



## 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

Intention: for deceased of the Dąbrowski, Hoffman, and Papiski-Page families.  
Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki  
Lector: 9:30am Daniel Diianne, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Exposition & Benediction
- First Communion/Confirmation classes.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

## Solemnity of Brotherly Love

### Święto Braterskiej Miłości

August 27, 2017  
Rite: Pew Missal, page 39, Canon, page 52.  
First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm: Ps 85:9-14  
R. Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.  
Epistle: 1 John 4:17-21  
Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Intention: for the people of Texas and Louisiana.  
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 (Hodur Rite).
- First Communion/Confirmation classes.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Hodur Rite).

***Behold, for years and generations, the way of God has been leveled by the cross and by death. How is this with thee, that thou seest the afflictions of the way as if they were out of the way? Doest not thou wish to follow the steps of the saints? Or doest thou wish to go a way which is especially for thee, without suffering? The way unto God is a daily cross. No one can ascend unto heaven with comfort, we know where the way of comfort leads. – St. Isaac the Syrian***

**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...

- **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. Coffee hour resumes.**
- **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. Breakfast. PLEASE INVITE SOMEONE.**
- **September 18: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.**
- **September 21: Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist.**
- **September 24: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Spójnia Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. SOCL Classes Resume.**

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.

Why take it?

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

A question some of us face as we serve the Lord is, ‘Why should I take it?’

I started taking it in my youth. I was in church every day, so I heard today’s gospel and God’s word along this theme over and over. It may not have made much of an impression on me except for the fact that I was that odd kid. You know, the kind other kids either do not like or cannot relate to. Today, we call those kids victims of bullying. In my day, there was no label. you just suffered. By my teenage years the world finally found a label for me – nerd. Nerd - a foolish or contemptible person who lacks social skills.

Why was I odd – I had no dad. My father died when I was four. Forget father-son events. I had no one to teach me boy things – sports and such, and I was uncoordinated anyway – I’m sure you’ve noticed. I lived in a house full of women, so I got them. I learned to cook and clean – what a nerd.

Beyond that, I liked being with adults. Most of my relatives were significantly older – so I learned how to talk to them and relate with them. On the other hand, I never really learned how to relate with my peers.

Oh, and I loved church. While many saw it as an obligation, I just loved being there. I found Jesus’ parables to be the best stories ever – I got them. And best of all, Jesus said that if *lose my life*, if *I am persecuted for His sake*, I will have everlasting life, eternal joy. So, I learned to take it. I didn’t fight back or resist. I had reason to take it. Ironically, for all my love of the church, I still had to take attempts at abuse from my pastor. Even in

God’s house I couldn’t be safe.

Somewhere in my school career, that all came together. I learned the term: unconditional love. God loves each of us totally. We cannot earn it, pay for it, give anything for it. He just loves us. Cooking, cleaning, uncoordinated, nerd – He loves me. That’s why. I should serve the Lord and take it for His love.

As I became successful I lost my innocence. I learned to fight back, to stand my ground. As that happened I grew further and further from the Church and serving God. That’s the consequence, isn’t it? If we stop living sacrificial lives, if we want to gain and win, we lose.

Thankfully, God’s love will not let us be. Like Jeremiah, we cannot resist serving Him. Our thirst for God’s unconditional love is greater than any person, persecution, or challenge. Why should I take it? Why should I serve? For greater love, for life!

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

2 Timothy 3:12

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 15:18  
MONDAY: Matthew 5:44  
TUESDAY: 1 Peter 4:12-14  
WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 3:17  
THURSDAY: Matthew 5:10  
FRIDAY: Luke 6:22  
SATURDAY: 1 John 3:13

Pray

Lord, grant that I may resist the allure of acceptance and success and remain faithful to You.

Summer Food Collection

We have ended our annual summer food collection for those in need locally. Thank you for your support!

Youth Commission Raffle

The PNU is hosting a raffle to benefit its College Stipend Program. Donations for tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10. The First Prize is \$400 cash; Second Prize is a Beats Pill Plus Bluetooth Speaker; and Third Prize is an Apple TV. Tickets are available on the back table.

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.

Construction Ahead

Since the beginning of 2012, we have taken on twenty-two major infrastructure projects. This month we are replacing the entire sidewalk along the side of the church and have made major repairs to the church hall floor with the entire floor soon to be updated. Thank you to Pete and Darryl for the floor work to date. Of course, these are expensive projects and your donations would help...

If you wish to help with our sidewalk or hall projects your donation would be very welcome. You can even donate online at the parish website.

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 Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom 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 DiIanne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo DiIanne, 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. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Pattie 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 Church of the Holy Trinity and St. Joseph, Linden, NJ. Rev. Jan Kość, Pastor.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour resumes on September 10th. your support and assistance are needed for this ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to take a week.

**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.

Of note...

--- Holy Name: A Place to Belong ---