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Faith

be Bigger than your Fear

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 28, 2016

## 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 12:18-19,22-24

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.

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXIII Niedziela Zwykła

September 4, 2016

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

First reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm: Ps 90:3-6,12-17

**In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Epistle: Philemon 9-10,12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

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

*But in Heaven there is nothing of this to fear—lest after a man is dead, his enemy should come, and succeed to his inheritance. For there there is neither death nor enmity; the tabernacles of the saints are permanent abodes; and among those saints is exultation, joy, gladness. For the voice of rejoicing (it is said) is in the tabernacles of the righteous. They are eternal, having no end. They do not fall down through age, they do not change their owners, but stand continually in their best estate. With good reason. For there is nothing corruptible, nor perishable there, but all is immortal, and undefiled. On this building let us exhaust all our wealth. – St. John Chrysostom*

**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 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. Coffee Hour resumes. Please sign-up to help.**
- **September 14: Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
- **September 15: Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows**
- **September 18: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Back to Church Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Welcome Back Brunch.**

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 kind of  
Amazing Grace?

*Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.*

The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews is asking his Jewish listeners to fully perceive the fork in the road they had come to.

The Children of Israel once stood at the foot of Mount Sinai as Moses ascended the mountain. The

mountain was covered in cloud, with lightning, fire, and various terrors. The earth quaked, and the trumpet of heaven sounded The Law was given. The people stood in terror and covered their ears.

Facing God, the people understood their own limitations. They knew they were sinful and unworthy. Isaiah had a similar experience. In meeting God, Isaiah says: “Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.” Isaiah didn’t know that he was such a bad guy and had a dirty mouth, but then he saw God in all His holiness. The instant he saw God’s holiness, he was aware of his own sinfulness. Even his smallest sin was terrifying.

God’s plan was that we should not live in fear and dread forever. Those moments, however, are instructive to us for we do not realize the extent of our sin before a holy God. The journey of Israel is meant to teach us the vast

difference that Jesus has made. Thus the writer shows the Jewish people and us our choice. Do we chose to live back there, in fear and dread, under the Law, only recognizing that Amazing Grace has taught my heart to fear or instead that Amazing Grace my fears relieved.

God’s Law was His first offer of grace and His Son’s coming was the fulfillment of all grace. Jesus has changed all and now we stand in a new place. Yes, recognizing our utter lack of worthiness before the Father but also recognizing that when the Father looks at us He sees Jesus salvation. We stand in a new place, on Mount Zion.

We honor this day as Youth Sunday in our Church. We all face choices. Do I live in fear and dread every day of my life or do I live in joy and the glory of Zion. The world or law cannot offer this joy, only Jesus can. Let us stand together choosing to accept Jesus' amazing grace, knowing His joy.

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Hebrews 4:16

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Colossians 3:15  
MONDAY: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18  
TUESDAY: Philippians 4:13  
WEDNESDAY: 1 Corinthians 15:10  
THURSDAY: Acts 20:32  
FRIDAY: Proverbs 3:5-6  
SATURDAY: Ephesians 2:8

Pray

Lord, fill me with Your grace.  
Refresh me with Your joy each day.

Prayers for Neopresbyter Donald

Yesterday I was honored to attend the ordination of our new priest, Fr. Donald Wunderlich who was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki. Let us continue to pray: *O Almighty God, look mercifully upon Thy Church and incline he hearts of many of her sons to offer themselves for the work of the sacred priesthood, so that by their labors Thy light may shine in the darkness of the world and the coming of Thy kingdom may be hastened by the perfecting of Thine elect. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* — A Prayer for the Increase of Priests from A Book of Devotions and Prayers According to the Use of the PNCC.

Prayer for Youth

*Father we praise You, for You are a God who meets every need of Your children, like a shepherd providing for his sheep. We thank You for the young people of our parish, those who attend regularly and those who are part of our extended parish family. As they prepare to begin a new school year, we ask for Your blessing upon them. Guide our youth in all their endeavors. Help them to use their time wisely, to be diligent in their studies, to be discerning in their choice of friends and activities, and most importantly, to remember that they belong to You. Place people in their paths who will encourage them and support them to make wise choices and who will steer them away from trouble and closer to You. Help our young people to remember that we, their parish family, love them and want what is best for them. May they know that our prayers are always with them. We make this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in unity with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

Parish and Community Picnic

Thank you to all who set up for, brought food for, and attended our parish and community picnic last Sunday. It was really great and the Lord blessed us in every way. We have so much to be thankful for!!!

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.

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 Węglinski, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepkowski, 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 Holy Family Parish, North Java, NY, Rev. Matthew Kawiak and Rev. Don Seekins.

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.