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## BOAST *in the* LORD

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 29, 2017

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### IV Niedziela zwykła

January 29, 2017

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

First reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Psalm: Ps 146:6-10

**R. Blessed the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Intention: 11:30am for all parishioners

Celebrant: 11:30am Rev. Mark Gnidzinski.

Lector: 11:30am Daniel Diianne

- Matins at 11:20am. Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### V Niedziela zwykła

February 5, 2017

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

First reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm: Ps 112:4-9

**The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Intention: 9:30am for all parishioners

Celebrant: 9:30am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).  
Exposition and Benediction
- Breakfast and Annual Meeting at 10:30am

*Because the wise man according to the flesh is full of extreme folly; and it is he who especially answers to the term foolish, when he will not cast away his corrupt doctrine. And as in the case of a physician who might wish to teach certain persons the secrets of his art, those who know a few things, having a bad and perverse mode of practicing the art which they make a point of retaining, would not endure to learn quietly, but they who knew nothing would most readily embrace what was said: even so it was here. The unlearned were more open to conviction, for they were free from the extreme madness of accounting themselves wise. – 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...

- **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 3: Commemoration of St. Blasé.**
- **February 5: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30am ONLY. Annual Parish Meeting and Breakfast.**
- **February 12: Septuagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **February 14: Commemoration of St. Valentine.**
- **February 16: 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of śp. Bishop Francis Hodur**
- **February 19: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **February 20: President's Day**
- **February 24: Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle**

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.

Starting and ending with Jesus.

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God.

Imagine a world in which some criminal, a reactionary and revolutionary becomes everyone’s hope. Imagine a world in which being foolish, weak, lowly and despised is more powerful than power.

Paul was telling the people of Corinth to be focused on Someone and something the world saw as completely absurd. A criminal in the world’s eyes was crucified and had become the center of their faith. Jesus – Who the Jews saw as a stumbling block and Who the Gentiles saw as foolish – was their means of salvation. In fact, Jesus

specifically called them, chose them –the lowly of the world – into the fullness of salvation and victory. Can we be foolish enough to get there?

Around 300 a philosopher explained that Christian “simplicity” attracted people. It is a fact of human history that power and strength and its benefits are limited to a few. The power of the strong and their cruelties make us question whether their way is our goal and hope or is it a corruption of what life was designed to be.

Jesus’ life calls us to question what is important. It helps us to realize that we, the foolish, weak, lowly and despised, are chosen and worthy of God. Jesus’ life, sacrificial death, resurrection, and ascension calls us to realize that all He said and did was meant to raise up our everlasting status and to make us His coheirs – that’s real power.

Like us, the Corinthians probably doubted. Worldly power and status

is powerfully attractive. Yet there they were, none of them powerful or aristocratic. Paul reminds them that the real victory in not being “all that.”

God’s way is to choose those of apparently little account to show the apparently important that they are wrong, to “shame” them. It is a paradox with a beautiful outcome. Instead of choosing learned, perfect, and proud figures to bring about the greatest good; God chooses the small, imperfect and weak. It that, God works the most beautiful of miracles. He does away with boasting so that His faithful might place their boast and receive their power from Him alone.

God asks that we grasp the real power that comes from boasting in Him. We are to rejoice in our simplicity and rely completely on the One who gives us real power. Seeing Him as our beginning and ending leads us into becoming His blessed, His coheirs, the receivers of His real power.

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

Matthew 16:26

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 1:7  
MONDAY: James 1:26  
TUESDAY: 1 Corinthians 2:1  
WEDNESDAY: Galatians 6:7  
THURSDAY: Psalm 118:8  
FRIDAY: Ephesians 5:1-2  
SATURDAY: Matthew 6:33

Pray

Lord, eliminate my self-reliance. Grant that I may place my complete trust in You.

Music Scholarship Sunday

A special collection will be accepted today to benefit the National United Choir’s Music Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are available to any parishioner of our denomination who is taking music lessons. This is with the hope that as these musicians continue to advance they will share their musical talent with the church. If any parishioner is studying music, consider applying for a scholarship. Applications and information are available through Cathy Bilinski at [nucscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:nucscholarship@gmail.com) or online at The Church has provided 1,075 scholarships totaling over \$305,000. **2017 Scholarships applications must be submitted no later than May 1, 2017.**

Next Sunday – Annual Meeting

There will be only one Holy Mass next Sunday at 9:30am. Following Holy Mass, we will hold our annual meeting. Breakfast will be served. Please share in this day and help decide the direction of your parish for the coming year and beyond. Note that so many work so very hard in the Lord’s field here in Schenectady. Join too in offering them our thanks on this occasion.

Sad News

Our dear sister, śp. Louise James, passed away unexpectedly at her home on January 18th. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 25th. Eternal rest grant onto her O Lord and may the perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.

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

Please contact Fr. Jim to arrange for a date and time for a home blessing 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. See Stephanie or call her at 518-369-1346.

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 Węglinski, 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 & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, 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 Holy Cross Parish, Montreal, Quebec. Rev. Marek Michalik.

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...