



## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### II Niedziela zwykła

January 15, 2017

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

Psalm: Ps 40:2,4,7-10

**R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

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

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).
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### III Niedziela zwykła

January 22, 2017

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

Psalm: Ps 27:1,4,13-14

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for the repose of those remembered with Memory Crosses.

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)
- Breakfast.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

*"And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things ... But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Savior on the same day rose from the dead. – St. Justin Martyr*

**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...

- **January 15: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 16: Martin Luther King Day. Parish Committee Meeting, 10:30am. Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing at 6:15pm.**
- **January 18: Feast: St. Peter's Chair at Antioch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins.**
- **January 22: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 25: Feast: Conversion of St. Paul. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends.**
- **January 29: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY. Music Scholarship Sunday**
- **February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation. Holy Mass at 7pm.**
- **February 5: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30am ONLY.**

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.

Look!  
Jesus!

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

I saw a cute little poster. Kermit the Frog is drinking tea and reflecting: ‘You slow down when you see the police but you don’t stop sinning even though God is watching.’ It makes me think of exactly how scared I was as a kid when I heard that God saw and knew everything.

Of course, now I know better. Certainly, God is all knowing, He sees everything – but He sees us through a kind of rose colored glasses – He sees us through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus who gave Himself for us. If I have placed my faith in Him, all my sins have been washed away and I need no longer fear. As the hymn proclaims: ‘Grace, my fears relieved. The hour I first believed.’

The one error we fall into as people freed by grace is to maintain a two-

plane view of our relationship with God. He is ‘up there.’ We are ‘down here.’ We do stuff here; He watches from there.

Having a two-plane view of our relationship with God sets Him apart from us. As Kermit surmises in the poster, we see the police and slow down. We fail to see God’s near presence in our lives, our workplaces, and our community because we do not believe He is with us, near us.

The changes we are called to make begin with our breaking down separateness from God.

Indeed, Jesus came into the world to demonstrate God’s desire to be with us. He did not leave us alone and apart, but sent His Holy Spirit to live with us, advise us, and to fill our lives with grace as we encounter Him in sacrament and community. We are called to break free of our two-plane view and live closely with God – as St. John tells us, walking with Him ‘in the Spirit and in truth.’

The next step moves us from concept and thought. We must decide how we will see God – Is He apart or near? This is where the rubber-hits-the-road. If God is on another plane and apart from us, we may choose to live just as we live, disconnected from Him, not seeing Him. But if He is with us, part of every aspect of our lives, not just watching, but involved here and now, then we must take John the Baptist’s observation seriously. John pointed to Jesus saying ‘Behold!’

If we believe that He is with us, we are called to point to Him just as John did. We are called to bring clarity where there is doubt and to make Him completely real – on the same plane – as those we encounter. That happens when people recognize Jesus in their midst when they recognize His very real presence. That happens when they see the face of Jesus in our faces and feel His touch in our work – when the light goes on and they say, ‘Look! Jesus!’

His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

Matthew 25:11

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Romans 12:12  
MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 6:11  
TUESDAY: 2 Timothy 3:16  
WEDNESDAY: Luke 23:43  
THURSDAY: Luke 15:7  
FRIDAY: John 20:17  
SATURDAY: Ephesians 2:20

Pray

Lord, help me to recognize You daily and to be Your face and hands as I work to build Your kingdom.

God Bless Harper Marie

Last Sunday we welcomed Harper Marie Heins into the family of Christ in the sacrament of regeneration – Baptism. We wish her God’s choicest blessings and offer our prayers for her entire family – particularly her dad and mom – Robert and Heather and her godparents Anthony and Suzanne.

Homemade Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday

Join us for a traditional Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner on Saturday, January 21st.

Our dinner - just like Nonna's! Made with an old family recipe. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread, dessert, drinks. Eat in or Take out. Tickets \$10/adult, Children 6 and under \$5. We look forward to seeing you there.

SouperBowl Sunday

Our annual SuperBowl of Caring collection is coming up on Sunday, February 5th. Please be generous with gifts of food or money for those in need in our local community.

Epiphany Visitations

Like the Magi, throughout the Season of Epiphany, the Church travels to the homes of its members and shares with them the gift of Christ’s blessing. Please contact Fr. Jim to arrange for a date and time that is prior to February 28th. In whichever room of the house you would like the blessing to take place, you may put out a crucifix if you have one, and you may light one of the blessed candles from Candlemas. I will mark the doorpost of your home to indicate the fact of this blessing and to assist in exhibiting the witness of a Christian home. These home visitations also allow us the opportunity to speak informally and confidentially. If you have something you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate. Plus, this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other better and I look forward to meeting with you in your homes.

Outrageous Valentine’s Raffle

We are once again holding our Outrageous Valentine’s raffle to support the youth of our Church and our parish, including support for the annual KURS summer encampment. Tickets have been sent out. They make great gifts. See Stephanie or call her at 518-369-1346.

Tax Statements

Tax statements are now available on the back table.

Week Ahead

Please join us for the special liturgical happenings this week. Holy Mass for healing will be held Monday at 6:15pm.

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.

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 Węgliński, Robert Dominy, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, 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, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, Daniel Diiane, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo Diiane, Cassandra Wade, 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 our Holy Trinity Parish, Hamilton, Ontario. Rev. Andrzej Jezak.

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.

--- Invite friends and family to greet the Lord with you. ---

Of note...