



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXIV Niedziela zwykła
BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY – BELONGING

September 17, 2017
Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.
First reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7
Psalm: Ps. 103:1-4,9-12
The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.
Epistle: Romans 14:7-9
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Intention: for all in search of belonging.
Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki
Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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September 24, 2017
Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.
First reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm: Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18
R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.
Epistle: Philippians 1:20-24,27
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Intention: all members of Spójnia, living and departed.
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).
- Coffee Hour/First Communion/Confirmation classes.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

Christians love one another. They do not overlook the widow, and they save the orphan. The one who has ministers ungrudgingly to the one who does not have. When they see a stranger, they take him under their own roof and rejoice over him as a true brother, for they do not call themselves brothers according to the flesh but according to the soul. – St. Aristides the Athenian

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 17: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Back to Church Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Breakfast. WELCOME!**
- **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.**
- **September 29: Feast – St. Michael the Archangel.**
- **October 1: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Blessing of Pets. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **October 2: Feast – Guardian Angels.**
- **October 4: Commemoration – St. Francis of Assisi.**
- **October 7: Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary.**
- **October 8: Solemnity of the Christian Family. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **October 9: Columbus Day.**

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.

You BELONG!

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Everyone needs a place to belong. A place that fits you like a favorite pair of jeans or that comfortable sweater. A place where you feel welcome. A place that makes you strong, that supports you, that stirs you up. That’s the way we’re made – to be together—experiencing life with others. And yet, Vance Packard calls America “a nation of strangers” and studies show that 4 out of 10 people experience feeling of intense loneliness. Peek behind the curtain and you’ll find people hungering for fellowship, community, and family.

The Bible uses a lot of metaphors to describe the church, but the most persistent is that of belonging to a family. In the New Testament, believers call each other brothers and sisters and, in his letter to the Church at Ephesus, Paul writes: “Now you...are not foreigners or strangers any longer, but are citizens together with God’s holy people. You belong to God’s family”

Maybe there’s a pew here that fits you just right. Maybe you’re as comfortable here as you are in your favorite pajamas. On the other hand, maybe you’re here for the first time or for the first time in a long time. Maybe you never felt like you really belong somewhere. Maybe you’ve never known the blessing of being a part of something as big as the family of God! Either way, I’d like to share with you something that Solomon wrote about the benefits of belonging:

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lay down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. In his unparalleled wisdom, King Solomon says, “Two people are better than one...” He then goes on to describe three benefits of

belonging: strength, support, and warmth.

Strength – Solomon saw a principle that holds —none of us can do alone what all of us can do together. There is strength in numbers. You know how it is when church has events. There never seems to be volunteers to go around, but when a few people join together, miracles start happening. None of us can do everything, but all of us can do something. We are strong together.

The Jerusalem church was a hodgepodge of believers from a lot of backgrounds, with different personalities, and sometimes conflicting opinions, yet they found a way to work together. They understood there is strength in numbers. And because they did, lives were changed—history was changed. Our belonging here, our joining ourselves to Christ, makes the same miracles happen today.

Support - belonging to a church family provides support. Solomon anticipated the “I’ve fallen and I cannot get up” commercial. “Two are better off than one, because...If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad, because there is no one to help him.”

Jesus is all about helping people up, isn’t He? He helped the dead to rise, He helped Peter when he was sinking. He helped the woman caught in adultery and publically humiliated to stand again. Jesus set the example and asked us to live it. That’s what we’re supposed to do for one another. Belonging to God’s family provides us with the strength to get more done and the support we need to get through troubled times.

Warmth - Belonging to a church family provides spiritual warmth. “Two people are better off than one, for... two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone?” While this is practical advice for a nomadic people living in the desert, it also serves as spiritual metaphor. You don’t have to live in a tent in the tundra to feel cold and alone. When someone is separated, alone, apart from family, our fire starts to

go out and our spirits grow cold.

That warmth you feel as we worship together here today—that’s your coals being stirred. That’s your passion for Jesus, your love for God and for people being rekindled. Belonging to a church family that you worship with and fellowship with fans the flames and keeps you spiritually warm and truly alive.

Everyone needs a place where they belong, where people smile when you arrive and say, “See you soon!” when you leave. Maybe your family is far away, maybe you're feeling alone, or maybe you could just use a new friend or two. God doesn’t just call us to believe; he calls us to belong.

The entire Bible is the story of God building a family that will support, strengthen, and stir one another up to love—and he created you to belong to it. Belonging, we can say together *Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 100:3

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: John 10:27-28
MONDAY: Romans 14:8
TUESDAY: 1 Corinthians 6:19
WEDNESDAY: Galatians 3:28
THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
FRIDAY: 1 John 3.1
SATURDAY: 1 John 4:4

Pray

Lord, help me to recognize that I belong to You, and because I belong to You, I belong to the great family of faith.

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, Sandra Tatlock, 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 Church of the Resurrection, Brooklyn, NY. Rev. Andrzej Koterba, Pastor.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour resumes today. 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...

Welcome
We are that place where people can belong. We are so happy you are here. Please join us for breakfast after Holy Mass. If you have any questions, just ask. Sing it out – I belong!

Out of Darkness
The 4th Schenectady Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a walk to fight suicide. The walk will take place on Saturday, September 30th starting at the Pavilion in Central Park, Schenectady. Check-in starts at 12pm and the opening program at walk starts at 1pm. You can register at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention or on site starting at noon. Come join us.

All Saints – 80th Anniversary
All Saints parish in Rome, NY is celebrating its 80th anniversary along with confirmations on Saturday, September 23rd. Holy Mass is at 11am. All are invited. Should you wish to attend the banquet at 1pm that follows at the Beeches, tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for children with a choice of prime rib, salmon, or chicken cordon blue. Please contact the parish at 315-337-2382 to reserve tickets.

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