jeremiah 29:13 SATURDAY: John 14:26

Pray

Lord, grant that I may move from being a religious consumer to living continually in Your presence..

Summer Food Collection

We have begun our annual summer food collection for those in need locally. Hunger knows no season and need isn't limited to Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Lent. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Please leave your donations by the Mary altar now through August 31st.

Summer Picnic Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our summer picnic. Thank you to all who did so much to prepare and who donated such great food. It was the best and largest picnic ever.

National Women's Conference

"Who Am I?" – The first ever PNCC National Women's Conference will be held at the Erie Courtyard Marriott & Bayfront Conference Center in Erie, PA from October 18-21, 2017. There is a discount for registrations received by August 15th. The National Board considers the conference a gathering, a getaway, a retreat, and an event all wrapped together to provide a venue for women to learn, rediscover, and discuss topics that impact their daily lives. Dr. Donna Yarri, Professor of Theology at Alvernia University, will be the conference leader and keynote speaker. She is a researcher and educator in the areas of religion and science, medical ethics, religion and popular culture, social justice, and ethical treatment of animals.

Spójnia Sunday

On September 24th, we commemorate the historic association of the Polish National Union (PNU) and the Polish National Catholic Church and reaffirm the commitment of the PNU in the many fields of Christian endeavor. For more information on the PNU please contact the PNU Home Office at 1-800-724-6352. Join in for the HOW THE PNU HAS HELPED YOU CONTEST - Think of the many benefits the PNU has offered through the years and come up with a creative way to show others "How the PNU Has Helped You." Create a short video, photo collage, musical performance, poster, or some unique way for you to demonstrate the benefit you've received as a member of the PNU. The winner will receive \$500 and the runner-up will receive \$250. Deadline for submission is October 16th.

Youth Sunday

Today is Youth Sunday throughout the Church. On this day, all of our parishes are asked to offer prayers for the youth of our church and of our communities. We will accept also a special collection after Mass to benefit the Youth Fund of the Church. These donations help the parish to defray the cost of attending national Youth Convocations and Kurs. Your generosity is appreciated.

S+P Leonard Ordon Sr.

Former parishioner, Leonard Ordon Sr., entered into eternal life on Wednesday, August 23rd. Leonard was the brother-in-law; James (Dorothy) Morrison. A visitation will be held at the Bond Funeral Home this evening from 5 to 8 pm. Today's Holy Mass is offered in his memory. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Robert & Stephanie Dominy, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepkowski, <u>Derek</u> Westcott, <u>Dolores</u> Konicki, <u>Pastor Tom</u> Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Donnie Wright, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Richard and Suzette Place, Amanda Carr, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, Daniel Dilanne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo Dilanne, Cassandra Wade, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, All in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. <u>Michael Angehr</u>, <u>Mark Collins</u>, <u>Pattric Jones</u>.
- 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 Holy Cross Parish, Woodland Park, NJ. Rev. Joseph Cyman, Pastor.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is on summer break. Thank you to all who assisted with this ministry of hospitality. See you in September.

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.