



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 for śp. Marilyn "Lyn" Podkulski, 5th Anniversary, off. by Stan Podkulski and 11:30am for the Polish National Union/Spójnia and all its members

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).

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXVII Niedziela Zwykła

October 2, 2016

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

First reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4

Psalm: Ps 95:1-2,6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite), Exposition and Benediction, Blessing of Pets.
- Coffee Hour/School of Christian Living.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite) and Blessing of Pets.

Taking all this, therefore, into consideration, beloved, think those blessed, not who live in wealth, but in virtue; think those miserable, not those who live in poverty, but in wickedness: let us look not at the present, but at the future; let us examine, not the outward appearance, but the conscience of each man; and following after the virtue and the bliss of right actions, let us, whether we be wealthy or poor, emulate Lazarus. He endured not one, nor two, nor three, but many tests of his goodness. – 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 25: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Spójnia Sunday.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- **September 29: Feast – St. Michael the Archangel.**
- **October 1: Craft Fair and Polish Food Sale – BVMC Hall, Latham.**
- **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).**
- **October 4: Commemoration – St. Francis of Assisi.**
- **October 5: National Webinar on the Christian Family.**
- **October 7: Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary.**
- **October 9: Solemnity of the Christian Family.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.

Please take information about Spójnia home today and read it over. Seriously consider membership if you are not a member. Fill out and return the PNU survey today. This is very important!

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.

Shall we remain blind?

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table."

Our Old Testament reading lays it all out there. Amos is drawing a very clear picture of Israel's complacency, laziness, arrogance, and blindness. They were too busy enjoying themselves, believing they had it all – and they failed to see the collapse that was all around them. Jesus picks up this theme in the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus.

Jesus points to the ways we can be complacent, lazy, arrogant, and blind. In illustrating the way one man failed to see what was right in front of him, Jesus reminds us that we can miss what is right in front of

us. Even nature, in the form of dogs, recognizes what man could not see. This is a warning – in each age we must be awake.

We have been truly blessed here in Schenectady. Our members are faithful and generous. Everyone works together to raise up the Name of Jesus. The Gospel is proclaimed and we live it. We have a very high PNU membership rate. Yet we must redouble our efforts. Awake and aware, we must lead people to Christ and his Church.

The organizers of our Church, men and women, clergy and lay, came together because their eyes were open. They didn't just sit in their pews blindly coughing up pennies and nickels while being accused of every evil and threatened with hell. They saw the hatred of evil pastors. They saw the power of greed and the exercise of iron-fisted rule. They saw hypocrisy. They didn't ignore it and took action - organizing a pristine Church on the model of the early Church. Eleven years later and still on alert, they

saw persecution and injustice. They took action – founding Spójnia. In this day and age we must remain diligent and awake doing what is needed.

Our world and our country are faced with tremendous challenges. Yet too many eyes and ears are closed as they were in Israel. We stretch comfortably on couches, eat rich food, listen to improvisations, drink wine in excess, and anoint ourselves with the best perfumes and lotions. As people of faith we must wake the world to God's justice and truth.

Tragically, our Church is facing dire times. National Church dues amount to \$2.15 a week, yet thousands have decided the Church is not worth it. Heaven forbid they go up to \$3 a week! The PNU cannot get people to join together. As Amos warned Israel: the road ahead will be captivity and disgrace. Will that be our fate? We have much to do. Eyes open and resolute it is time to rise again. Let us lead the way to real salvation.

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

1 John 3:17

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 John 2:9-11
MONDAY: 1 Peter 3:8
TUESDAY: Romans 12:10
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 133:1-3
THURSDAY: 1 Peter 1:22
FRIDAY: John 13:34
SATURDAY: John 15:12

Pray

Lord, grant strength to Your Holy Church and its organizations. Open our eyes and help us by Your grace

Spójnia Sunday

Today we offer prayers for our Church's sister organization, the PNU (Spójnia). Our Church, under the direction of Bishop Hodur, organized the PNU in 1908 when our members were denied insurance coverage and access to banks because of their faith. It is the moral obligation of the clergy and the laity of the Church to belong to the PNU. Today the PNU needs our support to continue the excellent fraternal benefits it has been providing for more than a century. For additional information on the products offered by the PNU please call (800) 724-6352 or visit www.pnu.org.

Back To Church – Thank You

We held a wonderful Back to Church celebration last week. Whether a first time visitor, a regular attendee and member, or someone coming back – it was a day filled with joy. Thank you to all who made the day special through their ministry of hospitality and welcome. No matter your past or your present you are welcome here.

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. 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 **this coming 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.
- 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. Please also sign up to help.

Getting closer...

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 BRUNCH on Sunday

Our next free brunch will be on Sunday, October 17th. 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, Patric 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 Our Lady Parish, Brant, 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. 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. Help is always needed for SOCL especially in instructing and encouraging our youth. Please see Fr. Jim.

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