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NATIONAL
BACK TO CHURCH
SUNDAY



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXV Niedziela Zwykła

September 18, 2016

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

First reading: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm: Ps 113:1-2,4-8

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all coming to Jesus today

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).
- Welcome Back Brunch
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXVI Niedziela Zwykła

September 25, 2016

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

First reading: Amos 6:1,4-7

Psalm: Ps 146:7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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).
- Coffee Hour
- School of Christian Living Begins
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

But, you will say to me, I am a sinner. I cannot come. Then if you are a sinner, come, that you may cease to be one! Tell me, who is there among men without sin? Do you not know that even those close to the altar are wrapped in sins? For they are clothed with flesh, enfolded in a body: as we also who are sitting and teaching upon this throne are entangled in sin. But not because of this do we despair of the kindness of God; and neither do we look on Him as inhuman. And for this reason has the Lord disposed that those who serve the altar shall also be subject to these afflictions: so that from what they too suffer they may learn to have a fellow feeling for others. – 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...

- **September 18: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Back to Church Sunday.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Welcome Back Brunch.
- **September 19: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.**
- **September 21: Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**
- **September 25: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Spójnia Sunday.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- **September 29: Feast – St. Michael the Archangel**
- **October 2: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.** Holy Mass with Blessing of Pets at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- **October 3: Feast – Guardian Angels (translated).**
- **Commemoration – St. Francis of Assisi.**
- **Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary**
- **October 9: Solemnity of the Christian Family.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.

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.

Now is the time!

He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor to seat them with princes, with the princes of his own people.

Why do we do certain things in life? We go to school to get an education. We go to work to make money. We go to the gym to improve our health. We go to the mall to shop for clothes and the grocery store to buy food. We go to parks, games, and the theater for fun.

But church? Why come here? Why get up early on one of our few off-days? Why go through the hassle of dressing up and the getting ready? Why go to the trouble of finding a parking space nearby? Why go to church?

If we’ve ever found ourselves wondering about that little question, we’re not alone. Surveys tell us that as many as 79% of Americans identify themselves as Christians, yet only 20% of Americans attend church regularly. I guess some

people look at going to church as a bother—an unnecessary burden to be avoided or only a place for baptisms and funerals. Others see it as sort of like punching a spiritual clock or earning brownie points with their Maker.

But to someone who understands church and what it’s really all about, going to church can be the most spiritually fulfilling, inspiring thing we do all week. It lifts us up higher if we are high and helps us stand if we are down.

The Book of Acts tells the story of how the church got started. Fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead, he sent the Holy Spirit to empower his disciples. They went out and began preaching Jesus—the only way who gave us the Good News. Millions listened, thousands believed. Then at the end of Acts 2, we find a short snapshot of what life was like in the early church: “All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals, and to prayer...

And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had... And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.” I would love to be in a church like this! Wouldn’t you?

Churches are springing up. There is a longing. In every place, in small broken down and big fancy buildings people are being lifted up. God is on the move for those who say yes to Jesus – who invest the time to believe the promises of the All Powerful God. Church is the community of God – where we are pulled up higher, where we will do justice, experience victory, and find true peace. Church isn’t a destination; it’s something we become. When we understand what it means to be the Church, we discover our life’s true purpose—to be a member of His family, magnify His glory, mature in His image, be a minister of His mercy, and to be a missionary of His grace. Be lifted up, lift up all. Now is the time.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 1 John 1:7
MONDAY: Psalm 150:1-6
TUESDAY: Psalm 40:9-10
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 18:20
THURSDAY: Psalm 122:1
FRIDAY: Acts 2:47
SATURDAY: Psalm 84:4

Pray

Lord, grant that I may be lifted up in Your sanctuary; that I may be Your Holy Church before the world.

WELCOME!!!

We celebrate Back to Church Sunday today. This is a day of great joy. We welcome you and open our arms and hearts to you. If you had doubts – find confidence. If you had been away awhile – welcome back. If you never thought about going to Church – know that you are welcome here. No matter your past or your present you are welcome. If you feel disconnected or left out Church is a place for you to re-connect with God’s love and meet new friends. Now is the time to be welcomed home!

SOCL Classes

Parents are reminded that when they had their child baptized, they vowed to have the child educated in the Christian Faith. All youth of the parish should be enrolled and attend SOCL every Sunday. Religious education is to be taken seriously for it gives the each child the necessary foundation for a healthy and faithful life – laying the foundation for lifelong discipleship. We will also be having a First Holy Communion Class and Confirmation Class. Sign up sheets are on the back table.

Help Needed

- We need folks to step up for some of our Fall events.
- Our **Craft Fair** will be held at Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Hall, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham, NY on Saturday, October 1st. If you can, breads and cakes are needed for the bake sale. Volunteers are also needed to assist with food preparation, to man the bake sale, and assist at tables. Please call Stephanie at 518-369-1346 or sign up at the parish.
 - Our **Rummage/Bake Sale** will be held Saturday, October 15th. You can bring goods you wish to donate now and leave them in the parish hall. Help is needed for set-up the week before, the day of the sale, and for the bake sale (your yummy homemade baked goods are much appreciated). Please sign up at the parish.
 - Help is always needed for **SOCL** especially in instructing and encouraging our youth. Please see Fr. Jim.

Getting closer...

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.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch coincides with our Back to Church Sunday on September 18th. 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, 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, Richard and Suzette Place, Amanda Carr.

- 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 St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Niagara Falls, NY, Very Rev. Francis Kadryna

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. Coffee hour resumes today. Please volunteer to help.

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.

--- Share the Spirit and invite others to the Kingdom of God. ---