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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

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), Acolyte Installation
- Brunch, First Communion Class.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXVI Niedziela zwykła

September 27, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 39, Canon, page 52.

First reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm: Ps 19:8,10,12-14

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Epistle: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Intention: 9:30 - For the Erikaa & Eden and their families.

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

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass with First Holy Communion at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Coffee with Cake for First Communicants, SOCL
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

The Lord ordereth "all things in measure and weight," and brings on us the temptations which do not exceed our power to endure them, but tests all that fight in the cause of true religion by affliction, not suffering them to be tempted above that they are able to bear. He gives tears to drink in great measure to all who ought to show whether in their affections they are preserving their gratitude to Him. Especially in His dispensation concerning you has He shown His loving-kindness, not suffering such a persecution to be brought on you by your enemies as might turn some of you aside, or cause you to swerve from the faith of Christ. He has matched you with adversaries who are of small importance and easy to be repelled, and has prepared the prize for your patience in your victory over them. – St. Basil

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 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**
- **September 30: Bible study at 7:30pm**
- **October 2: Feast - Guardian Angels**
- **October 4: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Commemoration - St. Francis of Assisi/Blessing of Pets**

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.

Where is victory?

Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training... With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience.

Today’s readings and gospel offer an interesting juxtaposition pointing to victory.

In Wisdom we hear the words of the wicked. How can we test God’s Holy One? What tortures and trials can we put Him through to test Him? We want proof – proof is most important. We can almost hear God saying – when giving His commandments in Deuteronomy 6:16– "You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.”

Wisdom points to the truth of Jesus. The wicked would test Him and

finally would put Him to death. We could stop there thinking that this applies to Jesus alone, but that would make us separate from Jesus. Remember that Jesus underwent every trial, temptation, suffering that we face. He confronted death just as we will have to face death. The words of Wisdom apply to us too. The wicked of the world will fight us and will test us over and over. Our victory will come from the Jesus kind of proof we offer.

In the Gospel Jesus is walking along with His disciples. He’s explaining the things to come – the way He will be tortured and killed. He is certainly ready, willing, and able to give witness by carrying out His Father’s will. What witness do the disciples give? They don’t even hear Him. They refused to understand and did not even attempt to figure it out. Instead, they fought amongst themselves about who was the greatest. Imagine a son or daughter sitting through an hour

long parental talk then looking up to say: ‘What did you say, and by the way, am I your favorite?’ Our victory comes from listening to, hearing and modeling Jesus.

Paul gives us a pathway forward. He shows us the way to victory. Live the wisdom that is from above – the wisdom of God made known to us in Jesus. Live lives that are pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, and full of mercy and good fruits. Be constant and sincere. Cultivate peace.

To have victory we have to make ourselves one in Jesus, to become real parts of His body. We must come to real regeneration in Him so that we can become more and more like Him. Unlike the disciples on the journey through Galilee we have to make ourselves “last of all and the servant of all.” From this new life in Him comes the witness we offer in the face of the world and whatever trials, temptations, and sufferings it attempts to foist upon us. From life in Him comes victory!

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Philippians 4:13
MONDAY: John 16:33
TUESDAY: James 1:12
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 108:13
THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 10:13
FRIDAY Ephesians 6:13
SATURDAY: Revelation 21:6-7

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the faith necessary to grasp victory. Renew and regenerate me each day.

Welcome Back to Church

We welcome you Back to Church. We have been participating in this movement since 2013 because we, as a parish and the Church want you to know that you are always welcome. Whether you have never been, have not been in a long time, or are just wondering – you are welcome here. One person who encountered the Church on this special day stated: “As a brand-new Christian, I needed a loving, accepting, forgiving community. I needed open-mindedness like [my pastor’s].”

We encourage you to take things at you own pace. The true key is to know that in accepting Jesus Christ and being regenerated in Him you will find a peace that cannot be taken away and a promise that is forever.

Upcoming Events – Back to Church

- September 20 – Chopin Piano Performance at BVMC parish.
- September 26 – Confession at 11am. Polish Genealogy & Food Sale at BVMC Parish
- September 27 – First Holy Communion
- September 30 – Bible Study at 7:30pm
- October 4 – St. Francis Day - Bring your pets to church
- October 18 – Ladies Tea & Fashion Show at BVMC Parish

Rummage Sale & 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 crafts. 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.

Oh Ohhh...

Looks like we have a problem with our roof. Stay tuned for more info as we figure this out.

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 today. 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 Name of Mary Parish, Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski, Poland and its pastor Rev. Paweł Walczyński.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is held every week after 9:30am Holy Mass. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week. If you can, please help out.

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 ---