



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

Solemnity of Brotherly Love Święto Braterskiej Miłości

September 13, 2015

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: 9:30 - For the Renewal of Brotherly Love in the World.

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

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (PNCC Rite)
- Breakfast, First Communion Class.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (PNCC Rite)

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXV Niedziela zwykła

September 20, 2015

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

First reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20

Psalm: Ps 54:3-6,8

The Lord upholds my life.

Epistle: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Intention: 9:30 – For all seeking the Lord

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Brunch, First Communion Class.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Free Lunch

Well then, it is not for us, brethren, to enlarge your heart: obtain from God the gift to love one another. Love all men, even your enemies, not because they are your brethren, but that they may be your brethren; that you may be at all times on fire with brotherly love, whether toward him that has become your brother, or towards your enemy, so that, by being beloved, he may become your brother. Wheresoever ye love a brother, you love a friend. Now is he with you, now is he knit to you in unity, yea catholic unity. If you are living aright, you love a brother made out of an enemy.
– St. Augustine

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- 437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **September 13: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Special Breakfast**
- **September 14: Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.**
- **September 15: Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows**
- **September 20: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**
- **September 21: Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**
- **September 26: First Confession and Confessions at 11am**
- **September 27: Holy Mass and First Holy Communion at 9:30 and Holy Mass at 11:30am. Special Breakfast**
- **September 29: Feast – St. Michael, Archangel**

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.

Seeking to be justified.

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

After the lawyer gave Jesus the correct answer on the Law of Love Jesus was well pleased. Wouldn't it be great to hear God say to us: "You have answered right?"

The lawyer goes on to ask Jesus: "And who is my neighbor?" The layer was seeking to justify himself – in other words to see if Jesus would say that his way of life was the correct path, that he had done

rightly not just in words, but in his life.

It is easy to give Jesus the right words. We can do this every Sunday in prayer and worship. We can do it in talking to others. But words are not enough. The lawyer knew this much.

In the lawyer's mind he thought he knew the answer – my neighbor is my people – the Israelites were his only neighbors – and he expected that Jesus would confirm his opinion.

Jesus goes into the great Parable of the Good Samaritan. The lawyer would have recognized his neighbors as the priest and the Levite, but something went wrong. They didn't follow through on the Law of Love toward their fellow Israelite. They walked on. Then this non-Israelite did something amazing, he lived out the Law of Love.

Could the lawyer possibly be justified if he did not believe and

act similarly? The lawyer could walk away thinking that Jesus was completely off base, but wouldn't he have to wonder? Was he truly justified if he wouldn't live and act as the Samaritan had acted?

We have two challenges. The first is to consider our instinct. How do we feel about the lawyer, the priest, and the Levite at a gut level? Of course we're on the side of Jesus and the Samaritan – but what about them? They are easy to dislike. Maybe they are not quite enemies, but not our kind of people? The challenge is to see them with eyes, hearts, minds, strength, and soul as our brothers. We are to love them and forgive their failings as Jesus would.

The second challenge is to move beyond just saying words of love – to extend the totality of our love – a love with eyes, hearts, minds, strength, and soul – to everyone. Then we will truly be justified and live-forever hearing Jesus say - "You have answered right?"

Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Time to Study God's Word

- SUNDAY: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
- MONDAY: John 13:34-35
- TUESDAY: Colossians 3:14
- WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 4:8
- THURSDAY: Proverbs 10:12
- FRIDAY Romans 12:9
- SATURDAY: Romans 12:10

Pray

Lord Jesus, move me beyond words to placing the love You have given me into action.

Solemnity of Brotherly

In 1906 our Church gathered for a Special Synod due to attacks against our young denomination from both within and without the Church. As the delegates gathered they decided to not respond in kind. Rather, the lay and clergy delegates instituted the Solemnity of Brotherly Love. We would emphasize Christ's teaching of love one another and even love your enemies.

Thank you to all who participated in the Solemnity of Brotherly Webinar last Wednesday. Prime Bishop Mikovsky led us in a wonderful spiritual reflection on the meaning of Brotherly Love.

Upcoming Events – Back to Church

- September 13 – Chopin Piano Performance at BVMC parish
- September 14 – Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm.
- September 20 – Back to Church Sunday.
- September 26 – Polish Genealogy & Food Sale at BVMC Parish
- October 18 – Ladies Tea & Fashion Show at BVMC Parish

We will be participating in Back to Church Sunday once again on Sunday, September 20th. This campaign is strategically designed to help us reach out and invite everyone to try church again. We empower you (part of our democratic tradition) to invite your neighbors, friends and loved ones to enjoy a special Sunday service designed just for them. Let us continue to work together to bring spiritual renewal to our families and community through Back to Church Sunday!

Rummage Sale and Craft Fair Help Needed

Fall is quickly approaching and that means getting ready for our Fall events – the Rummage Sale and Craft Fair. The Rummage and Bake Sale will be help Saturday, October 24th. You may drop off items for the Rummage Sale in the parish hall.

The Craft Fair along with our Polish Kitchen will be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 10-5 at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center. Help is needed as follows: Helping SOCL kids make crafts for their table. Help with setting up on Saturday Oct. 2nd 5:30-9pm at the Rotterdam Senior Center. Help with a few baskets being made for our festival. Pierogi making on Sept. 25th & 26th and Golumbki making on Oct. 1st & 2nd at Stephanie's house, 8 Hillview Ave., Rensselaer. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

Holy Mass Intentions

Reminder... you can ask Father Jim to offer Holy Mass for any intention. Just see Fr. Jim and let him know what you want.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is September 20th. 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...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzyninski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Martha Fields, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Lisa Wilson, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox.

- 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 Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish, Osówka, Poland and its pastor Rev. Aleksander Bielec.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour begins again on September 13th. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week starting again September 13th.

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.

--- Please think of inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus ---