

the BLESSED LIFE

focus

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

Solemnity of Brotherly Love Święto Braterskiej Miłości

September 9, 2012
Rite: Deacon Missal
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 an increase in love and respect for all people

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXIV Niedziela zwykła Back to Church Sunday

September 16, 2012
Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal
First reading: Isaiah 50:5-9
Psalm: 114:1-6,8-9
R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
Epistle: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Intention: For all parishioners living and deceased

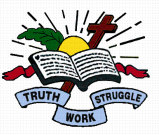
Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki
Lector: Marilyn Heitala

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

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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Upcoming...

Month of September

Invite someone to church this week. God seeks a relationship with all people.

- 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

And who is my...

Everyone.

"you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other."

The exercise of brotherly love takes two forms.

The first is exercising love toward our family in the faith. Within the Church, and with fellow Christians, we are to live as joined together in tender affection, such as the love between parents and children. This means that Christians should have similar feelings toward each other, as belonging to the same family, and as united in the same principles and interests.

The second is exercising love toward all of humanity. As the Good Samaritan, we must look at every person with love and compassion, treating them as brothers and sisters.

This might seem easy when a person we do not know is in need. We still feel the tug to help, to do something for them – we are following Christ's teaching. But, what happens when a person we do not know is cruel toward us, toward the Church in general, or toward all Christians?

We may never be able to turn their hearts of our own accord, but with Christ's help we must love. Here is how:

First, we need to trust in Jesus' word. Hearing it is one thing, but carrying it out is another. That's harder – we have to admit that. But, pause for a moment and think, how would Jesus want me to respond. We will always come back to responding with love.

Next, we need to express that love. The best way to start is in prayer. Pray for that person, that whatever troubles them be removed, that

their heart be healed and turned. Follow up by expressions of brotherly love. This could be as simple as not responding in kind.

Do not return a bad word for a bad word. Do not return a scowl with a scowl. Rather, return love, a smile, an expression of kindness and empathy.

Throughout the history of faith, Christians have been known as doing crazy things – things the world does not understand. The hardest thing for the world to understand is love toward strangers and most especially toward those who are not kind to us.

If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic.

God taught us how to love. It is not always easy, both within our family of faith and toward all of humanity. Therefore, let's exercise our brotherly love at all times – and grow strong in love.

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor."

Romans 12:10

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 13:34

MONDAY: Philippians 2:3

TUESDAY: 1 Thessalonians 4:9

WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 13:1

THURSDAY: 1 Peter 2:17

FRIDAY: 2 Peter 1:7

SATURDAY: Ephesians 5:21

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that Your word penetrate our hearts so we may love completely.

School of Christian Living

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.

Back to Church – 9/16

There is so much to do, to accomplish as a parish family. That work is God's work, His hands at action in the world through us. He needs more hands on deck to do the job. Invite someone today!

Brotherly Love

Since 1906 our Church has celebrated this unique solemnity. At the time it was instituted members of our Church were confronted with antagonism, vitriol, and outright hatred. Even family and former pastors condemned them to hell. Instead of responding in kind, the delegates of the 1906 Synod voted to establish this feast day to be celebrated annually. Their focus and ours to this day is to always respond as Jesus taught, with love. In our world there is still so much animosity and violence, and far too much of it is legitimated by "religion." Our prayers for Brotherly Love are as needed now as they were over a century ago, maybe even more so. Let us celebrate today and re-commit to living our Jesus' commandments of love.

News and Sports

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

Diocesan Synod: October 12-13 is our Diocesan Synod. Elected delegates from every parish, clergy, as well as diocesan and national organizations will gather to review the accomplishments of the past four years and to plan for the future. Robert Dominy was elected as our delegate. He and Deacon Jim will attend. Share your ideas for the future with them so they can share those with our diocesan family.

Of note...

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour returns Sunday, September 16th with a special breakfast to welcome all those we have invited to join us on Back to Church Sunday. 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.

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 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, 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. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral Parish, Scranton, PA, its congregation and pastor Bishop John Mack.

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

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has 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.